

Jeremiah 20:7-9 **A laughing-stock**  
Romans 12:1-2 **Offer yourself**  
Matthew 16:21-27 **Follow me**

**Psalm Response:**

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**Servers**

3 Sep Diane Stewart  
10 Sep Graham Adams

**Readers**

3 Sep	1st Reading	Elaine Jackson
	2nd Reading	Basil Jackson
	Intercessions	Adrian Carroll
10 Sep	1st Reading	Emma Quartermaine
	2nd Reading	Barbara Grieves
	Intercessions	Paul Harris

**Communion**

3 Sep Mary Roberts and Carla Endean  
10 Sep Ray Wood and Michelle Davis

**Counters**

3 Sep Pamela and John  
10 Sep Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

3 Sep George Commens  
10 Sep Christine Burke

**Church Care**

8 Sept Noleen Cliff and Jennifer Milani

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**IN LOVING MEMORY ~ PHILOMENA DRUMMOND ~ 3RD SEPTEMBER**  
**BERNIE TIERNEY ~ 5TH SEPTEMBER AND RAY THOMAS ~ 8TH SEPTEMBER**

**Feast Days of the Week—Sunday 3rd to 9th September**

3rd	St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor (540-604), Memorial
4th	St Rosalia, Virgin (d1160)
5th	St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)
6th	St Zechariah, Prophet (C520BC)
7th	St Regina, Virgin & Martyr (d251)
8th	Birth of the Virgin Mary, Feast
9th	St Peter Claver, Priest (1580-1654) Optional

**Happy Birthday**

**Diane Stewart**  
5th September  
**Michelle Funnell**  
7th September  
**Lance Hodgkinson**  
8th September



**Twenty Second Sunday ~ Year A**

3rd September 2017

Jesus predicts his coming passion, death and resurrection. Peter protests that this must not happen to his Master. He wins no commendation from Jesus this time, but a stern rebuke. Jesus then cautions all of us that if we wish to follow him, we must likewise take up our cross, we must be willing to lose our life if we wish to save it. Do we believe this?

(Artwork by Jenny Close, Liturgyhelp)

*Next week: Seek to reconcile  
Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94;  
Rom 13:8-10; Matt 18:15-20*

# 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>

<b>Parish Priest:</b> Father Bob Sheridan	<b>Parish Office:</b> 02 4787 8540
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<b>Parish Mobile:</b> 04 1735 5479 (Emergency only)	<b>Office hours:</b> Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm
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<b>Parish House:</b>	18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. 2785
<b>Sacred Heart Church:</b>	167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.
<b>St Paul's Church:</b>	65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.
<b>St Joseph's Church:</b>	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/>



[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

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**FATHERS' DAY:** Today is that one day each year when we take time out to formally recognise and show our appreciation for the unique person that our fathers are in our lives. Mostly we just take their presence among us for granted, including all the odd jobs they do around the home. On this day, every family has the opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to our dads for the love and support they give us. God bless our Dads - and we will, via a special Fathers' Day blessing at the end of today's Mass!

**BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED/SICK PRIESTS AND CLERGY:** Fathers' Day each year is also the appropriate occasion for us to contribute financially to the support of our 'spiritual fathers' - especially those who, after a lifetime of service to the Catholic community, are now retired because of age or sickness. They have always been part of our family in our celebrations, plus other occasions of happiness, sadness and the ordinary mundane things that make up our lives. That 'family' bond can continue in their retirement with your funding support of their needs. 'Out of sight' will never mean 'out of mind' when you offer our retired clergy your friendly hand in this way.

The Diocese of Parramatta, through its Clergy Support Foundation, co-ordinates all the needs of the sick and retired priests and religious from this Diocese including the conduct of today's Annual Appeal! Last year, through your generosity, we reached the set target with donations totalling \$205,000. For this, the Foundation sincerely thanks you. Let's see how much we can raise this year!

**Note:** Your contribution will significantly assist our 25 Parramatta retired clergy consisting of 2 Bishops, 21 Priests and 2 Deacons. Last financial year, the Foundation spent over \$600,000 caring for the needs of these retired clergy. So, again thank you for caring, and thank you for helping!

A third collection will be held at each Mass this weekend, immediately prior to the 'homily'. Special envelopes and pencils will be available on every pew for your convenience. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible! Should you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

Online contributions may be made at [csfparra.org.au](http://csfparra.org.au) using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No. 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference to your name, and send the e-mail to [csf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:csf@parra.catholic.org.au) with your details. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2018. Thank you again for your generosity.

**REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK:** Migrant and Refugee Sunday was, by any standard, an outstanding success both locally and in the Diocese where, last Sunday afternoon, a full house greeted Bishop Vincent at Seven Hills when he launched the year-long programme titled "*Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection*". Quite a number of our parishioners were there for the launch. David Buckley, who chaired the organising committee for that event, is to be congratulated for the role he played in that success. No doubt we will shortly be introduced to more details surrounding this promotion.

**PRAYER FOR FATHERS**  
 Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

Also, during the week, two funerals were conducted - that of **Ted Cocksedge** and **Edna Sweeny** (Pam Le Breton's mother). We pray for the safe repose of their souls, and extend our deepest sympathy to their families on the sad loss of their loved ones.

Finally, for those interested, our own greatly admired John Crowley visited overnight last Wednesday. He is OK and was indeed a welcome sight!  
*God Bless! Father Bob*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CARERS:** Catherine Beaver, Barry Bowden, Margaret Clancy, John and Marion Crowley, Patricia Frazer, Fr Paul Hanna, Kevin Madden, Jim McArdle, Kerry Oliver-Graham, Ray Phillips, Philia Portelli, Jan Roberts, Amber Simmons and Roma Ziolkowski.

**NEW 2017-18 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** are now available from the back of the church.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:** The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite **Youth** (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations **Thursday, 7 Sept, at 7pm**. Join us also for the pizza at 8pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARRIAGE ACT:** As members of the Australian democracy we are being called to consider changes to the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act. Mindful of the Church's understanding of Marriage as well as of our belief that every human being, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, is created in the image of God, is important that debate takes place in a measured, mature and sensitive manner. For more information & Resources, go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

**MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE  
 9 SEPTEMBER**

**'Your Journey, Your Song'**  
 This day of reflection is an invitation to explore and celebrate the power of music and song in engaging us with our God. All are welcome - no previous singing or musical experience is required!  
 Date: **Saturday 9 September 10.00am-3.30pm**. Facilitators: **Beth Riolo & Marianne Patton**. Cost: **\$30.00**. Morning Tea Provided. BYO lunch. Bookings by Monday 4 September. email: [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au)  
 Phone: 02 9484 6208  
 Where: 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road.

**CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY ~ 10 Sept**

The Australian Catholic Church lists Child Protection Sunday for 10 September. The Sunday concludes Child Protection Week celebrated across Australia. As has become the custom each year, the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. The work of safeguarding and protecting minors and other vulnerable people is ongoing and of the highest priority for the Diocese of Parramatta. More information about this topic can be found here: <http://www.safeguarding.org.au/>



**Sacred Heart Care Group:** This is just a reminder that 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.