

1Kings 3:5.7-12 *A wise request*
Romans 8:28-30 *Called by God*
Matthew 13:44-52 *Hidden treasure*

Psalm Response
 I love your law, O Lord,
 I love your law.

Gospel Acclamation
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are you,
 Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little ones
 the mysteries of the kingdom.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Seventeenth Sunday
 Year A**

30th July 2017

The kingdom of God
 is our treasure.

It is so precious that all
 earth's good things seem
 valueless in comparison.

When we have the
 kingdom of heaven
 within us, we then have
 all other treasures also.

The good things of
 this earth have their
 attraction, but they do
 not last and will not
 come with us when
 we finally meet Jesus
 face to face at the
 end of time.

ROSTERS

Servers

30 July Pat Wicks
 6 Aug Paul Harris

Readers

30 July
 1st Reading Monica Bright
 2nd Reading Brian Bright
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 6 Aug
 1st Reading Claire Maguire
 2nd Reading Christa Buckley
 Intercessions Robert Forbes

Communion

30 July Elizabeth Doolan and David Buckley
 6 Aug Carla Edean and Grahame Adams

Counters

30 July Robyn and Adrian
 6 Aug Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

30 July Claire Maguire
 6 Aug Christine O'Grady

Church Care

4 Aug Sue Gracey and Pat McAuley

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

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those
 who dwell in his house; he himself gives might
 and strength to his people.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord,
 O my soul, and never forget
 all his benefits.

Next Week: **Jesus provides food** *Is 55:1-3; Ps 144; Rom 8:35.37-39; Matt 14:13-21*

Feast Days of the Week—Sunday 30th July to Saturday 5th August

30th July St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor (408-450), Optional
 31st St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Founder of Jesuits) (1491-1556)
 1st Aug St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor (1696-1787) - Founder
 Redemptorists, Memorial; The Holy Maccabees - Martyrs
 2nd St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (d370); St Stephen I, Pope (254-57)
 3rd St Nicodemus Pharisee, Martyr;
 St Lydia Purpuraria (St Paul's 1st convert at Phillippi)
 4th St John Vianney, Cure of Ars, Priest & Patron of Priests, Memorial
 5th St Dominic, Priest, Founder (1170-1221), Memorial



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: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>



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Gospel Reflection: A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven. © Fr Michael Tate

WELCOME BACK FR BOB AND FAREWELL FR ROBERT:

Fr Bob will be back on Tuesday, 1st August. We farewell and thank Fr Robert for leading us in Fr Bob's absence. There will be no Mass on Thursday morning due to Fr Bob's Diocesan commitments.

Please keep in your prayers, Fr Anthony (Tony) Reynolds, retired priest of the Diocese of Parramatta, who died on Monday, 24 July, at Cardinal Gilroy Village.

CONFIRMATION

will be held at Sacred Heart, on **Sunday, 17th Sept**, at 9:30am, and our Celebrant will be the Very Rev. Fr Chris de Souza.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS—3 AUGUST: The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 3rd August, at 7:00pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

CARITAS EAST AFRICA APPEAL: Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Caritas East Africa Appeal. \$391.00 was raised.

LONG LUNCH — SUNDAY 6 AUGUST: The topic for the next **Long Lunch at Shalom** is "Aboriginal Spirituality". Presenter, **Julian Carson**, will provide a view of contemporary Aboriginal Spirituality gained through living and working with various indigenous communities in Central Australia.

Come along and enjoy this interesting Sunday afternoon talk and a wonderful three-course meal - only \$40 per person (suggested donation).

Where: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins St, Carcoar (52km SW of Bathurst)

When: Sunday, 6th August, from 12pm to 3pm.

For bookings, please phone 6367 3058 or email shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

WOOD BOOK LAUNCH INVITATION: On Sunday, 13th August, 2.30pm till 4pm - Sister Jacinta's new book, "Working with the Ways of Wood" will be launched by Rev. Tom Plazier at Santa Maria Hall, 252-256 G W H'way, Lawson. RSVP by 7th August to email jshailer@goodsams.org.au or tel. 4757 2290.

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 little things with you to Mass.



Launch of Preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018

One Year to Go!

THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY: JOY FOR THE WORLD

An Event for all the Family! **Sunday, 27th August, 2017.**

*Find out about the **World Meeting of Families** taking place in **Dublin, Ireland** in 2018.

*An opportunity for spiritual enrichment for your family life.

Mass at 11am. BYO lunch. Program for families 1pm - 3.15pm.

Afternoon tea provided. Free Event! Donations welcome.

Where: Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

To register, please contact: (02) 8838 3441 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

Website: www.parralmf.org.au

Happy Anniversary Julie & Lance Hodgkinson ~ 38 years on 4th August



We would like to introduce any interested parishioners to the **Catholic Bushwalking Club (CBC)**. The CBC has been operating since 1943 and is currently having a membership drive.

The club offers a variety of both day walks and multi day walks either in the wider Sydney region or wherever a member wants to lead a walk. The club caters for a wide age range and offers a social program as well as the walks program. The CBC is an incorporated body and is a member of Bushwalking NSW. For further information, please visit our website: www.cbcnsw.org.au

COMMISSIONING: You are invited to the commissioning and recommissioning of all our **Readers, Senior Servers and Eucharistic Ministers**. The commissioning will take place during the Sunday Mass on 6th August. The whole Parish will celebrate afterwards in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you. *Michelle Davis*.

Happy Birthday Ingeborg Caplice

31st July
Kevin Madden
95 on 3rd August

Sacred Heart Care

Group: Our Care Group is here to assist those in times of need.

Please contact Monica Bright on 4757 3943 if

you think we can help.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CARERS: Catherine Beaver, Barry Bowden, Adrian Carroll, Margaret Clancy, John & Marion Crowley, Fr Paul Hanna, Norma Longmuir, Kevin Madden, Kerry Oliver-Graham, Ray Phillips, Philia Portelli, Amber Simmons, Paul Windle and Roma Ziolkowski.

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY MORNING: The next Benedictine Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on 4th August, 10am till noon. The new book "Towards Purrfection", Ch 2 and 3 will be discussed. Morning prayer and a time of silence in the garden as well as morning tea will be part of the program. New friends are very welcome. Enquiries Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

In memoriam: Chris Commens ~ 2nd August, Lawrie Smith ~ 2nd August, Cath Pilkington ~ 4th August and Larry Smith ~ 4th August.