



Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South



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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – WE ARE COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY, NOW 60 YEARS ON ...

INVITING THE PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT! TWO PARISHES AND ONE MISSION

Readings this week: Am 8:4-7; Ps 112; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13.

Gospel Reflection ~ Greg Sunter

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Historical Context – Stewards We often encounter the term *steward* in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

Gospel Focus – Using money Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

Have you thought? Tainted Money Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as 'that tainted thing' which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

Two Parishes and ONE Mission ... from delegation to participation ...

**Saint Luke the Evangelist
Catholic Parish
Blackburn South**

*We are Companions on the Journey,
Luke 24:13-35 ... now 60 Years on ...*

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Rev Father Gerard
Parish Priest**

Sonya O'Farrell

Part-time Parish Secretary

Wednesdays,

Thursdays & Fridays

10.00am – 2.00pm

Email: blackburnsouth@cam.org.au

Website:

blackburnsouth.org.au

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm

Sunday @ 8.30am & 10.30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Weds. & Fri. @ 9.30am

Please welcome Fr Brian Kelty

NO RECONCILIATION

In recess this week.

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

In recess this week.

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and

six months (6) notice, please.

*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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Catholic Primary School**

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Mrs. Clare Ryan: **Principal**

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**Prayer to Saint Luke
the Evangelist**

O St. Luke, you were chosen to
reveal in preaching and writing
God's love for the poor. Moved by
the heavenly Spirit of Love, you
detailed the life of Jesus, showing
His divinity and His genuine
compassion for all human beings.
Help those who already glory in
God's name to persevere in one
heart and one mind, and inspire all
people that they may hear the
Good News of Salvation.

Amen.

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians,
surgeons, students and butchers.*



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this weekend all who are sick, Karen Jackson, Angelo Viola, Bernardine O'Meara, Kathryn Holmes, Therese O'Donoghue, Ed Perkins, Stewart Davis, Will Barclay, Ethan Nash, Ron Johnson, Pat Grant and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently, for the casualties of war in Ukraine and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Concetta Pellegrino. May they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: **Ordinary Time ~ Monday:** St Januarius, bishop, martyr; **Tuesday:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs; **Wednesday:** St Matthew, apostle, evangelist; **Thursday:** No feast; **Friday:** St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest; **Saturday:** Mass of Virgin Mary. **Masses this weekend:** Eucharistic Prayer as chosen by supply priest and Mystery of Faith Eucharistic Acclamation II.

**2022 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF ST LUKE THE
EVANGELIST BLACKBURN SOUTH AND ST TIMOTHY'S FOREST HILL**

THANK YOU for your response to our **Commitment Weekend** by returning pledge cards and Groups & Ministries forms. If you haven't pledged yet, additional pledge cards will be available at Mass today which can then be given to the collectors in the Narthex/foyer as you leave Church. We will be following up by email/SMS and/or phone calls to confirm pledge intentions from parishioners who have not yet responded, so to minimise that process kindly complete and return your commitments this weekend.

All new pledge commitments take effect on Sunday 9 October. Confirmation letters and new sets of envelopes will be available at Mass on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 October. We thank you once again for your response.

**SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH – 65TH ANNIVERSARY
REUNION** Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on Sunday, 16 October between 2pm and 4.30pm. To book your place, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE has advised that the Parish's Annual Quota/Levy for 2022 is \$12,199. (a 9.7541% charge on our 2020 Income).

CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE has advised that our Parish's Annual Premium of \$10,291.03 for 2021 – 2022 will increase in 2022 – 2023 by 12.5% and Asset Values will go up by 8%; (which means it will cost the Parish an extra \$1,286.38 to be Insured for the next twelve months).

PARISH CHURCH PAINTING: For Parishioners who may wish to know the 'Face-lift' of our Parish Church is now complete. It's all ready for our 60th Anniversary celebrations to be held next month and has cost the Parish \$13,478.52. (GST included).

- Original quoted painting: \$8,368.20
- Additional for replacement of rotted fascia board: \$3,325.00
- Additional for metal kick plates to external doors: \$560.00

After enquiry among the Senior Parishioners, no one has been able to advise when the last time the Painting of the Church took place since it was built in 1979.

**SOUTH EAST STRUCTURAL CHURCH CORNER WORKS AND INTERIOR OF
RECONCILIATION ROOM:** Parishioners may also like to know that the final costings for the Underpinning works to the south east corner of our Parish Church are \$46,125 and the Invoice for completing the Interior of the Reconciliation Room is \$21,483.

CALL-OUT FOR 2022 FETE PLANT STALL: We are hoping to have a Plant Stall at the fete. Some parishioners are currently preparing and propagating plants. Would any parishioners have small plastic pots that they could donate to the cause? Please contact Sonya at the parish office if you have any questions or email stlukesfete@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND "Live Your Best Life in Love"

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details. 22- 23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

VOCATION VIEW: You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency. (Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$399; Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes \$493). Click here: for Parish online CDFPay

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

WEEKEND PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

SATURDAY **6:00 PM**
SUNDAY **8:30 AM**
 10:30 AM

17 AND 18 SEPT.

Bernardine Brennan
Darren McLean
Steve Kilroe-Smith

24 AND 25 SEPT.

Anne Lobo
Melina Barcellona
Genevieve Hemsley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY **6:00 PM**
SUNDAY **8:30 AM**
 10:30 AM

17 AND 18 SEPT.

Sonya O'Farrell
Megan McLean
Lynda Kilroe-Smith

24 AND 25 SEPT.

Sonya O'Farrell
Ian Holmes
Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY **6:00 PM**
SUNDAY **8:30 AM**
 10.30AM

17 AND 18 SEPT.

Choir
Melina Barcellona
Manny Gonzalez

24 AND 25 SEPT.

Tony Lobo
Anthony Fernandez
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

17th September: Jeannette Neumann

24th September: Kate Skowronska

CHURCH CLEANING

24th Sept.– Bernard's Team
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsopp

MAINTENANCE

Darren McLean

Parish Groups & Contacts

*... inviting the participation of
Everyone, guided by the Holy Spirit!*

Lectors, Registrars, Collectors,
Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist, Slide Projector Operator &
Rosters

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Children's Liturgy Group

Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

Stewardship Counters

Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087
Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

Parish Pastoral Council Exec.

Fr Gerard - Parish Priest

Sonya O'Farrell - Secretary

Parish Safeguarding Committee

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

Janette Clark - 9877 2292

Fr Gerard - 9877 2292

Parish History

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Whitehorse Deanery

Fr Gerard

Finance Committee

Bernard Negline

Parish Accountant

Hall Hire

Sonya O'Farrell @ the
Parish Office - 9877 2292

Care Group & Hospitality

T.B.A.

Church Sacristan

Greg Grant - 0401 644 474

Church Linen

Beryl Kanagalinggam

Church Cleaning & Flowers

Megan McLean - 0419 347 693

Parish Garden Maintenance

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

Holy Communion

to the housebound

Fr Gerard

Emmaus College

School Advisory Council

Parish Rep.: Bernard O'Malley

Parish Choir

Lina & Maria Mafi

0411 136 043

Parish & School Fete Committee

Mrs. Clare Ryan - 9877 4023

School Advisory Council

Mrs. Clare Ryan - 9877 4023

School Parents' Association

Mrs. Clare Ryan - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Freecall: Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contacts:

Tony Lobo & Steve Kilroe-Smith

Vinnies Centre Ringwood

Ph. 9870 9124, Unit 1B/76-82

Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

For Furniture & Whitegoods pickup

— Eastern Emergency Relief will

pickup for St Vincent de Paul

weekdays 9am-1pm Ph. 9874 8433

2023 ENROLMENTS @ St Luke the Evangelist Blackburn South are still open. Book a tour and please make contact with the Principal, Mrs Clare Ryan on 9877 4023 or email the School Office @ schooloffice@sblackburnsth.catholic.edu.au ~ **Companions on the Journey.**

ON THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK: On the Journey this week: Fr Robert Reidling's gospel reflection on our personal slavery. Plus, Mother Hilda with a true story of an intellectually and physically disabled woman's creative artwork, Fr Mike Delaney is starting anew by searching for people wanting spiritual friendship and love, Trish McCarthy calls for us to be at peace with oneself and with the world, and Pete Gilmore says we wouldn't run our car on empty so why run our spiritual life on empty?, and more great music!

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Series of short sessions: online via Zoom Engaging Your Faith -12 sessions running in October 2022. Choose what interests you for just \$25 per session. Booking, payment and further information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

'WALKING WITH WISDOM SERIES' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

'UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERSONALITY: GIFTS DIFFERING', Saturday 1 October 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Our popular Myers Briggs reflection day, led by Peter Malone msc (BA(Hons), STL, DTheol (Honoris Causa). Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Held at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

MAJELLAN FAMILY MEDIA: Does your family have meals together? [Family mealltimes are an important opportunity](#) to develop strong parent and child relationships and a sense of family connectedness and belonging. Research focusing on the importance of family meals affirms the positive outcomes learned from time spent around the family dinner table.

LEGION OF MARY MELBOURNE SENATUS: [Centenary Year of the Legion of Mary.](#)

ACNC MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER: [Conversations and consultations, have your say and more](#)

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING LTD: [A new opportunity for Catholic organisations to show their commitment to the NCSS](#)

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable persons in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable persons as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

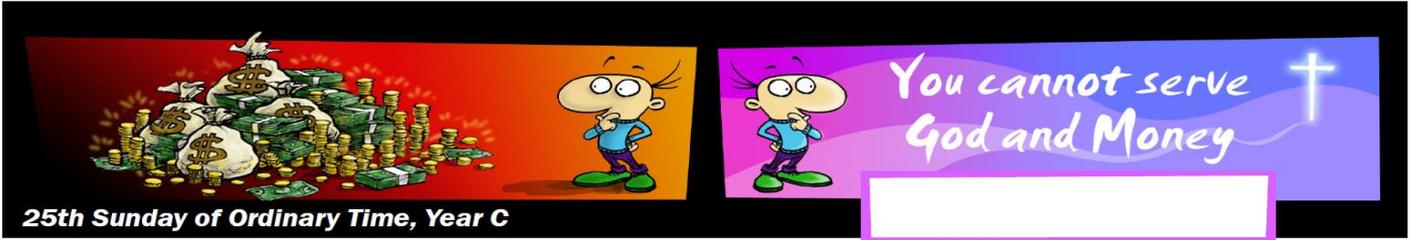
Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Response to the Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

You cannot serve God and Money

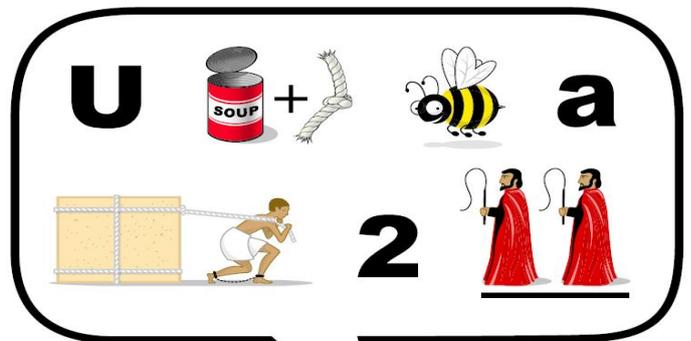
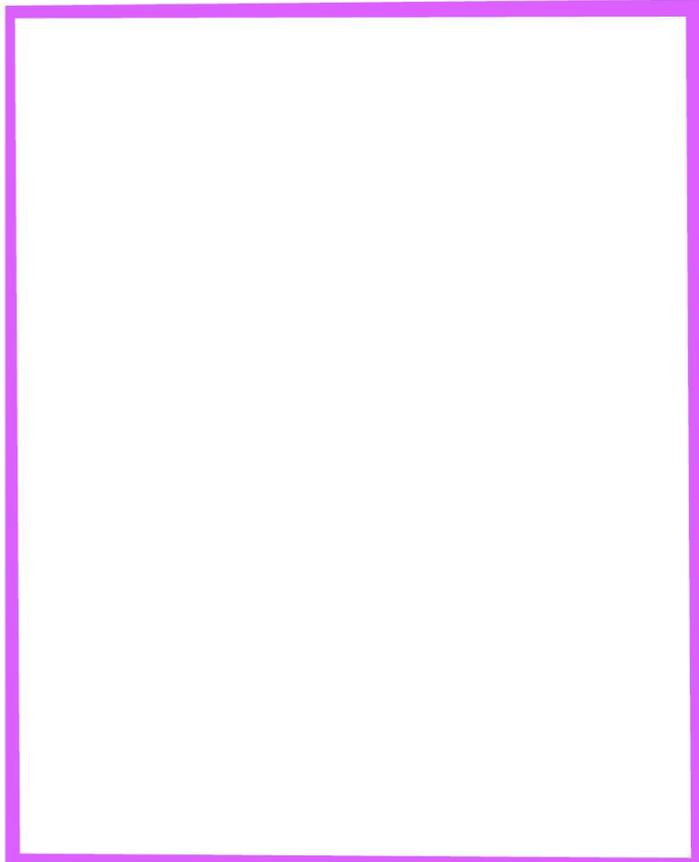


How can money be used well?



How can money be used badly?

Draw a picture of something that you are trusted to do every week.



Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.

