



Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South



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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4 ; Ps 94; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-9.

Gospel Reflection ~ Greg Sunter

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

Historical Context – Servants and Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

Gospel Focus – Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to 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:

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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).*

**St Luke the Evangelist MACS
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 especially Bishop Emeritus Hilton Forrest Deakin, for the casualties of war in Ukraine and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: **Ordinary Time ~ Tuesday:** St Francis of Assisi; **Thursday:** St Bruno, priest; **Friday:** Our Lady of the Rosary; **Saturday:** Mass of Virgin Mary. **Masses this weekend:** Eucharistic Prayer as chosen by supply priest and Mystery of Faith Eucharistic Acclamation I.

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

Thank you on behalf of us all at St Luke's for your involvement and response. Please collect your acknowledgement letters from the Narthex today. The new pledge commitments take effect from Sunday 9 October. A summary of the results will be made available once Fr Gerard returns from annual leave.

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 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.

THREE CONVERSATIONS ON LOVE: The Love Dialogues Network along with the Arnold Janssen Spirituality Centre invite you to a series of workshops in October facilitated by Norm Currie and Fr Thien Nguyen SVD. More information can be found on the noticeboard.

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: \$326.40; Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes \$529.10). 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

1 AND 2 OCTOBER

Olive Hammill
Kana Chelliah
Mike Yore

8 AND 9 OCTOBER.

Mia Perang
Beryl Chelliah
Marg Yore

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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

1 AND 2 OCTOBER

Godfrey Thong
Beryl Chelliah
Marg Yore

8 AND 9 OCTOBER

Anne Lobo
Kana Chelliah
Mike Yore

SLIDE OPERATORS

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

1 AND 2 OCTOBER

David Prabha
Megan McLean
Manny Gonzalez

8 AND 9 OCTOBER.

Choir
Melina Barcellona
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

1st October: Jo Adams
8th October: Lesley Cormick &
Rebecca

CHURCH CLEANING

8th Oct.– Val's Team
Val Fogarty, Jim Fogarty,
Anthony Fernandez, Bianca
Broccio & Maureen Davis

MAINTENANCE

Darren McLean

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: Deacon James Arblaster's gospel reflection on service; when we serve our neighbour, we are doing our duty, kneeling shoulder-to-shoulder with God-made-man, Jesus. Mother Hilda on truly getting to know another person, Plus, Fr Mike Delaney says we should have a footy club supporter's passion for spreading the Gospel message, Trish McCarthy is inspired by rainbows, Deacon Josh Clayton on being dedicated to our vocation in life, 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 hichaaba@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.

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 household

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

Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Response to the Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

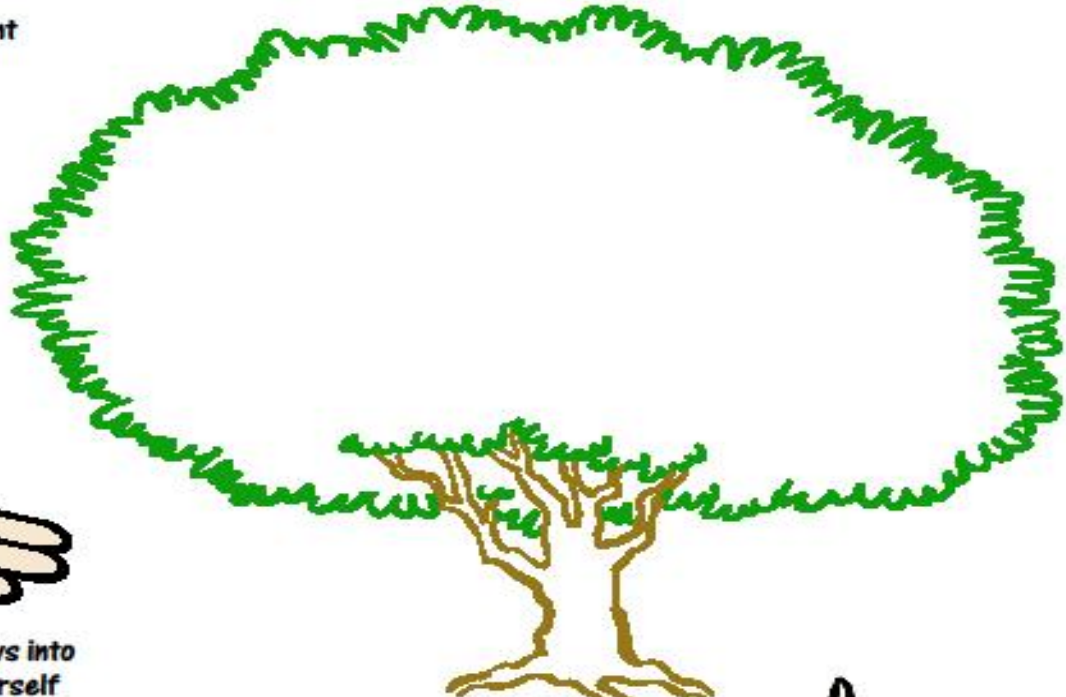


27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

With even the smallest amount of faith we can achieve a lot. Write in the tree some good things that you can do this week which show how much you believe in Jesus.



Jesus says our faith can grow, like a mustard seed that grows into a tree. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps your faith in Jesus to grow.



MUSTARD SEED

How many words can you make from the letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?

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