

Welcome to St Luke's Blackburn South & St Timothy's Forest Hill!

Whether you're a regular or just visiting, we want to say "G'day" and thanks for stopping by our community!

As we celebrate Christmas and look ahead to the New Year 2026, many of us find ourselves reflecting on life, faith, and what truly matters. Christmas reminds us that God comes close to us - in love, meekness, humility, and hope.

We, as a parish, are stepping forward to be a Church of missionary disciples. This vision invites us to place the Gospel at the very heart of everything we do — our prayer, our worship, and our care and reach out to one another and the wider community. At its core, this vision is simple:

- To keep Jesus at the centre of parish life.
- To build strong, welcoming communities where people can grow in faith together.
- To ensure our parish is well supported, spiritually and practically, so we can serve and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others

This is the mission Jesus gave his followers when he said, *"Go and make disciples"* — a call not just to believe, but to live and share our faith with joy and confidence.

As your parish priest, this is the mission I am committed to: to help form a parish that is welcoming, united, and reaching out, where faith is lived, shared, and passed on to future generations.

This little handout is just a sneak peek at what's some of the activities happening in our community. We hope you'll get involve, support and journey with us with joy!

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace." – Isaiah 9:6

May the joy and peace of Christ's birth be with you and your loved ones this Christmas, and may the New Year 2026 ahead be filled with Hope and Love of Christ and new beginnings.

Father Alex Chow

**Parish Priest of St Luke the Evangelist Blackburn South & St Timothy's Forest Hill
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CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE from 01 JAN 2026

We'd love for you to be part of our regular church services, where we come together as a community to connect, reflect, grow and journey in faith:

- **Daily Mass and Sunday Mass:** Celebrate together in the joy of the Eucharist.
- **Sacrament of Confession:** Experience forgiveness and restoration.
- **1st Wednesday Anointing Mass at St Tim's:** Seek healing and comfort in God's presence.
- **Holy Hour of Adoration:** Take a break and rest in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ on Tuesday and Friday evenings for quiet prayer, meditation and reflection.

Wherever you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here. We look forward to welcoming you!

Date	Mass Time	Church
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	5:30pm: Adoration + Confession 6:30pm: Mass	St Luke's
WEDNESDAY	9:15am Mass (1st Wed Anointing Mass @10am)	St Tim's
THURSDAY	9:15am Mass	St Tim's
FRIDAY	9:15am Mass	St Luke's
	5:30pm: Adoration + Confession 6:30pm: Mass	St Tim's
SATURDAY	9:15am: Mass + Confession	St Luke's
	5pm: Vigil mass	St Luke's
SUNDAY	8:30am Mass	St Luke's
	10:30am Mass	St Tim's



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Christmas often gets us thinking about life, purpose, and what really matters. If you're asking big questions about faith or simply curious — you are very welcome. **Alpha (adults) and Alpha Youth (ages 13–18)** offer a relaxed, no-pressure space to connect with others, enjoy a free dinner, watch engaging short videos, and have honest conversations about life and faith. Come as you are, bring your questions, and see where the conversation leads. No pressure, no strings attached. Email us at Alphastlukesbbs@gmail.com. We'd love to see you at Alpha!

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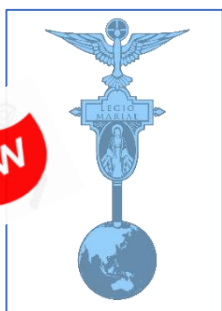
BIBLE TIMELINE® Have you ever found the Bible difficult or overwhelming to read? *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* makes Scripture come alive. Participants in this year's sessions discovered how God's Word connects with everyday life. Many spoke of renewed faith, deeper understanding, and a fresh desire to live as authentic disciples of Christ. This program offers a wonderful opportunity to grow in confidence, faith, and love for Scripture.



VENTURE introduces teenagers to the “big picture” of salvation history in a way that is simple to understand and easy to teach. This eight-lesson program will get teens to open their Bibles and learn the story of salvation history—from Genesis to Revelation. Once teens understand the Bible, their faith will become a relevant and indispensable part of their lives.

For further enquiries about the 2026 series of bible studies, please contact Chris Lim at 0419 470 267 or chrislim64@gmail.com.

If a person who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” – St Jerome



The **LEGION OF MARY** is a world-wide organization comprising lay Catholic men and women who work under the direction of the Parish Priest. The aim is to collaborate in the Church's mission of evangelization and conversion including visitation to the sick, visits to home and age care facilities, evangelization, etc. Weekly meetings provide spiritual formation. The motto of the Legion of Mary is “*To Jesus through Mary*”. Please contact Lucy Ferris at 0419591423 or lucyfe1112@gmail.com as we start a local praesidium.



LUKTIM YAM meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Young Adults have the opportunity to journey together with their peers to explore the meaning and purpose of their lives, deepen into their faith, to connect with each other, with themselves and with God through food, praise and worship, prayer and faith formation talks and to open discussion.

Date and Place: Wednesday 04 Feb 2026 @7pm, St Luke's Presbytery, 46 Orchard Grove, Blackburn South VIC 3130.

Further enquiries to Trevis, Michelle, Jersey or Sarah at luktimyam@gmail.com.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is a lay Catholic organisation whose good works are inspired by Social Justice & Advocacy and Catholic Social Teaching Principles. Our local conferences provide material assistance to disadvantaged persons in the community. We meet monthly to reflect on how our good works continue to be guided by faith in action and are linked to the mission, vision and values of the Society. We look forward to more parishioners joining us in our mission. For more information, please contact Margaret by email margaret.gearon@svdp-vic.org.au



During our Vigil and Sunday Mass, children (from prep to Year 6) are invited to take part in the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**, where they can hear and reflect on God's Word in a way that speaks to their hearts and understanding. Through prayer, storytelling, and simple activities, children are nurtured in faith while remaining an important

part of our parish worship. Families are warmly welcomed, and children are invited to join with joy and confidence.

- Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10:30am mass of the month @ St Timothy's Forest Hill
- Every 2nd Saturday 5pm Vigil mass of the month @ St Luke the Evangelist

For more information, please contact Joelle at 0402 385 582 or harinandjoelle@gmail.com .