



Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Home truths
Romans 14:7-9 Influence
Matthew 18:21-35 Forgive sincerely

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Servers

17 Sep Paul Harris
24 Sep Ray Wood

Readers

17 Sep	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Paul Harris
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
24 Sep	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe

Communion

17 Sep Monica and Brian Bright
24 Sep Christa and David Buckley

Counters

17 Sep Robyn and Adrian
24 Sep Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

17 Sep Mary Batty
24 Sep Pamela Nash

Church Care

22 Sept Sue Gracey and Pat McAuley

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

Entrance Antiphon
Give peace, O Lord, to those
who wait for you, that your
prophets be found true. Hear
the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Communion Antiphon
How precious is your
mercy, O God!
The children of men seek
shelter in the shadow
of your wings.



**Twenty Fourth
Sunday ~ Year A**

17th September 2017

Today's readings
focus on forgiveness.
Jesus' parable illustrates
our need for forgiveness
from God, the King,
and then our obligation
to reciprocate this in
our forgiveness of one
another. This lesson
runs right through the
Gospel in Jesus'
teaching and example,
even on the cross.
It features in the
Lord's Prayer, too.
Today's vengeful society
needs to take this
lesson to heart.

(Artwork by Jenny Close, Liturgyhelp)

Next Week: **Why be envious?**
Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144
Phil 1:20-24,27; Matt 20:1-16

Feast Days of the Week—Sunday 17th to 23rd September

17th	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor (1542-1621) - Optional
18th	St Joseph of Cupertino, Priest (1603-63)
19th	St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr (275-305), optional feast
20th	St Andrew Tim Taegan, Priest & Martyrs & Companions (d1839-67), Memorial
21st	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, Feast
22nd	Sts Maurice & Companions, Martyrs (d287)
23rd	Padre Pio Pietrelcino, Priest (1887-1968), Memorial



**PLEASE
NOTE:**
There
will be no
Music Ministry
members
available for
Sunday Mass
on 24th Sept.

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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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

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



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GREAT NEWS: Next time you visit St Paul's at Mt Victoria, you will be very pleasantly surprised. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of an anonymous parishioner, the church has been completely re-carpeted wall-to-wall throughout - vestibule, sacristy, kitchen, toilet area, sanctuary and, yes, the main body of the church as well! Never has the oldest Catholic Church in the Blue Mountains (Mt Vic) looked so good! For the first time in many years, the inside ceiling of the church has also been cleaned, tough and all as that was for one of our volunteers! Externally, it's the same story. Cleaned and repainted - including the roof. The RMS, too, has finally repaired the damage they caused during the reconstruction of the highway, so that the entrance driveway is once more in its pristine original 'as new' state. Next time you are in the area, check it for yourself! By-the-way, our oversized wandering wombat seems to have left us for a less Catholic place, for which we are most grateful!

Meanwhile, at Blackheath's Sacred Heart Church, you may have noticed the addition of a new brochure stand located outside the old entrance to the sacristy. While we still want to add a newspaper platform to it, though small, it is just right for us, in my opinion. What do you think? I have had such a stand on my shopping list for the last eight and a half years. Good things come, etc. So! We can now reclaim our pews for their original purpose, and no longer have to use them as a sort of "de facto" messy brochure rack!

MOUNT VICTORIA BAPTISM: Saturday week past (9 Sept), St Paul's new carpet was 'christened' with the baptism of local baby **Raphael Jean AVENTINES**, gorgeous child of **Tanya and Michel**. He was the quietest little bub! That makes Raphael the third of the Faventines' four children whom I have baptised. Welcome tiny Raphael into Christ's wonderful family and this local community with all our love, prayers and support for you both now and in the future. Congratulations, too, to Mum and Dad!

2017 ANNUAL CATECHISTS' MASS & AWARDS: This year's get-together was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes' Church, Seven Hills on Friday 8 September. While for the first time in a number of years I didn't attend, we need to congratulate four of our catechists on receiving special service awards at that gathering. **Pat McAuley (40 years), Breda Seamans (30 years), Julie Hodgkinson (15 years) and Noeleen Cliff (15 years)**, have given a total of **100 years voluntary support for our children**. Superb effort, everyone! Add to this support, the voluntary contribution made by our other current religious educators and we begin to see the importance (influence) of what they teach our children, ongoing! We are humbled by your patience, persistence and love - of God, the children and their families. Finally, we need more volunteers! Are you interested?

2017 DIOCESAN MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT: Each year we formally count all attendances at every Mass/liturgy held during this month. Just to let you know that this year's count is underway in all three churches. Will let you know the result once determined!

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: Next Sunday (24 September) is Social Justice Sunday for 2017-2018. The theme: **"Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy"** is a response to a call by Pope Francis for economic justice in a world where inequality has been increasing, especially in recent years; a world where employment and working conditions have become more insecure; a world where more people have to subsist on incomes well below the poverty line. More next week!
God Bless! Father Bob

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CARERS: Catherine Beaver, Barry Bowden, Margaret Clancy, John & Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Jim McArdle, Ray Phillips, Philia Portelli and Jan Roberts.



Peace Meditation

Join others around the world creating peace for the celebration of **UN International Day of Peace Thursday 21st September 10:15am for a 10:30am start - just 30 minutes to reflect.**
Venue: **Blue Mountains Cultural Centre Katoomba.**
Free entry.

Happy 55th Anniversary Jan and Barry Roberts for 22nd September



CONSTANCE on the EDGE
Filmed over 10 years, this is an unflinchingly honest portrayal of a group of African Australians from refugee backgrounds, attempting, often against the odds, to create a home in regional Australia. It reveals their courage and resilience, as they strive to reconstruct their own lives and enrich others along the way.
SUNDAY 24th September at 2:30pm
Venue: **Blackheath Baptist Church, Bundarra Street.**
The film will be followed by a Q&A. Tickets at the door - Cost: \$20, \$15 concession, children free.

Happy Birthday John Crowley for 20th September



A CAKE & PLANT STALL will be held on **Sunday 1st 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!

Parish Meeting – Sunday 24th September

- straight after Mass, in the Church. This will be to start the conversation in relation to the appointment of a **Pastoral Associate**. Copies of a letter from Fr Bob, David Buckley and John Tweedie, are available in the Church.

Parish Annual General Meeting Sunday 26th November

We are looking for 5 nominations to replace those concluding their term on Council! If you are interested in becoming involved with this important Ministry, please speak with Fr Bob or any member of the current Council.

Ministry and Group Leader Reports
Please return these to the Parish Office no later than **Friday 8th November.**



Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday 24 September

All married couples are invited to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary with other couples and family members at the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Mass and host a light lunch afterwards. To register interest, ph **8838 3460** by 18 Sept or visit <https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Patricks-Cathedral-Parramatta-1590485624520954/events/>

Urgent Appeal for Jesuit Refugee Service Parramatta
Sincere thanks to those who have so generously donated toiletry items for distribution by Jesuit Refugee Service, Parramatta. The tub will be at Mount Victoria this Saturday, 16 September, remain in Blackheath this week and next and be at Megalong Valley Mass next Saturday, 23 September. Please continue to support the Vinnies food tub for local distribution.



A list of suggested toiletry items for JRS is on the notice board.