



Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South



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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY-SIXTH 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 6:1, 4-7; Ps 145; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31.

Gospel Reflection ~ Greg Sunter

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

Living the Gospel – Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

Scriptural context – Gates

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

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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**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 Shannon O'Mara. May they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: **Ordinary Time ~ Monday:** St Cosmas and Damian, martyrs; **Tuesday:** St Vincent de Paul, priest; **Wednesday:** St Wenceslaus, martyr and St Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs; **Thursday:** Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels; **Friday:** St Jerome, priest, doctor; **Saturday:** St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor. **Masses this weekend:** Eucharistic Prayer as chosen by supply priest and Mystery of Faith Eucharistic Acclamation III.

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

It's still not too late to complete a pledge card and Parish Groups and Ministries Form. Thank you to parishioners who returned their pledge commitments and Groups and Ministries form either at Mass last weekend or to our Parish office. As follow-up contact is still being made with some parishioners, we will finalise our Renewal Program soon. All new pledge commitments take effect on Sunday 9 October. Confirmation letters and new sets of envelopes (for cash givers) will be available at Mass on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 October. We thank you once again for your response.

ST LUKE'S DAY MASS AND 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Please note that on the weekend of St Luke's Day there will only be **ONE MASS AT 10am on Sunday 16th October** followed by the Parish Fete from 11am to 4pm. No 6pm and 8.30am Mass this weekend. We hope as many parishioners as possible can attend this special celebration.

CALL-OUT FOR SCONES FOR FETE DEVONSHIRE TEA: Would you be able to help by baking some scones for the Devonshire Tea stall? Please contact Sonya at the parish office if you have any questions or email stlukesfete@gmail.com

CRAFT STALL DONATIONS: Thanks to those diligent parishioners who have been contributing items for the craft stall each week. More donations are welcome and there is a basket in the church foyer where they can be left.

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

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>.

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: \$381.80; Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes \$548). 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	24 AND 25 SEPT. Anne Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Genevieve Hemsley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	24 AND 25 SEPT. Sonya O'Farrell
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Ian Holmes
	10:30 AM	Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	24 AND 25 SEPT Tony Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Anthony Fernandez
	10.30AM	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

24th September: Kate Skowronska
1st October: Lesley Cormick &
Rebecca

CHURCH CLEANING

1st Oct.– Bernard's Team
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,
Melina Barcellona & Anne
Allsopp

1 AND 2 OCT.

Olive Hammill
Kana Chelliah
Mike Yore

1 AND 2 OCT

Godfrey Thong
Beryl Chelliah
Marg Yore

1 AND 2 OCT.

Choir
Megan McLean
Manny Gonzalez
Darren McLean

MAINTENANCE

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@sblackburnsfh.catholic.edu.au ~ **Companions on the Journey.**

ON THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK: On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista's reflection on a gospel with an interesting twist, the seeming care for others isn't coming out of love but instead out of self-interest. Mother Hilda on what makes a person officially awesome. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook explores why personal spirituality, and a sense of religious belonging is so protective and comforting to us, Trish McCarthy has a tip on being a better communicator, Fr Dave Callaghan says Christianity is not a spectator sport, 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.

'MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION', VIA ZOOM. Saturday 15 Oct 2022, 10am-2pm (AEST). When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart, for these few hours of prayer in the practice of mindfulness and meditation, to journey with others and within oneself. Led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

MAJELLAN FAMILY MEDIA: Does your family have meals together? **Family mealtimes 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.**

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: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Response to the Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

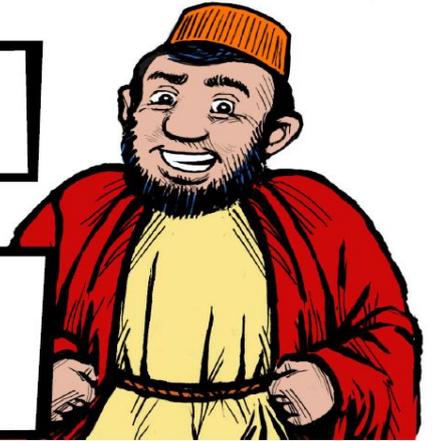
Eucharistic Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

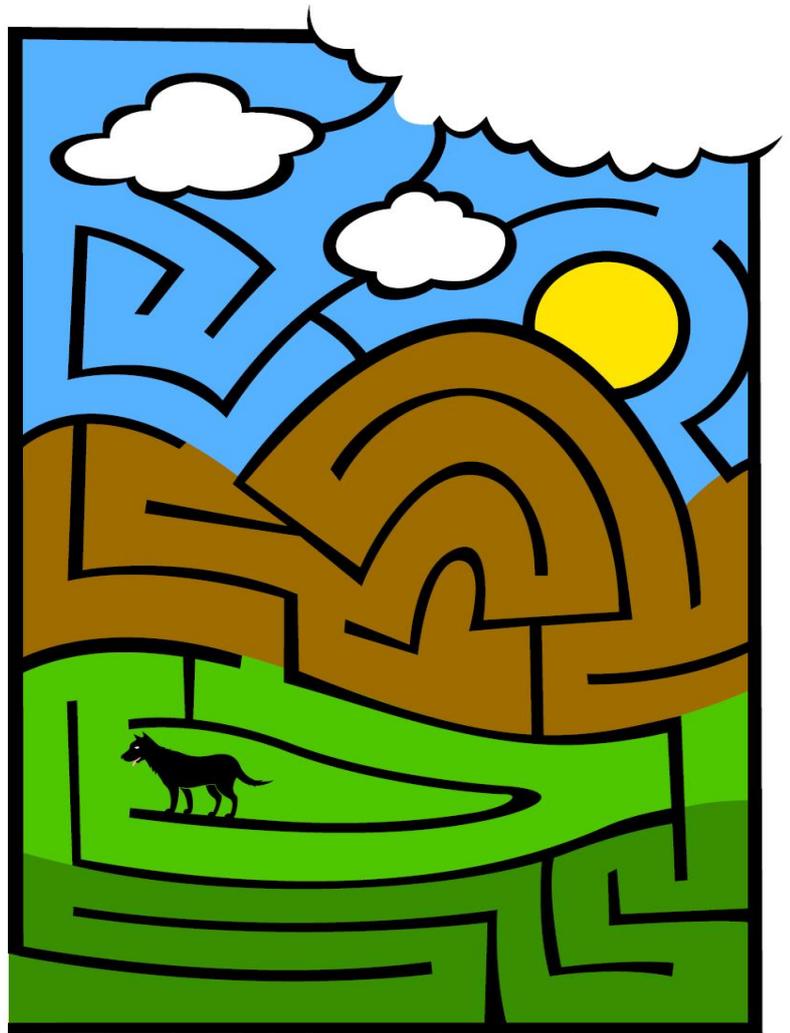


What happened to the rich man when he died?

What should the rich man have done while he was still living on earth?



Jesus wants us to listen to him. In what ways can we listen to God? Draw yourself listening to God.



Help the angels
take Lazarus
up to heaven.

