



ONE MISSION, TWO CHURCHES



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - 2nd March 2025

Administrator

Fr Alex Chow

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Wednesdays,

Thursdays & Fridays

10am – 2pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5pm (SL) &

6.30pm (ST)

Sunday: 8:30am (SL),
10:30am (ST), 5pm (ST),
Vietnamese

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 at SL

RECONCILIATION

SL: Tues 5:30-6:10pm

Sat 9:45 - 10:15am

Sat 4:30 - 4:50pm

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:10pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & EVENING PRAYER

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:30pm

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:30pm

HOSPITALITY AFTER MASS AT ST. LUKE'S

Second weekend of each
month - bring a plate to
share (optional)

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8, Psalm 91(92):2-16, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel Reflection on **Luke 6:39-45**

Meditation: Are you clear-sighted, especially in your perception of sin and the need for each of one of us to see ourselves correctly as God sees us - with our faults, weaknesses, and strengths? Jesus' two parables about poor vision allude to the proverb: Without vision the people perish! (Proverbs 29:18). What can we learn from the illustration of a blind guide and a bad eye? And how can we help others overcome their faults if we are blinded by our own faults and misperceptions? We are all in need of a physician who can help us overcome the blind spots and failing of own sins, weaknesses, and ignorance.



The Blind Leading the Blind, 2020, ©Zoryana Petriv/Saatchi Art

Overcoming blind spots in our own lives: The Gospel of Luke was written by a disciple who was trained as a physician. Luke, with keen insight, portrays Jesus as the good physician and shepherd of souls who seeks out those who desire healing, pardon, and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came to free us from the worst oppression possible - slavery to sin, fear, and condemnation. Like a gentle and skillful doctor, the Lord Jesus exposes the cancer of sin, evil, and oppression in our lives so we can be set free and restored to wholeness. A key step to healing and restoration requires that we first submit to the physician who can heal us. The Lord Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart – and restores us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom.

Thinking the best of others: What can hinder us from helping others draw near to Jesus the divine Physician? It is easy to misjudge others and how difficult it is to be impartial in giving good judgment. Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself. A critical and judgmental spirit crushes rather than heals, oppresses rather than restores, repels rather than attracts. "Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty.

Producing good fruit versus bad fruit in our lives; Why does Jesus set figs and grapes over against thorns and brambles (Luke 6:33-35)? The fig tree was the favourite of all trees for the people of Palestine. It symbolized fertility, peace, and prosperity. Grapes, likewise, produced wine, the symbol of joy. Thorns and brambles were only good for burning as fuel for the fire. There's a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit. Likewise, a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart. Character, like fruit, doesn't grow overnight. It takes a lifetime. Jesus connects soundness with good fruit. Something is sound when it is free from defect, decay, or disease and is healthy. Good fruit is the result of sound living - living according to moral truth and upright character. The prophet Isaiah warned against the dangers of falsehood: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness (Isaiah 5:20). The fruits of falsehood produce an easy religion which takes the iron out of religion, the cross out of Christianity, and any teaching which eliminates the hard sayings of Jesus, and which push the judgments of God into the background and makes us think lightly of sin. How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true - true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us so we can turn away from evil and wrongdoing. And that takes character! Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies everything we need to live as his disciples. The Lord strengthens us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit - with faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. And we grow in godly character through exercising the gifts and strength which God supplies. Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life? Allow the Holy Spirit to train you in godliness and the wisdom to distinguish good fruit from bad fruit (1 Timothy 4:7-8, Hebrews 5:14).

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Next Week's Daily Readings 3 March - 9 March 2025

MONDAY, Mar 3 Sir 17: 24-29, Ps 31:1-2,5-7, Mark 10:17-27.

TUESDAY, Mar 4 Sir 35:1-12, Ps 49: 5-8,14,23, Mark 10:28-31.

WEDNESDAY, Mar 5 Joel 2: 12-18, Ps 50: 3-6,12-14,17, 2, Cor 5: 20-6, 2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 .
Ash Wednesday (Fast and Abstinence)

THURSDAY, Mar 6 Deut 30: 15-20, Ps 1: 1-4,6, Luke 9: 22-25.

FRIDAY, Mar 7 Is 58: 1-9, Ps 50: 3-6,18-19, Mt 9: 14-15.

SATURDAY, Mar 8 Is 58: 9-14, Ps 85: 1-6, Luke 5: 27-32.

SUNDAY, Mar 9 Deut 26: 4-10, Ps 90: 1-2,10-15,Rom 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13. **First Sunday of Lent**

(Taken from ORDO 2025, Liturgy Brisbane, ACBC 2024)

The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Truth, Goodness, Beauty / Project: LENTEN REFLECTION

Gather for live-streamed presentations by acclaimed Catholic speakers from around the world over 6 Saturdays in Lent. Each session starts with brunch, a live-streamed talk from a renowned Catholic speaker, and participate in a relaxed Q&A. It is a space that for fostering deeper faith and connection.

Where: St Peter's Parish Centre, 581 Toorak Rd, Toorak.

When: Saturdays: 8 March - 12 April, 10am - 12pm.

Tickets: \$25 per session / \$120 season ticket.

For more details to go www.truthgoodnessbeautyproject.com

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 5pm SL
6.30pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

1 and 2 March

Lucy Ferris
Peggy D'Cruz
May McKeown
Alfred Lee & Ryan Yee
Thu Ngo & Hieu Nguyen

8 and 9 March

Mia Perang
Caren Garlick
Beryl Chelliah
Trevis Yee & Jane D'Souza
Mai Le & Tuyet Nguyen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 5pm SL
6.30pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

Tony Fernandez
Jane D'Souza
Melina Barcellona
Daphne Hickman
Hung Dinh

Godfrey Thong
Susan Chen
Kana Chelliah
Volunteer
Hoang Nguyen

SLIDE OPERATORS

Saturday 5pm SL
6.30pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

Nigel Tauro
Michelle Chen
Rosemary Donaldson
Lee Min Yee
Toan Tran

Volunteer
Michelle Chen
Megan McLean
Manny Gonzalez
Toan Tran

SL WELCOMERS 1/2 MAR

5:00pm John Ryan
8.30am Margaret Gearon
10.30am Volunteer

SL CHURCH CLEANING

15th March - Bianca's team
Bianca Broccio, Shirley Prabha,
Libby Theodore, Franca Leo
& Ellen Donoghue

SL CHURCH FLOWERS

1st March - Joan McHugh
No flowers for Lent

ST CHURCH FLOWERS

January - Parishioners

SL WELCOMERS 8/9 MAR

5:00pm Edna Lee
8.30am Janette Clark
10.30am Volunteer

ST CHURCH CLEANING

8th March @ 8am
Toan Tran, Dao Dinh,
Hieu Nguyen & Dieu Nguyen

ST COUNTERS

This week Team 8:
Fela Colasanti & Chin L Tay
Next week Team 1:
Owen Grealy & Anthony Yeo

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All who are sick, especially Pope Francis, Margaret Anderson, Hazel Grealy, Josephine Alexander, Grace Dimattina, Margaret Hogg, Bernadine O'Meara, Kit Bing Fan, Kathryn Holmes, Therese O'Donoghue, Stewart Davis, Jerry Donoghue, Mark, Margaret Hayes, Charmaine Bancroft and all those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.

All who have died especially Margaret Dunlop who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Errol Flynn, Albert Johnson, John Cotter, Carol Carla Maria Papillo, Dorothy Faulkner, Carmel Curtain, Elio Lessio, Peter Waddington, Robert Defina, Rosemary Cardenti, Aquinaldo Buaquina, Angelita Gonzales, Andrew Joseph Yeo, Ferruccio Cigana & Graham Williams. May they rest in peace.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: Wenesday March 5th: 10am at St Timothy's (no Anointing Mass this month), 2.30pm & 5.30pm at St Luke's, 7.30pm at St Timothy's (in Vietnamese). All are welcome!

TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: POSTPONED

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT: Every Friday at St Luke's at 3pm and St Timothy's at 5.30pm (replacing Adoration during Lent). All are welcome.

ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: You are warmly invited to check out the Tea Towel and Apron fundraiser organised by the Parents & Friends of St Luke's school via this link: <https://www.expressions.com.au/fundraising-schools/lcyZtl5bwuQJszxWJLYp>

Resources

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: [Praying for Pope Francis](#) 🙏

MAJELLAN MEDIA: [Change of Seasons](#)

THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK: On The Journey This Week: Fr John Fr James Arblaster says correcting others should be done just like removing a splinter—gently with a focus on minimizing pain. Mother Hilda ponders how our language can trivialize the profound concept of sacrificing one's life. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

The First collection is for the priest and retired priests.

The Second collection is for parish expenses

ST: Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$67

Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes: \$155

Vietnamese Donation: \$232.35

SL: Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$204

Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes: \$203

Parish Groups & Contacts

Volunteers and Rosters

ST: Corrie Quimbo

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Baptism Preparation

ST: Mary Italiano

Vietnamese Community

Hoang Nguyen

Andy Tran

Vietnamese Youth

Theresa Nguyen

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Michael Kawalevski

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Steve Kilroe-Smith

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Theresa Nguyen, Mary Italiano,

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SL: Megan McLean

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Anico Yee & Vietnamese Community

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For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

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Steve Kilroe-Smith

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

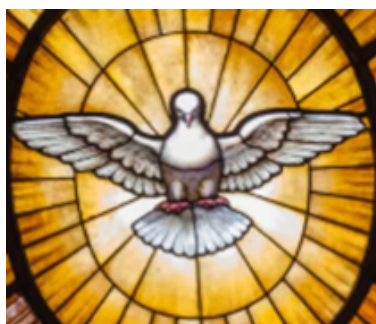
Eucharistic Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High



TRY ALPHA: How Can I Have Faith? What it means to have faith and to be a Christian: someone who follows and puts their faith in Jesus Christ. St Luke's Blackburn South, Wednesday, March 5th 2025, 7-9pm. Free dinner, video and small group sharing. For registration, use this QR Code or visit the Alpha table in the Church foyer.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation



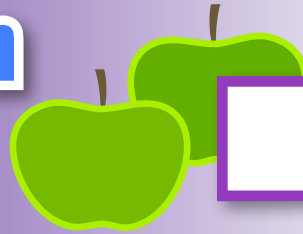
Calling parents of children in the parish of St Luke The Evangelist, Blackburn South and St Timothy's, Forest Hill studying in non-Catholic Schools or in other circumstances (> 9yrs old) who wish to have their children receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, kindly contact the parish office at blackburnsouth@cam.org.au or call at 03 9412 8499 for registration. Candidates will be joining the St Luke the Evangelist Primary School Sacramental Program 2025. The following are important dates:

- a. **Mass of Commitment:** Saturday 22 March @5pm, St Luke the Evangelist Church, 46 Orchard Grove, Blackburn South.
- b. **Sacrament of First Reconciliation preparation classes;** Tuesday March 4, 11, 18, 25 @7:15pm, Working Sacristy, St Luke the Evangelist Church (1 hour).
- c. **Sacrament of First Reconciliation:** 1st/2nd April 2025 between 3.45 - 5.45pm, St Luke the Evangelist Church
- d. **Confirmation Parents & Students Workshop:** Tuesday 3rd June @7pm, St Luke the Evangelist Primary School
- e. **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Friday 20 June 2025 @6pm, St Luke the Evangelist Church
- f. **First Eucharist Parents & Students Workshop:** Wednesday 13th August @7pm, St Luke the Evangelist Primary School
- g. **Sacrament of First Communion:** 24 August @10:30am, St Luke the Evangelist Church
- h. **Mass of Thanksgiving:** Saturday, 13 Sept 2025 @5pm, St Luke the Evangelist Church

It is a requirement for parent(s) and their children to attend Sacramental preparation classes (usually 4 classes per sacrament) prior to the actual date of receiving of a particular Sacrament. More details of these classes will be provided once you have registered your child(ren). Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office if you need further information or clarification. Thank you.

Each tree is known by its own fruit

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Fill in the missing words from the list below to see what Jesus said about judging other people.

_____ do you see the
_____ in your
_____ eye,
but do not _____ the
_____ in your own _____?

FRIEND'S SPECK LOG EYE NOTICE WHY



HYPOCRITE

How many words can you make from the letters in the word HYPOCRITE?

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Jesus told his disciples that each tree is known by the fruit it bears. Fill the fruit with examples of some good things we can do that show to others that we are good people.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 2 MARCH 2025



COLLECT

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

The blind leading the blind. What an amazing image! It is concise and vivid. However, it is not an original saying of Jesus. It can be traced back to Indian literature 800 years before Christ. It was used by the classical Roman poets in the century before Christ. But it is through the gospels that it has become a well-known phrase in so many languages down through the centuries. Curiously, it has more relevance today than ever. In these days of social media, when everyone has a voice, it is easy to be led astray by those who actually haven't got a clue... How much notice do we (should we) take of 'influencers'?

Pithy sayings or proverbs like this do not give much explanation but are very effective in provoking thought. We see good examples today from the book of Ecclesiasticus and the teaching of Jesus in the gospel.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
27:4–7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged
on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus is often named Sirach after its self-identified author Ben Sirach. It is a long compilation of quite short sayings or proverbs. This puts it in the category of Wisdom writings which are concerned with questions of everyday living – how to live well, justly, humanely and happily. It is a teacher's manual for right living.

In this brief excerpt, by means of three concrete examples (the sieve, the potter, the fruit tree), Sirach proposes that a person's true character may be estimated by their words. One can judge a person's ideas and attitudes by what they say. This point resonates with the saying at the very end of today's gospel reading.

The images will help the reader to convey the message clearly, but the repeated use of 'man' and 'he/his' will be a stumbling block to many hearers in the assembly. Using the NRSV translation found later in this book is advised on this occasion.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 91:2–3,13–16**

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91/92 is a hymn of thanksgiving in praise of God who sustains us and makes us fruitful. Yes, it is indeed good for us to raise our voices to thank God and to rejoice in God's goodness to us. The image of trees flourishing and bearing fruit prepares us for Jesus' use of the image in today's gospel.

Making music to God's name suggests strongly that the psalm should be sung. Even if the verses are read, the antiphon should be sung by all.

The main trap in proclaiming this psalm is handling the verses of different lengths. In the second, the cadence will need to call forth the response from the people after just two lines. In the third, it will need to hold back for six lines – especially tricky with the short, independent final line.

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians 15:54– 58**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 6:39–45**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Second Reading

A strong conclusion to Paul's chapter on resurrection from which we have read over recent weeks. This is about victory and never admitting defeat. Even Death itself is swallowed up in Victory. Christ is the one who defeated death when God raised him to life. We who are united with Christ share in this glorious victory.

The rhetorical questions (*Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?*) allow for an emphatic proclamation which demonstrates something of Christ's victory. The reader might best treat the sentence about sin as a reflective digression.

The first sentence is rather abstract. It is important not to lose the listeners at this point. The double contrast *perishable/imperishable* and *mortal/immortal* should be used to lead the assembly into central affirmation. (Practise aloud the words 'perishable' and 'imperishability' so that you can speak them confidently without stumbling.)

Paul concludes by using Christ's triumph to encourage the people of Corinth to continue the work of the gospel: Christ will ensure that their labour will not be in vain.

Gospel

Jesus' teaching in this passage begins with two shorter sayings and ends with two more developed parables. The blind leading the blind and the disciple and the teacher are both evocative images which bear meditation.

The parable of the splinter and the plank takes up the theme from last week's reading: do not judge; do not condemn. As is often the case with Jesus' parables, he uses extreme exaggeration to draw his contrast strongly and make his point. We should not take literally the prospect of finding a plank in our own eye!

The final images come from fruit trees. Every tree can be identified by the fruit it bears. First is the image of good tree/rotten fruit and rotten tree/good fruit. Then there is the image of harvesting figs from thorns or grapes from brambles. Both sets of images head in the same direction. A good person draws from a good heart and speaks good words.

The imagery may not originate with Jesus, but he uses the parables effectively to call the disciple to integrity.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

Amen.

May he let his face shine upon us
and show us his mercy.

Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards us
and give us his peace.

Amen.

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

Amen.

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time I, Roman Missal p. 714)

An alternative translation of the scripture readings is given here from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). This may be particularly useful for those in parishes which use the NRSV Lectionary.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING (NRSV)

A reading from the book of Sirach 27:4–7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears;
so do a person's faults when one speaks.
The kiln tests the potter's vessels;
so the test of a person is in conversation.

Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree;
so a person's speech discloses the cultivation of the mind.
Do not praise people before they speak,
for this is the way people are tested.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (NRSV)

Psalm 92.1-2, 12-13, 14-15 (R.1)

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. **R.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God. **R.**

In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. **R.**

SECOND READING (NRSV)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved,
be steadfast, immovable,
always excelling in the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

GOSPEL (NRSV)

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 6:39–45

Jesus told his disciples a parable:

"Can a blind person guide a blind person?

Will not both fall into a pit?

A disciple is not above the teacher,
but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.

"Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye,
but do not notice the log in your own eye?

Or how can you say to your neighbour,

'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,'

when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?

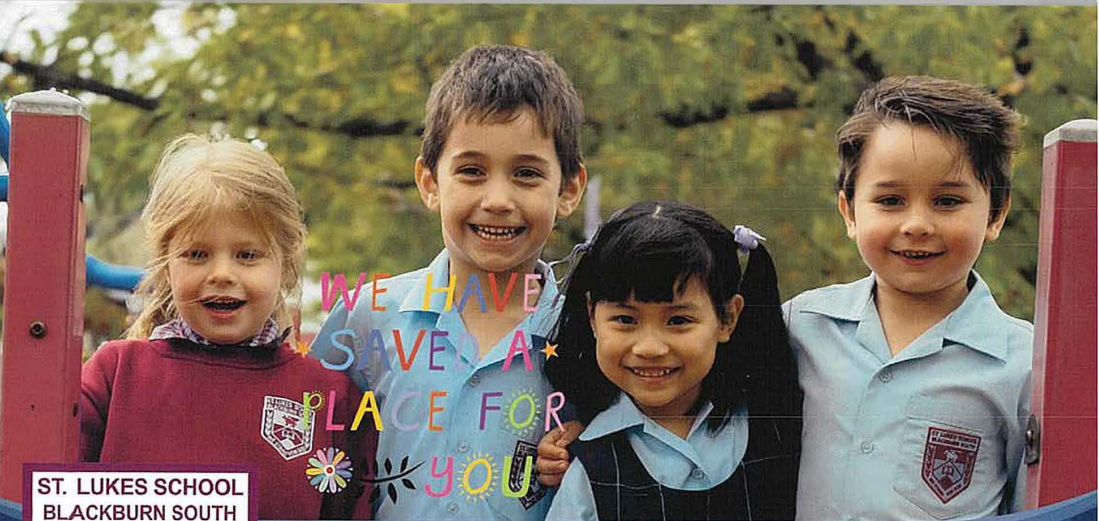
You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye,

and then you will see clearly

to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

"No good tree bears bad fruit,
nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit;
for each tree is known by its own fruit.
Figs are not gathered from thorns,
nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

"Out of the good treasure of the heart,
the good person produces good,
and out of evil treasure,
the evil person produces evil;
for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks."



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St Luke the Evangelist Blackburn South

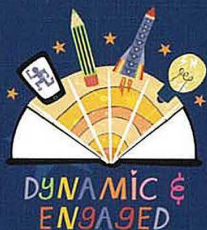
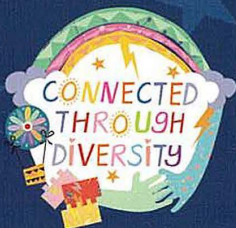
School Tour Dates 2025

- Tours at 9:15 am
- Monday 3rd March
- Tuesday 4th March
- Thursday 6th March
- Friday 7th March

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