

Isaiah 55:6-9 Seek the Lord
 Philippians 1:20-24,27 Paul's dilemma
 Matthew 20:1-16 Why be envious?

Psalm Response:
 The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation:
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Open our hearts,
 O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Servers

24 Sep Ray Wood
 1 Oct Michelle Davis

Readers

24 Sep	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
1 Oct	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
	Intercessions	Robert Forbes

Communion

24 Sep Christa and David Buckley
 1 Oct Carla Edean and Grahame Adams

Counters

24 Sep Barbara and Bill
 1 Oct Marilyn

Morning Tea

24 Sep Pamela Nash
 1 Oct Monica Bright

Church Care

6 Oct Margaret Solomons and Catherine

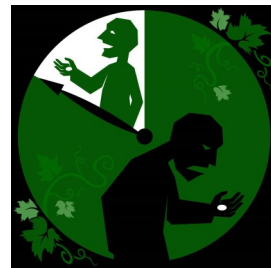
St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people,
 says the Lord. Should they
 cry to me in any distress,
 I will hear them, and I will be
 their Lord for ever.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your
 precepts to be carefully
 kept; may my ways be
 firm in keeping your
 statutes.



**Twenty Fifth
 Sunday ~ Year A**

24th September 2017

We judge others
 foolishly, based
 on what we see.
 God sees into the
 heart, and his
 judgements are just.
 We are each given a
 task to do, and God
 asks us to do our best.
 If we are constantly
 weighing up rewards
 for ourselves and
 others, we miss
 the point of the
 Gospel story.
 Jesus asks us to
 love him, and then
 he will be our reward.

(Artwork by Jenny Close, Liturgyhelp)

Next Week: **Change of heart**
 Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24
 Philippians 2:1-11; Matt 21:28-32

Feast Days of the Week—24th to 30th September

24th St Gerard Sagredo, Bishop & Martyr (980-1046), Apostle of Hungary
 Martyrs of Chalcedon - 49 choir members in the church of Chalcedon (d 394)
 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 Laurence, Priest & Companions, Martyrs (d633-637), Optional
 Bl. Magdalena of Nagasaki (d 1634), Patron of Secular Augustinian Recollects
 29th Michael, Gabriel, Raphael - Archangels (Feast)
 30th St Jerome, Priest & Doctor (347-420), 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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 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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SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Do you realize that today is almost one year to the day of Bishop Vincent Long's first-ever visit to his most western parish in the Parramatta Diocese? Those who attended Mass that day would recall that it was in the parish hall after Mass where Bishop Long officially launched the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2016-2017 to a very welcoming packed audience. No such luck this year!

The title of the 2017-2018 Statement is *Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy*. Launched earlier this month by Archbishop Denis J. Hart, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, this Statement is a response to calls by Pope Francis for economic justice and for societies that are founded on justice, offering dignity and inclusion to every person. Australia has been fortunate to have enjoyed a quarter of a century of continuous growth. Yet not all Australians have experienced the benefits of that good fortune. Inequality has been increasing, especially in recent years. Employment and working conditions have become more insecure for many, and unemployed people have to subsist on incomes well below poverty levels. Housing is becoming less and less affordable for buyers and renters. Our indigenous people still confront enormous economic and social challenges. In the light of these challenges, the Statement calls on us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Such a society will reject an 'ideology of the market' that forgets the principles of justice and equity. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community, and business can work for everyone's benefit, not just shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice in decision-making. God is calling us to use his bounty wisely, for the good of all, and of our planet. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, call (02) 8306 3499 or visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website. www.social.justice.catholic.org.au

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL: Last year, we raised a very creditable \$395.00 which we considered to be most satisfactory. This year, our parish contribution to the Bishop's Collection for Retired & Sick Clergy totalled an amazing \$648.00. That really is something of which all of us can be very proud indeed. Thank you all, so much!

SCHOOL'S OUT: School holidays have just begun and will continue until Monday, 9th October. Please, everyone, with so many children about during this holiday time, take extra special care to ensure the safety of all.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Yes! Summer is just around the corner! This year daylight saving commences next Sunday morning (of the long weekend) when all timepieces are to be wound forward one hour from 2am which then becomes 3am. Don't forget to put the clock forward that one hour before you go to bed, otherwise Mass will be over by the time you get here. That is providing I don't forget either!

Come the end of summer, daylight saving will end next year on Easter Sunday, 1st April. Thought that might be of interest to you.

Finally, come the end of today's Mass, you are invited to remain in your pews for about 15 minutes to hear a presentation in relation to the Parish Council letter already in your hands, and further details of which are mentioned elsewhere in this Bulletin.
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.



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. This special appeal will conclude next Sunday 1 October. The collection tub will be at Mount Victoria again next Saturday 30 September. **A list of suggested toiletry items for JRS is on the notice board.**

PARISH MEETING - TODAY - straight after Mass, in the Church. This will be a start to an important conversation in relation to the long-term operation of our Parish. All parishioners are encouraged to remain for 15-20 minutes longer. To avoid delays, our usual morning tea won't be served today.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 26 November

This coming year there will be 5 vacancies on the Parish Pastoral 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 Annual Reports
Please return these to the Parish Office no later than Friday 8 November.

CONSTANCE ON THE EDGE: *Documentary of a group of African Australians from refugee backgrounds, attempting, often against the odds, to create a home in regional Australia. TODAY ~ 2:30pm at Blackheath Baptist Church, Bundarra Street. Film followed by Q&A. Tickets at the door - Cost: \$20, \$15 concession, children free.*



AFTERNOON CAPERS is back on now that the weather has warmed up. The next gathering will be on **Wed, 4 October** at 12pm at **Onelia's Place, 176 Main St, Lithgow** (opposite Vinnies). Please let Diane know if you need a lift - ph 4787 1357. The **Melbourne Cup Luncheon** will be held at The George on 7 November. Will need to know numbers by 24 October. Please let Diane know.

Happy Birthday Claire Maguire for 26th September
Happy Birthday Chantelle Burke 14 on 30th September

Happy Anniversary Marion & John Crowley ~ 29th September

Rosters for Liturgical Ministers can be found at the back of the church.



PARENTS' ROOM

The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when 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 littlies to Mass.

CAKE AND PLANT STALL

On the Sunday of the long weekend, 1st October, we will be holding our annual Cake and Plant stall before and after mass. This is one of our big fundraising efforts for the year, so we are asking all our chefs and gardeners for donations towards the stand. **(Remember to note the ingredients for your delicious cakes!)** Any questions, please see Sue Gracey.

