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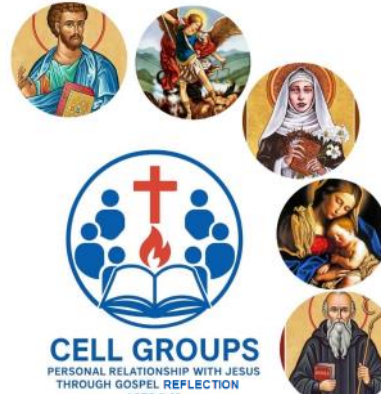
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St Luke's Parish Cells of Evangelisation

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 22nd August - Our Lady, Mother & Queen

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

6.30pm: Mass - English Carl Testagrossa (17anni), Phillip Testagrossa

Sunday 23rd August

8.30am: Mass - English Sylvia Camilleri, Joseph & Lily Borg, John & Emma Gauci and the Deceased Names on the Good Shepherd's Shrine

10.00am: Mass - Italian Carmela Patti, Nicola & Maria Del Popolo, Innocente Visona, Famiglia Del Popolo, Famiglia Armillotta, Faraci Franco, Famiglia Cutrale, Famiglia Lo Giudice, Gaetano Greco, Nuccia Greco, Michael Dai, Joseph Larobina, Giovanni Barro, Antonio De Lorenzi, Susanna Curcio (6mth), Salvatore Rao, Francesco Ieracitano (5anni), Giuseppina Scarpa (4anni), Antonino Cambareri, Carmela Ottina, Rocco Ligato, Carmel Bastianelli (5mth), Ettore Bastianelli (30mth), Anna & Domenico Bello, Dina & Armando Bastianelli, Mario Lapenta, Rocco Lapenta (recent)

11.30am: Mass - English Ilde Ciamacco, Salvatore Brancati (1anni), Gaetana Cangialosi (recent), Zofia Fabrowska (5anni), Jose Cerquiera (heavenly birthday)

4.00pm: Mass - Vietnamese

6.00pm: Mass - English Rafael Lopez (1mth)

Monday 24th August - St Bartholomew

9.00am: Mass - English

11.30am: Rosary & Funeral - Concetta Musumeci

Tuesday 25th August

9.00am: Mass - English Connie Caruana

Wednesday 26th August

9.00am: Mass - Italian

10.30am: Funeral - John Patrick Gorman

Thursday 27th August - St Monica

9.00am: Mass - English Albina Sereci (1anni)

Friday 28th August - St Augustine

9.00am: Mass - English

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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23rd August 2026 - 21st 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.

DESIONE VIVA A GESÙ CRISTO

«Ma voi, chi dite che io sia?». In realtà, chi è Gesù per noi? La sua persona ci giunge attraverso venti secoli di immagini, formule, devozioni, esperienze, interpretazioni culturali... che vanno svelando e velando allo stesso tempo la sua ricchezza insondabile.

Anche, però, ciascuno di noi va rivestendo Gesù di quel che siamo noi. E proiettiamo in lui i nostri desideri, aspirazioni, interessi e limiti. E quasi senza rendercene conto, lo impiccioliamo e sfiguriamo, persino quando cerchiamo di esaltarlo.

Gesù però continua vivo. Non si lascia etichettare né ridurre a riti, formule o costumi. Apre sempre nuove breccie nella nostra vita, rompe i nostri schemi e ci attrae a una vita nuova. Quanto più lo si conosce, più si sa che si sta ancora iniziando a scoprirlo.

Gesù è pericoloso. Percepriamo in lui una consegna agli uomini che smaschera il nostro egoismo. Una passione per la giustizia che scuote le nostre sicurezze, privilegi ed egoismi. Una tenerezza che mette allo scoperto la nostra meschinità. Una libertà che straccia le nostre mille schiavitù e servitù.

E, soprattutto, intuiamo in lui un mistero di apertura, vicinanza e prossimità a Dio che ci attrae e ci invita ad aprire la nostra esistenza al Padre. Andremo conoscendo Gesù nella misura in cui ci consegneremo a lui. C'è solo un cammino per approfondire il suo mistero: seguirlo.

Seguire umilmente il suoi passi, aprirci con lui al Padre, riprodurre i suoi gesti di amore e tenerezza, guardare la vita con i suoi occhi, condividere il suo destino doloroso, attendere la sua resurrezione. E, senza dubbio, pregare molte volte dal fondo del nostro cuore: «Credo, Signore, aiuta la mia incredulità».



A LIVING ATTACHMENT TO JESUS CHRIST

«Who do you say I am?». In reality, who is Jesus for us? His person comes to us through 20 centuries of images, formulas, devotions, experiences, cultural interpretations... that both reveal and hide this unfathomable richness at the same time.

But anyway, each one of us paints Jesus with our own brush. And we project on him our own desires, aspirations, interests, and limitations. And almost without realizing it, we make him smaller and we disfigure him, even when we try to exalt him.

But Jesus continues living. He won't allow himself to be labeled or reduced to some rituals, formulas or customs. He always opens up new cracks in our life, breaks open our plans and draws us to a new life. The more we know him, the more we know we are just beginning to discover him.

Jesus is dangerous. We perceive in him a self-giving to us humans that unmasks our selfishness. A passion for justice that shakes our securities, privileges and selfishness. A kindness that brings to light our smallness. A liberty that tears open our thousand slaveries and compulsions.

And above all, we sense in him a mystery of openness, nearness and closeness to God that attracts us and invites us to open up our existence to the Father. We will go on knowing Jesus as far as we give ourselves to him. There's only one path to sink into his mystery: follow him.

Follow his steps humbly, open ourselves with him to the Father, reproduce his gestures of love and tenderness, see life with his eyes, share his painful destiny, await his resurrection. And without doubt, pray often from the depth of our heart: «I believe, Lord, help my unbelief».

The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabrini.org

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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 22:19-23)

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8)

(R.) *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36)

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. *Alleluia!*

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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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.
<https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

17. Synodality requires humility

Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility—from leaders and from communities—so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.

Fr. Ignatio 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

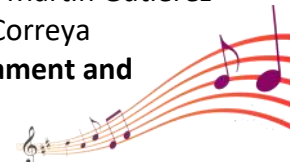
Sunday, 30 August at 6:00 pm

Main celebrant: Fr. Ignatio Martin Gutierrez

Worship led by: Kyle Correya

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
healing prayer session.

Everyone is welcome!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY...

On Sunday, 6th September, we will be remembering **Father's Day**. All Masses celebrated over this weekend will be offered for all fathers. We warmly welcome everyone and pray for all fathers, both living and deceased.

On Sunday, 13th September, at the 10:00 am Mass, we will celebrate a **Solemn Mass in honour of Our Lady of Catena**, remembering all the years and praying for the intercession of Our Lady.

Also on, Sunday, 13th September after the 11.30am mass, everyone is invited to the **first Family Groups Gathering** in the Parish Hall including bouncy castle!



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

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Link: <https://www.stlukesalpha.com/rcia>

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Last Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 767
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San Donato	\$ 383

