



Exodus 22:20-26 **Have compassion**  
 1Thessalonians 1:5-10 **Great example**  
 Matthew 22:34-40 **Greatest commandment**

#### Psalm Response

I love you,  
 Lord, my  
 strength.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! All who love me  
 will keep my words, and my  
 Father will love them and we will  
 come to them. Alleluia! Alleluia!



### Thirtieth Sunday Year A

29th October 2017

When Jesus names  
 love as the greatest  
 commandment he does  
 not limit it to 'heart' love.

We must love God,  
 ourselves and others  
 with our whole person  
 and that means physically,  
 spiritually and rationally.  
 Jesus indicates that love  
 is a way of life and  
 intrinsic to biblical law  
 and wisdom.

Reflection and Artwork  
 by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)

#### Servers

29 Oct Diane Stewart  
 5 Nov Michelle Davis

#### Readers

29 Oct 1st Reading Elaine Jackson  
 2nd Reading Basil Jackson  
 Intercessions Adrian Carroll  
 5 Nov 1st Reading Emma Quartermaine  
 2nd Reading Barbara Grieves  
 Intercessions Paul Harris

#### Communion

29 Oct Adrian Carroll & Carla Endean  
 5 Nov Ray Wood & Robert Forbes

#### Counters

29 Oct Julie & Lance  
 5 Nov Robyn & Adrian

#### Morning Tea

29 Oct Carla Endean  
 5 Nov Claire Maguire

#### Church Care

3 Nov Christa Buckley and Marilyn Rowe  
 17 Nov Noleen Cliff and Jennifer Milani  
 1 Dec Julie Hodgkinson

Next Week: **Practise what you preach** Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Ps 130 1Thess 2:79, 13; Matt 23:1-12

*In loving memory*  
**Marjorie Cowell** ~ 29 Oct  
**Josh Morante** ~ 2 Nov  
**Pat Dowdell** ~ 4 Nov  
*Recently deceased*  
**Maitland Samuel** ~ 15 Oct  
**Barry Roberts** ~ 26 Oct

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

##### Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the  
 Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord  
 and his strength; constantly  
 seek his face.

##### Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy  
 at your saving help and  
 exult in the name of  
 our God.

#### Feast Days of the Week — 29th Oct to 4th Nov

29th Oct St Narcissus of Jerusalem, Bishop (d116)  
 30th St Marcellus, Centurion & Martyr (d298)  
 31st St Wolfgang, Bishop (925-994)  
 1st Nov All Saints – Solemnity  
 2nd All Souls' Day  
 3rd St Martin de Porres – Religious (1579-1639), optional  
 St Winifred, Virgin & Martyr (d650)  
 4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (1538-84), Memorial



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

Catherine Beaver, Barry  
 Bowden, Margaret Clancy,  
 John & Marion Crowley,  
 Sue Gracey, Bill Grieves,  
 Kevin Madden, Ray Phillips  
 and Philia Portelli.

# 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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**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/>



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

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**CHANGE OF FOCUS:** October to November: Tuesday marks the end of Mother Mary's month of the Rosary, while Wednesday introduces the very special month of November when we apply our thoughts and prayers to the welfare of our dearly departed loved ones. This month starts off on a high with the Solemnity Feast of All Saints; not just that one day in the year when we publicly acknowledge, fete and honour the great saints who have trodden this earth, but every saint in heaven including those completely unknown to us. Wednesday's normal 9.00am Mass will honour this great feast of All Saints!

Thursday is All Souls Day, that day each year when we expressly commemorate all the faithful departed, including our brothers and sisters suffering the torments of Purgatory. We are able to assist them through the 'Communion of Saints' that binds us together in a relationship of love that bypasses the temporal life barrier which otherwise exists between us.

Also, from Wednesday, the usual Remembrance Book will be in place adjoining the baptismal font for parishioners to list the names of their departed loved ones. We do this so that our community may honour them in our prayers throughout November. Additionally, should you so desire, you could place their name in the basket provided in front of the altar, there to remain until the end of the month. Blank cards for this purpose will be available next to the Remembrance Book. Again, special envelopes will be available for those wanting to have individual mention made in Masses celebrated in honour of loved ones this coming month.

Your prayers are particularly requested during the month for those parishioners who have departed this life since our last All Souls' Day. Included in that number are those for whom I have conducted requiem services. They are *Therese Devereaux, Juagan Kallen, Margaret (Rita) Jenner, Kenneth Kirkham, Mignon Spessot, Edward Cocksedge and Barry Roberts*. Additionally, there are another seven deceased from other areas whose funerals I have also conducted during this period. Please direct some of your prayers to all fourteen of these deceased brothers and sisters and their families.

**ANNUAL AUDIT RESULTS:** The Diocesan 2016-17 financial audit has now been finalized with the same extraordinary accuracy achieved by Parish Secretary Marilyn Rowe for every one of the nine years that have passed since my arrival. Congratulations from all of us Marilyn on achieving such high standards, many times under very stressful operating conditions, indeed!

While on this subject, I have to report that the Operating Profit for the audited year is \$2,535.94 (27% above last year), while the Net Profit is \$3,456.38 (52.5%+) - both within planned performance limits! A wonderful result for our Sacred Heart Parish!

**THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE:** Are you looking for a different way to start the new year? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a **7 day, 110km** Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany in early January. The pilgrimage begins at Our Lady of the Way Parish in Emu Plains on January 2 and finishes at the site of the Chapel of the Magi at the top of the mountains in Bell on January 8. Throughout the journey, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland including many of the lesser known tracks and engage in daily Mass and Adoration at each of the six parishes along the route where they also stay and offer prayers and petitions for the needs of the Catholic community throughout Australia and the world.

**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 littlies with you to Mass.



There are many ways we'd love you to be involved!

- Join us for all or part of the pilgrimage walk visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) to register;
- Join us on the evening of January 7 when we arrive at Sacred Heart for a time of prayer, Adoration and dinner;
- Assist with the dinner at your parish email [epiphanypilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanypilgrimage@gmail.com) if you can help;
- Join us for the final Mass at the Chapel of the Magi at Bell in the afternoon of January 8;
- We'd also love you to join us for the activities at any of the other Blue Mountains parishes throughout the pilgrimage. For further information, see [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/> **Journey in faith. encounter the Christ-Child. live for Him.**

**MISSION AUSTRALIA:** The annual Mission Australia fundraiser held last Sunday reached a staggering \$1,045.00. This proves to me that you are truly the most generous community. Almost unbelievable! The humblest of **'thank you's'** from me on behalf of all who will benefit from this remarkable gift!

**LOST & FOUND:** A couple of weeks ago, a **small red money purse** was handed in, and despite a Bulletin mention last week, it has not been reclaimed. Please, if it is yours, would you kindly come and collect it from me? Now a **lady's watch** with a metal watchband has joined the unclaimed purse. If it is yours, I will be only too happy to hand it over to you!

**THE SADDEST OF TIDINGS:** As we go to print this Thursday morning, I do so in mourning for Barry Roberts who passed away at home today at about 1.30am. Please pray for the safe repose of his soul, and for the comfort and our loving support for Jan and her family at this most sorrowful time. Farewell old friend! May you Rest in Peace in God's love! **God Bless! Father Bob**

*"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself." Mt 22:37-39*

**PARISH AGM ~ Sunday 26 November:** This year 5 members of the Parish Pastoral Council conclude their term on Council. So, we are looking for 5 nominations! 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 send to the Parish Office no later than **Friday 8 Nov.**  
Thank you!

**WORKING BEE:** *Thank you to those faithful souls who turned up in heavy fog and drizzly rain to make our grounds look beautiful and welcoming. Your service is greatly appreciated.*

The **Melbourne Cup** Luncheon will be held at **The George** (on highway at Blackheath) on **Tuesday 7 Nov.** Cost \$35 for lunch. Drinks extra.

**Mark your diary:** The major fundraising event for your parish, the **Annual Huge Garage Sale**, will be held on **2/3 February 2018**. More information to follow.