

**Dn 7:9-10. 13-14** Eternal sovereignty  
**2 Pt 1:16-19** Glory of Christ  
**Mt 17:1-9** The Transfiguration

**Psalm Response**  
The Lord is King,  
the most high  
over all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
This is my Son, my beloved,  
in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him. Alleluia!

**Servers**

6 Aug Paul Harris  
13 Aug Ray Wood

**Readers**

6 Aug 1st Reading Claire Maguire  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley  
Intercessions Robert Forbes  
13 Aug 1st Reading Elaine Jackson  
2nd Reading Basil Jackson  
Intercessions Adrian Carroll

**Communion**

6 Aug Carla Endean and Grahame Adams  
13 Aug Monica and Brian Bright

**Counters**

6 Aug Barbara and Bill  
13 Aug Marilyn

**Morning Tea**

6 Aug Christine O'Grady  
13 Aug Marilyn Rowe

**Church Care**

18 Aug Christa Buckley and Marilyn Rowe



**In memoriam:** Madge Carey ~ 6 August,  
Flo Gillette ~ 7 August, Dellas Holmwood ~ 7 August,  
Maurie Byron ~ 7 August & Pte William Frazer ~ 9 August.

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**Communion Antiphon:** When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**Feast Days of the Week—Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th August**

6th Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast  
7th St Peter, Julian and Companions, Martyrs (d260)  
8th St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842-1909), Solemnity  
(Virgin, Religious), Patron of Australia  
9th St Julian, Martyr (d730), Feast  
10th St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (d258), Feast  
11th St Clare of Assisi, Virgin (1193-1253) - Memorial  
12th St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (1572-1641), optional



Next week  
**Lord!**  
**Save me!**  
1Kings  
19:9,11-13  
Ps 84:9-14  
Acts 2:1-6, 14  
Matthew  
4:22-33



**The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A**

6th August 2017

At the Transfiguration, Father, You showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life. Bless us in our humanity, with an awareness of Your presence, leading us to share in Your divine life even in our daily struggle. Help us to deepen our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets, channels of Your grace throughout history, and signposts for our journey. Amen.

# 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.*

<b>Blackheath</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
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
<b>Mount Victoria</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>

**Parish Priest:** Father Bob Sheridan  
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**Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540  
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**Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

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



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**WELCOME BACK, FR BOB. HOPE YOU HAD A RESTFUL JULY HOLIDAY!**

**REFLECTION:** *We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'*

*Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus. Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?*

*We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint - St Seraphim of Sarov - and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' - infinite joy in our hearts'. © Fr Michael Tate*



#### **WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION**

Bishop Vincent Long will launch this important, year-long Diocesan Journey on **Sunday 27th August, 2pm - 4pm** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Seven Hills.**

*Special guest speaker:*

**Fr Tom Smolich, International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services.**

The aim of our Diocesan Journey will be to galvanise a Diocese-wide and faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

A feature of the afternoon will be to hear personal stories from refugees and asylum seekers as well as the opportunity to join small group discussions to discern how best the Diocese may achieve its goal ... particularly at a parish level.

If you would like to join others from around the Diocese at the launch, please contact the Social Justice Office on 8838 3461 or register online at: <https://register.eventarc.com/38860/invitation-to-migrant-and-refugee-sundaylaunch-27-th-august>

Local Parish contact: David Buckley 4787 5105, [dbuckley45@bigpond.com](mailto:dbuckley45@bigpond.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 GW H'way, Lawson. RSVP by 7th August to email [jshailer@goodsams.org.au](mailto:jshailer@goodsams.org.au) or ph 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.



**SEMINAR - UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW - TWO SESSIONS**  
Solo Parent Services are running two sessions for our Annual Seminar on **"Understanding Family Law"**.

The sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will cover the following topics on the dates below:

**Tuesday 8th August - Understanding the Family Law Act:  
Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's needs.**

**Tuesday 22nd August - Understanding the Family Law Act:  
Focus on Property Settlements.**

**Venue** for both Sessions: 38 Prince St, Blacktown **Time:** 7pm - 9pm  
**Cost:** \$7.00 per session. Registration Essential: **Contact** Rita at Solo Parent Services - Ph: 8822 2222 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)  
Please see flyer on Notice board for more details.

#### **Happy Birthday**

**Adrian Carroll** for 10th August  
**Marie Johnston** for 10th August  
**Phil Wicks** for 11th August

#### **Sacred Heart Care Group**

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.



**COMMISSIONING:** The commissioning and recommissioning of all our **Readers, Senior Servers and Eucharistic Ministers** will take place during today's Mass. The whole Parish will celebrate afterwards in the Parish Hall.

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

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CARERS:**

Catherine Beaver, Barry Bowden, Margaret Clancy, John & Marion Crowley, Fr Paul Hanna, Norma Longmuir, Kevin Madden, Kerry Oliver-Graham, Ray Phillips, Philia Portelli, Amber Simmons and Roma Ziolkowski.

#### **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 6-13 AUGUST UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS**

*"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."*  
**St John Paul II** (WYD 19 August 2000)

The concept of 'vocation' applies to every person's life, for if we listen well, we discover that God calls each of us to play a part in his mission here on the earth. Whether in single life commitments, relationship and marriage, the religious life, priesthood or diaconate, each such commitment of loving forms part of Christ's dream of life and unity.  
<https://parracatholic.org/vocations/>

#### **A VOCATION VIEW**

To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God.  
"Try, then, to imitate God as children of His that He loves, and follow Christ by loving as He loved you."  
Be a presence of God's love in the world today.  
Do what you can to bring to life God's love.