



Dt 7:6-11 *Chosen Ones*
 1 Jn 4:7-16 *God loved us first*
 Mt 11:25-30 *Gentle and humble of heart*

Ps Response: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Servers

25 June Ray Wood
 2 July Michelle Davis

Readers

25 June 1st Reading Monica Bright
 2nd Reading Brian Bright
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 2 July 1st Reading Brian Bright
 2nd Reading Monica Bright
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion

25 June Jan Roberts and Grahame Adams
 2 July Elizabeth Doolan and Paul Harris

Counters

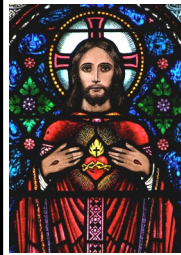
25 June Robyn and Adrian
 2 July Laurie

Morning Tea

25 June Christine Burke
 2 July Jan Roberts

Church Care

7 July Julie Hodgkinson



Feast of the Most Sacred Heart

Year A

25th June 2017

The Lord loves you.

If there is one message in every book of the Bible, that is it. Jesus came to reaffirm that message for all time. He invites all of us to come to him and find rest because his heart is full of love for each one of us. The one hallmark of genuine religion is the quality of the love that it inspires.

If we have no love we do not know God. As Jesus took on himself our burdens, so our love should lead us to help and support each other.

Then we will indeed live in God.

Today we thank God for the great gift of his love.

St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Antiphon: The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: **Catherine Beaver; Barry Bowden; Adrian Carroll; Margaret Clancy; John & Marion Crowley; Norma Longmuir; Kevin Madden; Ray Phillips; Philia Portelli; Amber Simmons; Paul Windle and Roma Ziolkowski.**

Feast Days of the Week: 25th June to 1st July

25th St Prosper of Reggio, Bishop (d466)
 26th St Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, Priest & Founder of Opus Dei (1902-75)
 27th St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor (c370-444), Optional
 28th St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (c130-208), Memorial
 29th Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles, Solemnity
 30th First Martyrs of Rome, optional
 1st July St Aaron, OT Jewish Priest (brother of Moses); St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr

Sacred Heart Parish

**Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
 Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
 Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley**

As a community bonded together through faith, we are called to share our experience of God with those we meet each day, in particular, those in our local community.

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past and present, including those who may be with us today.

Blackheath	Sunday Mass	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturdays	9.30am
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
Mount Victoria	Vigil Mass (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	6.00pm
Megalong Valley	Vigil Mass (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	6.00pm

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Parish Office: 02 4787 8540
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 Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
 Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm

Parish House: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. 2785
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.
St Paul's Church: 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.
St Joseph's Church: 1270 Megalong Road, Megalong Valley.

For Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, please contact the Parish House.

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or David Buckley (Chair); Adrienne Kitching (Deputy Chair) or Christine O'Grady (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) call Monica Bright 4757 3943.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>



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MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS' FEAST: As stated in last week's Bulletin, we are today celebrating our Patronal Feast - that of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We also celebrated this Feast on its proper day, last Friday (23 June), that being the 19th day after Pentecost Sunday, which tells us that this Feast Day of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a variable feast dependant on the fall of Easter Sunday. However, because this Feast always occurs on a Friday when there are fewer people at Mass, I have taken a decision to also celebrate this day over the adjoining weekend - both Vigil (Saturday) and 9.30am Sunday Mass. After all, Jesus in the form of his Most Sacred Heart is the Patron of our parish. So, we want to make sure that as many people as possible should have an opportunity to honour him in this special way. Hence the Mass of Jesus' Most Sacred Heart today. The Mass itself will include the same readings as that celebrated last Friday.

Normally, the Memorial Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary would be celebrated the day after this special feast of Jesus. Not so this time, however, as the Solemnity Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist was celebrated yesterday to the exclusion of the Memorial Feast of Mary, this year only, without any planned make-up day! Sorry about that!

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: Next Sunday (2 July) is that one day of the year when we especially focus our attention on those "poorest of the poor" indigenous people who inhabit this land. Our focus on this day enables us to develop and present opportunities for us to do something extra to alleviate their sometimes desperate circumstances. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) represents Indigenous Catholics in Australia. That is the organisation responsible for supporting all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. So, work through NATSICC in whatever help you are able to provide for these neediest of people. Thank you in advance for that support! Fr Robert Anderson, who will be relieving me from next weekend up to and including 31 July, will be your celebrant for this and all other July Masses and liturgies. Please take good care of him in my absence!

MORE ON FR ROBERT ANDERSON: The arrangement for Fr Robert to take my place this July was finalised in August last year. Fr Robert, now in semi-retirement, would be well known to most of you as Katoomba's Parish Priest in the approximately ten years leading up to November-December 2004, when Fr John Smith took over that role. So this Father knows the district very well, indeed. He thinks we're great, and we think he's great, too! Fr Robert will be living full-time in our presbytery until I return on 1st August. He has indicated to me that he wants to maintain the same Mass regime that I follow. However, in order to do so he will need a lot of support from us, especially you. I intend to leave with him a worksheet covering most of the normal priestly functions - setting up for weekday Masses, all St Joseph's Megalong Valley Masses (we bring with us everything needed to celebrate Mass at that venue; and we bring it back with us once Mass has concluded); also opening/closing the Church, turning the heaters on/off, etc. Too, I intend to leave with him a list of 'home visit' parishioners so that he can 'do the rounds' if he has the time. I will certainly be keeping in touch with him whenever/if ever Fr Robert has any problems. The office 'team' will always be available should the need arise. I know that everything will be OK, otherwise I would not be going anywhere!

God Bless! Father Bob

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when your young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. Thank you for making the effort of bringing these littles with you to Mass.



From the Social Club - Oh What a Night! Our Parish Dinner proved that when our caterers 'forgot' our function, but then broke all speed records to finally turn up and present a great meal. And what can we say about our wonderful musicians - thanks to Kate, Joe, Pat and Diana for making this a night to remember!

Light Up St Pat's June 30 - July 9: 'Light Up St Pat's' presented by Payce. St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will shine a brilliant array of colour and creativity in conjunction with the City of Parramatta's *Winterlight Festival*. Similar to the Christmas lights at St Mary's Cathedral, this event will also provide entertainment and stalls in the Cathedral precinct including: Shroud of Turin (replica) Exhibition, Organ Recital and Concert in the Cathedral, Live Entertainment, Food & Drinks and more. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. 6pm-10pm Weekdays, 6pm-10pm Weekends. More information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

Sacred Heart Care Group
This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact Monica Bright on 4757 3943 if you think we can help.

Happy Birthday
Marion Crowley for 26th June
Louise Noyes for 28th June

Afternoon Capers will be held on Wed, 5th July at 12pm at Wollemi Café, Main St, Lithgow (just down from Vinnies). All welcome.

PHOENIX CHOIR
~ Idyll ~
Music of the Pastoral and Picturesque
Elgar, Handel, Purcell, Sibelius, Alfen & Stanford
Sunday 2nd July ~ 3pm
at the Uniting Church
Govetts Leap Rd, Blackheath.
(A number of our parishioners will be singing in the Phoenix Choir.)
The concert will be followed by afternoon tea in the church hall.

Tickets: \$18 Adult / \$12 Conc.
<https://phoenixchoir.org.au/>

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Jesus, Burning Heartbeat of God and Son of Mary,
call us to passionate discipleship.

Jesus, Homeless Heartbeat of God,
grace us with hospitality for all.

Jesus, Merciful Heartbeat of God,
open us to the vulnerable and weary.

Jesus, Suffering Heartbeat of God,
reveal the path of justice and peace.

Jesus, Forgiving Heartbeat of God,
stir courage within us for new beginnings.

Jesus, Wounded Heartbeat of God,
heal us for service.

Jesus, Creative Heartbeat of God,
stretch us into new visions and dreams of You.

Jesus, Liberating Heartbeat of God,
free us from darkness.

Jesus, Sacred Heartbeat of God,
love through us
in the sacred homeland of our hearts.

Heartbeat of God,
create within each of us,
your daughters and sons, a sacred heart.

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In memoriam: James Johnston ~ 1st July