

St Luke the Evangelist, Blackburn South & St Timothy's, Forest Hill



ONE MISSION, TWO CHURCHES

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - 6 September 2026



Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 94(95):1-9, Romans 13:8-10

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Meditation: What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship? Jesus offers his disciples spiritual freedom and power for restoring broken or injured relationships. Don't brood over an offense - speak directly and privately: What can we learn from Jesus' instructions about how to mend a damaged relationship (Matthew 18:15-20)? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison our mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage.

Seek the help of wise Christians: If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit.



Pray for the offender - for healing and reconciliation: Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews and they resorted to shunning them. However we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors (as well as other public sinners), ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing, and restoration.

Set no obstacle in seeking to heal your brother's/sister's wound: When you are offended, are you willing to put aside your own grievance and injury in order to help your brother's/sister's wound? The Lord Jesus wants to set us free from resentment, ill-will, and an unwillingness to forgive. The love of Christ both purifies and sets us free to do good to all - even those who cause us grief. The call to accountability for what we have done and have failed to do is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity today, we must not give up on praying for those who cause us offense. With God's help we must seek to make every effort to win them with the grace and power of God's healing love and wisdom. Do you tolerate broken relationships or do you seek to repair them as God gives you the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?

If someone has done you injury, by Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)
"If someone has done you injury and you have suffered, what should be done? You have heard the answer already in today's scripture: 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone.' If you fail to do so, you are worse than he is. He has done someone harm, and by doing harm he has stricken himself with a grievous wound. Will you then completely disregard your brother's wound? Will you simply watch him stumble and fall down? Will you disregard his predicament? If so, you are worse in your silence than he in his abuse. Therefore, when any one sins against us, let us take great care, but not merely for ourselves. For it is a glorious thing to forget injuries. Just set aside your own injury, but do not neglect your brother's wound. Therefore 'go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone,' intent upon his amendment but sparing his sense of shame. For it might happen that through defensiveness he will begin to justify his sin, and so you will have inadvertently nudged him still closer toward the very behavior you desire to amend. Therefore 'tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother,' because he might have been lost, had you not spoken with him." (excerpt from Sermon 82.7)

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Parish Priest

Fr Alex Chow

Parish Secretary

Sonya O'Farrell

Wednesdays,

Thursdays & Fridays

10am – 2pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5pm (SL)

Sunday: 8:30am (SL)

10:30am (ST)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. 6:30pm (SL)

Wed. 9:15am (ST)

1st Wed. Mass of

Anointing @ 10am

Thurs. 9:15am (ST)

Fri. 9:15am (SL*)

6.30pm (ST)

Sat. 9.15am (SL*)

*Rosary after Mass

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RECONCILIATION

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:10pm

Sat 9.45 - 10.15am

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:10pm

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HOLY HOUR

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:30pm

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:30pm

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HOSPITALITY AT ST. LUKE'S

2nd weekend of each month - BYO (optional)

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Saturday 19 Sept @2pm,
St Luke Church,

SALT YOUTH GATHERING

10 Sept @7pm, Library, St
Luke Primary School.

LEGION OF MARY -

Tuesday 8th Sept @ 9am at
St Luke's Parish Hall
Kitchen. Enquiries to
Lucy 0419 591 423

Next Week's Daily Readings 7 Sept - 13 Sept Ordinary Time

MONDAY Sept 7 1 Cor 5:1-8
Ps 5:5-7, 12 Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY Sept 8 Micah 5:1-4
Ps 12:6-7 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY Sept 9 1 Cor 7:25-31
Ps 44:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY Sept 10 1 Cor 8:1-7,
11-13 Ps 138:1-3, 13-14, 23-24
Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY Sept 11 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27
Ps 83:3-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY Sept 12 1 Cor 10:14-22
Ps 115:12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49

SUNDAY Sept 13 Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

CHILDREN'S LITURGY / FAMILY MASS

ST TIMOTHY'S: Sunday 6th Sept @10.30am
Mass

ST LUKE'S: Next Family Mass will be on Sept
12th and on the second Saturday of each
month

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8th September

Mass for the Nativity of Our Lady
will be at St Luke's Church on
Tuesday 8th Sept. at 6.30pm
All are welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 5pm SL
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST

5 and 6 SEPT

Godfrey Thong
Michael Ballek
Joelle Rousetty

12 and 13 SEPT

Lucy Ferris
Peter McKeown
Alfred Lee

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 5pm SL
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST

Lucy Ferris
Liliana Restrepo
Chin L Tay

Marg Yore
Margaret Gearon
Anico Yee

SLIDE OPERATORS

Saturday 5pm SL
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST

Choir
David Prabha
Lee Min Yee

Choir
Megan McLean
Manny Gonzalez

SL WELCOMERS 5-6 Sept

5pm Libby Theodore
8.30am Margaret Gearon
10.30am Volunteer

SL CHURCH CLEANING

12th Sept - Bianca's Team
Bianca Broccio, Libby Theodore,
Franca Leo, Asish & Anita Jacob

SL CHURCH FLOWERS

5 Sept - Jo Adams
12 Sept - Marie Parker
ST CHURCH FLOWERS
Parishioners

SL WELCOMERS 12-13 Sept

5:00pm Val Gardiner
8.30am Marie Pekish
10.30am Volunteer

ST CHURCH CLEANING

11th Sept
Susan Chen, Marina Hepponstall
& Isaac Cheng

ST COUNTERS

This week Team 7
Fela Colasanti & Chin L Tay
Next week Team 8
Sarah Ahmed & Ann Abrero

Young Adult GATHERING

18-35
YEARS OLD

A SAFE SPACE AND INCLUSIVE SPACE TO DEEPEN
YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, THROUGH
FELLOWSHIP PLUS BYO NIBBLES.

When: SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Time: 2PM - 3PM

Where: ST. LUKE'S WORKING SACRISTY

CRAFT SOCIAL

IN PREPARATION FOR ST. LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
FETE, LUKTIM YAM IS PREPARING...

HAND-MADE ROSARY BEADS

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WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All who are sick, especially Maria Deayton, Seng Chan, Fran Davidson, Filomena Italiano, Derek Koh, Ann Jones, Shirley Prabha, Helen MacKay, Kevin Ryan, Suzy Bookluck, Emilio Moreno Garcia, Agatha Wink, Chris Leach, Dora Leung, Hazel Greal, Josephine Alexander, Kit Bing Fan, Kathryn Holmes, Stewart Davis, Mark, Margaret Hayes, Charmaine Bancroft, Marilene Japour, Paciencia Cabral and all those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.

All who have died, especially Glenn Papal, Tania Iervasi, Greg Fulton, Hans Plevier and Lee Bee Soon who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Luigi Cigana, Rose Howe, Catherine Bradley, Dirk Senn, Vicki Gallacher, Marianne Murray, Anna Stangierska, Catherine Johnson, Vera Carmody, Cecelia Contreras and Mary Abela. May they rest in peace.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

TIME CHANGE FOR MONTHLY ANOINTING MASS AT ST TIMOTHY'S: Please note that **from September onwards** the start time for the Anointing Mass at St Timothy's (first Wednesday of each month) will be **11am** (changed from 10am)

PARISH & SCHOOL FETE: St Luke's Fete, in partnership with St Timothy's, will be held on **Sunday October 18th**. The next fete committee meeting is on Thurs. 10th September at 7pm in St Luke's parish hall kitchen. We are seeking donations of prizes or other items for our Silent Auction. Contact Sonya in the parish office or email stlukesfete@gmail.com. **More volunteers are very welcome to join us, as many hands make light work!**

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: Everything that blossoms

MAJELLAN MEDIA: Season of Creation



iSTAND Camp: An opportunity for Year 8-12 students (Ages 14-18)

You are invited to Youth Mission Team's iSTAND Camp, STEADFAST; a two-day retreat



for high school students. This is a great opportunity for young people to dive deeper into their faith, meet new friends and take some time out during the school holidays. You can expect: Games, team-building and fun, inspiring talks and testimonies, particularly reflecting on the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians,

Time for prayer and reflection, Live music and great food. Contact us with the information below, take a flyer from the church foyer or Scan the QR Code.

DATE: Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th September (10.30am - 8.30pm each day)

LOCATION: St Timothy's Parish Hall, 17 Stevens Rd, Forest Hill, Vic 3133

CONTACT: Anthony Bolling, YMT Manager – 0419 103 511 or melbourne@ymt.com.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

The First collection is for the priest and retired priests.

The Second collection is for parish expenses.

Please note that collection totals will no longer be published each week in the newsletter. Presbytery and Church donations will be reported on a monthly basis at all weekend Masses. To donate regularly via envelope, credit card or bank account, please contact the parish office.

Parish Groups & Contacts

Volunteers and Rosters:

*Kelvin & Susan Chen (ST),
Margaret Gearon (SL)*

Baptism Preparation: *Fr Alex*

Parish Collection Preparers

*ST: Barry Silvester &
Michael Kawalevski*

Parish Safeguarding Committee

*Fr Alex, Sonya O'Farrell,
Darren McLean & Janette Clark*

Parish History

SL: Margaret Gearon

Parish Accountant

Bernard Negline

SL & ST: Hall Hire

Sonya O'Farrell @ 9877 2292

Church Sacristan

*ST: Roster of Parishioners
SL: Greg Grant*

Church Cleaning & Flowers

*SL: Megan McLean
ST: Susan Chen*

Church Linen: *SL: Beryl Chelliah*

Parish Garden Maintenance

*ST: Des Connors
SL: Darren McLean*

Parish Choirs

*ST: Miguel Ilagan
SL: Fr Alex*

Bible Timeline: *Chris Lim*

ALPHA: *Lynda Kilroe-Smith*

Young Adult Ministry:

Sarah Santilli & Jersy Soesanto

RCIA: *David West*

St Vincent de Paul Conference

*For Assistance: 1800 305 330
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)
ST: John McCoy
SL: Margaret Gearon &
Steve Kilroe-Smith*

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

AMALGAMATION – One Mission, Two Churches: A Journey Towards One Parish

The parishes of St Luke the Evangelist, Blackburn South, and St Timothy's, Forest Hill have formally begun the process of amalgamating St Luke's and St Timothy's into one parish. This step recognises the relationship that already exists between our two communities and starts a 6–8 month period of prayer, consultation, listening and discernment. At the heart of this journey is our mission. Rather than simply asking, "What will we lose?", we are invited to ask, "What is God calling us to become?" How can we become a more welcoming, missionary and outward-looking Church in our local area? The Archdiocese of Melbourne's Take the Way of the Gospel encourages parishes to consider three characteristics of a missionary Church: Vibrant, Vital, Viable. A transition team has been established with representatives from both parishes: St Luke's: Sonya O'Farrell, Lynda Kilroe-Smith and Darren McLean as well as from St Timothy's: Kelvin Chen, Peter Naughtin and Harin Perera as well as Seng Fook as secretary. The first forum will be held at **St Timothy's Church on Sunday, 4th October from 11:45am till 1pm.**

May the Holy Spirit guide St Luke's and St Timothy's as we discern how we can become one parish, united in mission and committed to being disciples that proclaim the Hope, Peace and Love of Jesus Christ in this local area.



Discover the gifts God has given you for the mission of the Church

God has given each of us particular spiritual gifts, or charisms, to help us serve others and participate in the mission of the Church. The Called & Gifted Discernment Process, developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute, will help you recognise and begin discerning the spiritual gifts God may be giving you. Through a workshop, personal Gifts interview and facilitated small-group discernment, you will explore how God may be uniquely calling and gifting you to serve others

Cost: \$95 per person

Friday 11 Sept, 6- 9pm. Rego @5:45pm

Saturday 12 Sept, 9am - 4pm. Morning tea and lunch is included

Location: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Please email your expression of interest to Father Alex (blackburnsouth@cam.org.au) no later than COB Wednesday 9th Sept. The parish will reimburse 50% of the cost for four successful applicants.

RCIA is starting soon!

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is? Want to learn more about the faith in a friendly environment?

We will be meeting at St Luke's on Tuesday nights at 7pm, starting from the **20th of October.**

To join us or for more information, contact Fr Alex (alexander.chow@cam.org.au) or simply scan the QR Code.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



SALT Youth Ministry (Yr 7 - 12)

Date: 10th Sept 26: 7pm to 8:30pm

Where: Discovery Centre, St Luke's Primary School, 46 Orchard Grove, Blackburn South.

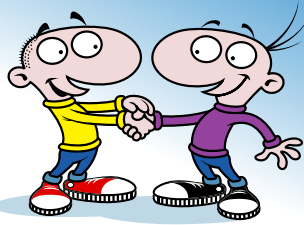
Please join us for our second gathering. With our name decided - SALT Youth - we'll now be embarking on exploring the sacrament of BAPTISM. The session will include fun games, snacks, and a dive into what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches about sacraments, and their place in the spiritual life.

ST LUKE'S FETE in partnership with ST TIMOTHY'S - 18th October '26

We have started to promote the fete on our social media. Please like and share our posts to encourage everyone to attend the fete and support our generous sponsors.

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesfete2026/>

<https://www.instagram.com/stlukesfete/>



Talk to those who do wrong by you

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers

When someone does wrong things against me, I can be a peacemaker by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can be a peacemaker by....



How did Jesus treat sinners?

Matthew was a tax collector and was disliked by many people. Jesus shared a meal with him and other sinners. Matthew became a disciple of Jesus. *Mt 9:9-13*

Draw Jesus sharing a meal with Matthew and his friends

A woman who had sinned was brought before Jesus. The pharisees wanted Jesus to condemn her, but instead Jesus forgave her sins. *Jn 8:2-11*

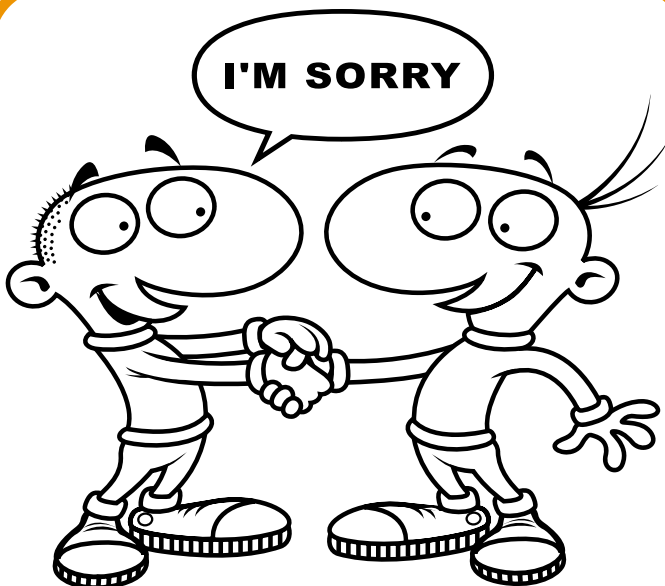
Write a short prayer asking God to forgive our sins

Dear Lord, _____

 _____ Amen.

A rich man named Zaccheus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. People became upset when Jesus decided to be a guest at Zaccheus' house, but Zaccheus was so happy he gave half his possessions to the poor. *Lk 19:1-10*

Draw Zaccheus in the sycamore tree



If someone sins against you, speak to them and tell them what was wrong. If they listen to you, you will have won them back.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 6 SEPTEMBER 2026



COLLECT

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

'Peace be with you all!'

Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!

It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally

.... We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.'

These were the first words of Pope Leo XIV after his election, 8 May 2025.

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

First Reading

This reading does not have immediate appeal because it is phrased in the negative. However, it does presume that the one who repents of wickedness will be saved by God's mercy, even though it does not actually say so.

The prophet sees his calling as a kind of security guard on the lookout for danger and crime. His task is to warn the wrong-doer. If the prophet does not warn him, he will be held responsible for the demise of the wicked person. The prophet will be let off the hook if he issues the warning, even when the wrongdoer does not repent.

As preparation for the gospel, this text challenges us to reflect on our responsibility to speak out to try to bring others to repentance and reconciliation.

The NRSV version given at the end of this book uses inclusive language and clarifies the meaning by dividing the text into sense lines.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Responsorial Psalm

In contrast to the first reading, the call to repentance in Psalm 94/95 is heard in the positive context of joy and thanksgiving. We listen to the Lord with open hearts because God is the rock who saves us. We are invited to reverence in God's presence ('bow and bend low') for we kneel before the Shepherd who leads us to pasture and protects us. We belong to God's flock.

The third stanza uses the example of the people complaining in the desert after the Exodus to invite us to trust in God. This is the 'rock which saves' – it became a source of life-giving water when Moses struck it with his staff.

The cantor/reader should take care with the two-part response and the uneven number of lines in the stanzas.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love

Second Reading

The Great Commandment given by Christ is that we love the Lord our God with all our being and love our neighbour as ourself (Mt 22:34-39). In these lines, Paul is focussing only on the second part of this commandment to love. The commandments he cites are ones that deal with our behaviour towards others.

is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

'The debt of mutual love' is a strong phrase that invites contemplation. The one thing that cannot hurt another is love.

In Ordinary Time, the second reading is independent of the gospel, but this passage resonates well with what is to come.

The reader will have no difficulty with this short reading made up of simple sentences and a clear message. Enjoy it!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

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'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Gospel

Peace and peacemaking are essential features of the followers of Christ.

The risen Christ's greeting of peace needs '*to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world.*' It is a wonderful dream and vision, but sadly the human reality in our world does not always measure up. So, Pope Leo said, we need to '*build bridges through dialogue and encounter*'.

Today's gospel shows how we must leave no stone unturned to seek to resolve differences – alone, or with a few others, in the community. Then follows a familiar teaching about binding and loosing. Two weeks ago, we heard Jesus speak the words to Peter; now they are spoken to the community.

The passage concludes with two sayings. The second (Christ is in our midst) is particularly powerful. It is the risen Christ who stands in our midst saying, *Peace be with you!*

The NRSV version makes the text inclusive in its expression.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Solemn Blessing (Ordinary Time II)

May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son,+ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time II, Roman Missal p. 715)

WE HAVE
SAVED A
PLACE FOR
YOU



St Luke the Evangelist Blackburn South

We are Taking Enrolments for All Year Levels

Book in for an Open Morning or a Personal Tour

SCAN TO
BOOK A
TOUR



We are Companions on The Journey

2026

