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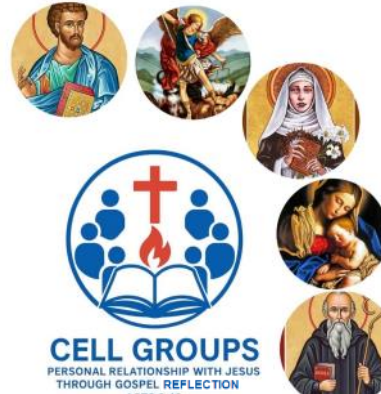
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St Luke's Parish Cells of Evangelisation

CELL GROUPS
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
THROUGH GOSPEL REFLECTION
ACTS 2:42

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." - Matthew 18:20



Our Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Phone Number: 03 9465 2180

Parish Website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/lalor>

Parish Email: lalor@cam.org.au

(For urgent matters please contact the priests any time.)

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH





MASS INTENTION

WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES - 2026

Saturday 15th August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am: Mass - English followed by adoration until 10.30am

6.30pm: Mass - English Sandrine Etienne, Sylviane Tuyau, Henry Tuyau, Roseda Joshuon, Jacqueline Vinay, Marie Stella Tuyau, Vivianne Aliphon, Ken Rosanally, Adalberto Zuniga Pantigoso (4anni)

Sunday 16th August

8.30am: Mass - English Sylvia Camilleri (7anni), Hermina Aun Fallo (Fr Luke's mother)

10.00am: Mass - Italian Carmela Patti, Nicola & Maria Del Popolo, Innocente Visona, Famiglia Del Popolo, Famiglia Armillotta, Maria Napolitano, Faraci Franco, Famiglia Cutrale, Famiglia Lo Giudice, Gaetano Greco, Nuccia Greco, Gemma Anfelozzi, Valerino Angelozzi, Luigi e Lucia Angelozzi, Ciro e Adelina Caramanco, Salvatore Rao, Giuseppe De Sando, Cimino Maria, Nero Emilio, Angelo Ciavarella, Nino Ritoli, Italina Motta, Antonio Di Fabio (11anni), Lucio Tomolillo, Caterina Cortese (1anni)

11.30am: Mass - English Ilde Ciamacco, Jose Soares, Maria Da Costa, Felipe Santiago, Hermina Aun Fallo (Fr Luke's mother)

1.00pm: Baptism - Luna

4.00pm: Mass - Vietnamese

6.00pm: Mass - English Deceased Names on the Good Shepherd's Shrine

Monday 17th August

9.00am: Mass - English

10.00am: Rosary & Funeral - Salvatrice Laudani

1.30pm: Funeral - Palma Pesce

7.00pm: Memorial - Patrick Congordo (3mth)

Tuesday 18th August

9.00am: Mass - English St John XXIII Grade 5&6 Mass

Wednesday 19th August

9.00am: Mass - Italian Frank & Nazarena Seychell

11.00am: Funeral - Giuseppe Mezzacappa

Thursday 20th August - St Bernard

9.00am: Mass - English

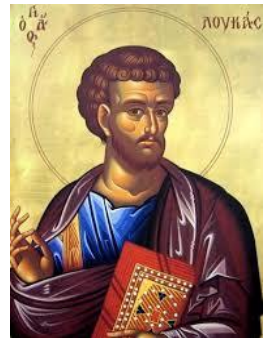
Friday 21st August - St Pius IX, pope

9.00am: Mass - English St Luke Grade Prep, 1&2 Mass

6.00pm: Divine Mercy Mass - Vietnamese

If you would like to have your loved one remembered in our prayers each week, consider a **memorial plaque on our Shrine of the Good Shepherd**. Please contact the Parish office.

Cover reflections condensed from <https://www.gruposdejesus.com/>



WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

The Parish Community of **ST LUKE'S CHURCH**

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16th August 2026 - 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

ALLEVIARE LA SOFFERENZA

Gesù vive molto attento alla vita. È lì dove scopre la volontà di Dio. Apre il suo cuore alla sofferenza della gente e ascolta la voce di Dio, che lo chiama ad alleviare il loro dolore.

Una donna sola e disperata esce a incontrarlo. La figlia non solo è inferma e fuori di sé, ma vive anche posseduta da un «demonio molto cattivo». La sua casa è un inferno. Dal suo cuore straziato sgorga una supplica: «Signore, aiutami».

Gesù le risponde con una freddezza inattesa. Egli ha una vocazione molto concreta e definita: deve occuparsi delle «pecore perdute della casa d'Israele». Non è sua missione addentrarsi nel mondo pagano: «Non è bene prendere il pane dei figli e gettarlo ai cagnolini».

La frase è dura, ma la donna non si offende. È sicura che quel che chiede è buono e, riprendendo l'immagine di Gesù, gli dice queste mirabili parole: «È vero, Signore, eppure i cagnolini mangiano le briciole che cadono dalla tavola dei loro padroni».

Improvvisamente, Gesù comprende tutto con una luce nuova. Questa donna ha ragione: quel che desidera coincide con la volontà di Dio, che non vuole veder soffrire nessuno. Commosso e ammirato le dice: «Donna, grande è la tua fede! Avvenga per te come desideri».

Gesù, che sembrava tanto sicuro della sua missione, si lascia insegnare e correggere da questa donna pagana. È vero che la sua missione è in Israele, ma la compassione di Dio deve arrivare a qualsiasi persona che sta soffrendo.

Quando ci troviamo con una persona che soffre, la volontà di Dio splende lì in tutta chiarezza. Dio vuole che alleviamo la sua sofferenza. Tutto il resto viene dopo. Questo è stato il cammino che seguì Gesù per essere fedele al Padre.



RELIEVE SUFFERING

Jesus lives life very attentively. It's there that he discovers God's will. He opens his heart to people's suffering and listens to God's voice, which calls him to relieve their pain.

A woman who is alone and desperate comes out to meet him. Her daughter isn't only sick and upset, but she is possessed by a «very bad demon». Their home is a hell. From her broken heart springs forth a plea: «Lord, help me».

Jesus answers her with an unexpected coldness. He has a very concrete and defined calling: he has a duty for «the lost sheep of Israel». It's not his mission to delve into the pagan world: «It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to little dogs».

The phrase is harsh, but the woman isn't offended. She's sure that what she is asking is good and, taking up Jesus' metaphor, she tells him these admirable words: «Ah yes, Lord, but even little dogs eat the scraps that fall from their masters' table».

Jesus quickly understands all this from a new perspective. This woman is right: what she wants coincides with God's will, who doesn't want to see anyone suffer. Moved within and in admiration he tells her: «Woman, you have great faith. Let your desire be granted».

Jesus who seemed so secure in his own mission, allows himself to be taught and corrected by this pagan woman. It's true that his mission is in Israel, but God's compassion has to reach any person who is suffering.

When we find ourselves with someone who's suffering, God's will bursts forth there in full clarity. God wants to relieve their suffering. Anything else comes later. That was the path Jesus followed to be faithful to the Father.

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday - 9:00am
Wednesday - 9:00am - Italian
Thursday - 9:00am
Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 9:00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday - 6.30pm Vigil
Sunday - 8:30am
Sunday - 10:00am (Italian)
Sunday - 11:30am
Sunday - 4.00pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday - 6:00pm
Every 2nd Saturday of month - 5:00pm (Maltese)

Neo-Catechumenate Mass

Saturday at 8:00pm (in Hall)

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday morning from 9:30am - 11:30am with Adoration 9.30-10.30am

BAPTISM

Celebrated most Saturdays or Sundays when a Priest is available.

MARRIAGE

By Appointment

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Eucharist will be brought to those who are ill or housebound upon request. Please notify one of the Priests.

First Reading (Isaiah 56:1.6-7)

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4)

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading (Romans 11:13-15. 29-32)

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. *Alleluia!*

Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28)

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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Towards Synod 2026 - Synod Corner

Preparations for a Synod in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be held on 4-6 Dec 2026 are now underway.

Synod theme papers available and parishioner consultation submissions will be accepted until 21st August 2026.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

How to participate - Gather for a spiritual conversation to reflect on the themes for the synod: *Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, Formation and Participation.*

Scan the QR code at the end of each paper to submit your reflections.

Alternatively, record your comments at
<https://info908592.wixforms.com/f/7487387164976612362>

Fr. Ignacio Martin Gutierrez, the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of St. Charles, will be visiting our community from **27 to 30 August**. During these three days, he will meet with parishioners, celebrate Masses, and spend time with our community. Welcome Fr. Nacho Cs.



YOUTH HEALING MASS

Sunday, 30 August at 6:00 pm

Main celebrant: Fr. Ignacio Martin Gutierrez

Worship led by: Kyle Correya

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and healing prayer session.

Everyone is welcome!



Thursday 20 August
6.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral,
East Melbourne



**O.C.I.A. (formerly RCIA)
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Would you like information about how to
BECOME A CATHOLIC
or know someone who is wondering how
to go about it.

This program will start on

3 September, 2026
7.00pm

in the Mary McKillop Meeting Room
(located in the Parish House - 1A David St, Lalor)

Fr. Luciano, Fr. Hoa or Trish Spiteri, (03) 9465 2180
Email: pastoralworkerlaler@cam.org.au
Link: <https://www.stlukesalpha.com/rcia>



PARISH BAPTISMS

We welcome the children who will be baptised this week, together with their families, into God's family and into our parish community.

Congratulations and welcome to Luna.

New Family Groups Are Starting at St Luke's

**"Love one
another as
I have loved
you."
JOHN 13:34**



**OUR FIRST
GATHERING
Sunday, 13th
September
2026**

**After the 11.30am mass
In the Parish Hall**

**Everyone is welcome - come along, say hello
and jump on the bouncy castle!**

Your generous gift
supports ministries
across the Archdiocese
— bringing the Good
News to life not only in
word, but in action.

Thank you.



**THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
2026**



The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Last Sunday Envelopes: \$ 729
Presbytery (1st Collection): \$ 2,501
Loose (2nd Collection): \$ 1,338
Online Donation (inc EFTPOS): \$ 1,120