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*Amos 6:1,4-7 A warning
1 Timothy 6:11-16 Called to life
Luke 16:19-31 Tables turned*

Ps Response:
Praise the Lord, my soul, O praise the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

ROSTERS

Servers
25 Sep Jan Roberts
2 Oct Ray Wood

Readers
25 Sep 1st Reading Brian Bright
2nd Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2 Oct 1st Reading Pat Wicks
2nd Reading Robert Forbes
Intercessions Christa Buckley

Communion
25 Sep Elizabeth Doolan/Diane Stewart
2 Oct Jan Roberts/Michelle Davis

Counters
25 Sep Laurie
2 Oct Carla and Neil

Morning Tea
25 Sep Pamela Scott/Elizabeth Doolan
2 Oct Michelle Funnell

Church Care
30 Sep Julie Hodgkinson



Twenty Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year C
25 September 2016

Today's gospel passage tells of the rich man who lives in luxury, totally unconcerned for others, and of his neighbour Lazarus who lives in abject poverty. In the next life their situations are reversed. The parable teaches us to focus on true values while we have the opportunity. We must heed the teaching of Moses and the prophets and pre-eminently of Jesus who did indeed rise from the dead.

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

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

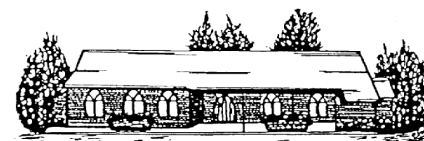
Feast Days of the Week ~ Sunday 25th Sep to Saturday 1st Oct

25th St Finbar, Bishop (d633)
26th Sts Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs (d283), Optional
27th St Vincent de Paul, Priest (1581-1660), Founder of Vincentians
28th St Wenceslaus, Martyr (907-929), Optional
St Laurence, Priest & Companions, Martyrs (d633-637), Optional
29th Michael, Gabriel, Raphael - Archangels (Feast)
30th St Jerome, Priest & Doctor (347-420), Memorial
1st St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor (1873-97), Memorial

Next Week

Power of faith
Hab1:2-3;
2:2-4; Ps 94
2Tim 1:6-8,
13-14
Luke
17:5-19

Sacred Heart Parish



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

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of the land of the Blue Mountains.

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.

Parish Priest: Father Bob Sheridan **Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish House: 02 4787 8811 **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 04 2887 8810 **Fri** 9.00am - 12.00pm
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Parish House: 18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

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

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	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

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 Carmen Beard (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: We, at Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath are today privileged to be the launching venue for Parramatta Diocese's Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2016-2017. Titled "A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society", the Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life.



The Right Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyens DD OFM Conv., Bishop of Parramatta and Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, will launch this vital, timely study after the 9.30am Mass and a 'cuppa' in the Parish Hall. Proceedings commence about 11.00am and conclude approximately an hour later at 11.55am. A light lunch will follow! So, please accept this invitation to meet our new Bishop Vincent, and be part of this most important Diocesan/Parish event. **We also welcome Sister Louise McKeogh** from the Diocesan Social Justice Office, as well as representatives from CatholicCare Social Services Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid - Tracey Brassington, Irene Vasey and Valerie Turton.

In his foreword to the Statement, ACSJC Chairman Bishop Vincent writes:

"We are seeing a new vision of ageing, one where many people enter their 60s and 70s in good health and with plenty of skills and energy to offer our communities. Indeed, governments have seen this change and have called for people to remain in the workplace beyond the traditional retirement age. For many, that is a realistic expectation; but for it to be realised, governments and employers must recognise the true capacities of older people. They must also acknowledge that not all older people are healthy or well-off. We face a threefold challenge to work for an inclusive society that brings older people into the heart of the community; to ensure the dignity and care of people who are frail and most vulnerable to neglect or abuse; and to foster solidarity among all generations, recognising the special affinity that exists between the young and the old."

Pope Francis leads us in this endeavour when he says: *"Just as God asks us to be his means of hearing the cry of the poor, so too he wants us to hear the cry of the elderly."* He goes on and concludes by saying: *"Indeed, how I would like a Church that challenges the throw-away culture by the overflowing joy of a new embrace between the young and old!"* See you there!

CONFIRMATION REVIEW: Last Sunday's Confirmation of Daisy Levell and Jared Harris during Mass went exceptionally well after our Principal Celebrant and Chancellor of the Parramatta Diocese, Rev. Mons Ron McFarlane PP administered this Sacrament. Our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Jennifer Milani, had brilliantly prepared these two children to receive this last of the four Sacraments of Initiation with the co-operation and support of many people, including parents, friends and our parish 'family'. Certificates, gifts and morning tea wonderfully concluded this unique occasion for both Daisy and Jared. We are indeed proud of these children upon becoming fully-fledged Catholics and members of our loving and caring community.

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre—Historical Wimbourne will be opening its doors to the general public for Devonshire tea, brunch and lunch from 9am to 2.30pm on the following Sundays—18 Sept, 2 Oct, 16 Oct & 23 Oct. Bookings preferred. Further dates to be advised. Lupe's Kitchen will be offering meals for \$20pp which includes tea/coffee. Daily specials, dessert, soft drink and juice for sale. BYO—no corkage. 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Enq: Jeanette/Leanne (Monday to Friday) Ph 4773 5555 or Manager (Weekends) Ph 0408 974801.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Yes! Summer is just around the corner! This year, daylight saving commences at 2am (which becomes 3am) next Sunday, 2 October (the long weekend). Don't forget to put the clock forward one hour before you go to bed, otherwise Mass will be over by the time you get here.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Have just started and will continue until Monday, 10 October. May you together enjoy the best family times! Safe travelling!
God Bless! Father Bob

THANK YOU FROM TREK FOR TIMOR 2016: Thank you for the support this Parish gave to Trek for Timor 2016. We particularly wish to thank Marilyn Rowe and Patricia Dee who organised a sausage sizzle to raise funds for Trek and were up at 5am on 17 September to work on the Registration Desk. We also wish to thank our Parish Team "Tykes Trekking for Timor" and all who sponsored them. Team TTT are the current fundraising leaders. Donations can be accepted until 14 October 2016. Money raised will go a long way to assist this year's project to provide books and equipment for the school we helped build and water and sanitation projects in East Timor.
Pamela Nash, Chairperson Organising Committee Trek for Timor 2016.

Happy Birthday
~ Chantelle Burke ~
13 on 30 September

Happy Anniversary
Marion & John Crowley
for 29 September

Last Week's Collections
1st: \$263.55 Pastoral Revenue (support of the Bishop & Diocesan Priests both active & retired)
2nd: \$622.00 (incl. direct deposits). This money is used for local parish needs.
Thank you!

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS: As our annual audit will be held next Tuesday 27 September, the office will be closed on Wednesday 28 September. Normal office hours on Thursday and Friday.

CAKE & PLANT STALL will be held on **Sunday 2 October**. We are calling upon all our wonderful cooks and gardeners to donate cakes and plants for sale. This is our second biggest fundraiser for our Parish after the Garage Sale. Thank you for your help! Also note the Garage Sale date 11-12 Feb 2017.



In memoriam
Ivan Naraj ~ 25 Sept
Ced Ward ~ 1 Oct

Prayers for the sick: **Madge Boylan; John Crowley; Stan Dochniak; Maggie Gilchrist; Bill Grieves; Kevin Madden; John Scott and Jack Solomons.**

VINNIES FOOD DRIVE: Spring may be in the air but many people in Blackheath and the Upper Blue Mountains are still doing it tough. The Parish and Vinnies have supported the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre by providing food for distribution in our community. **BANC has asked for donations of staples such as tins of baby food, baked beans, soup, lentils, long life milk, pasta, rice, salmon, spaghetti, stews and tuna. When you shop, if you can buy an extra item or two we know your donation will be gratefully received. Please continue your support of this worthy cause by depositing items in the bin in church. Thank You!**
Pamela Nash, President St Vincent de Paul, Blackheath.