



Wisdom 6:12-16 **Seek wisdom**
 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 **People of hope**
 Matthew 25:1-13 **Sensible preparation**

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

Gospel Acclamation
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Be watchful and ready:
 you know not when the Son of
 Man is coming. Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Thirty-Second Sunday
 Year A**

12th November 2017

The Allegory of the ten bridesmaids reminds us to be alert to the coming of the Kingdom. We are entreated to keep our eyes open, our hearts aflame with hopeful expectation, and our minds focused on the right priorities in life: 'stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

*Reflection and Artwork
 by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)*

Servers

12 Nov Paul Harris
 19 Nov Ray Wood

Readers

12 Nov	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
19 Nov	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe

Communion

12 Nov Monica & Brian Bright
 19 Nov Adrian Carroll & Pat Wicks

Counters

12 Nov Barbara & Bill
 19 Nov Marilyn

Morning Tea

12 Nov Christine O'Grady
 19 Nov Connie Adams

Church Care

17 Nov Noeleen Cliff and Jennifer Milani
 1 Dec Julie Hodgkinson

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

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come
 into your presence.
 Incline your ear to my
 cry for help, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is
 nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are
 the pastures where he gives me repose,
 near restful waters he leads me.

In memoriam

†
**Fr Jim
 Dooley**
 14th
 November

Next Week: *Day of reckoning* Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 127 1Thess 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30

Feast Days of the Week — 12th to 18th November

12th St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr (1580-1623), Memorial
 13th St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (1850-1917)
 14th St Sidonius, Abbot (c7th Century)
 15th St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor (1206-80), Optional
 16th St Margaret of Scotland, Queen (1045-93), Optional
 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen (1207-31), Memorial
 18th Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter (1620) and Paul (1854),
 Apostles, Optional



Wisdom
*is bright, and
 does not grow
 dim. By those
 who love her she
 is readily seen,
 and found by
 those who
 look for her.*
 Wis 6:12-13

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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 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

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE DISCERNMENT: As mentioned over the last month, today we welcome Richard McMahon, Diocesan Director of Pastoral Planning and Implementation, to lead us in a discussion relating to the need, viability, desirability, potential timing and possible terms under which we might consider the part-time employment of a Pastoral Associate to assist in specific areas of our parish life. As this would have a consequence for every parishioner, it is vital that as many people as possible be present at this gathering to listen to Richard, and to have your own say in this matter. The meeting is to be convened in the parish hall after Mass. So, please come down, have a cuppa and participate in the discussion to follow. You will be more than welcome!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: This Council has its AGM about this time every year and at which is tabled full details of Sacred Heart Parish operations for the previous financial year. Every parishioner has a vested interest in how the parish is progressing, particularly when changing times are among us, such as has been the case this year. It certainly pays for each of us to keep abreast of these changes and, as is particularly the case in this parish, to see (and be proud of) our achievements during the past year. This especially applies to our volunteers who do so much for our Church, parish and wider community.

This year, the AGM is to be held after Sunday Mass on 26th November, and as is the case every two years, elections will be held to replace half of the Councillors, 5 this time around. As nominations for these positions will close on Sunday 19th November, we ask you to give serious thought to applying for one of the available positions as we need all the help we can get - and any fresh ideas you may have. Hope you can see your way clear to 'have a go'.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: One of the big changes to take place in our Diocese, and within this parish, is the imminent demise of the (now) old DWF (Diocesan Works Fund) in favour of a brand new system of fundraising titled "The Catholic Foundation". Commencing today you will be introduced to this new system which is to be installed at next weekend's Masses. More will be revealed at the end of this Mass.

EPIPHANY WALKERS: Following last Sunday's address to us by Keren from this group, we have set up a special table near the brochure stand. On it you will find lightweight bookmarks with the necessary information for you to become part of this walk. In total, the walk takes 7 days from 2nd January, starting from Our Lady of the Way at Emu Plains and wending its way up the mountains with nightly sleepovers at parishes along the way. The last sleepover will be here at Blackheath on Sunday evening 7th January. Should you undertake the full pilgrimage, you will have walked 110kms from beginning to its end at Bell. There are prayer request slips for us to complete and place in the box provided. Our assistance is needed in other ways as well. These are on clipboards on that same table. Enjoy!

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Don't forget to buy a copy of the Catholic Weekly. It's only \$2. Remember, we keep the \$2 that you pay; but we do pay for all ten copies we buy each week, including those we don't sell! Help!!!

LOST & FOUND: Still no luck in finding claimants for the found red money purse and the ladies watch. Should you have lost either item, please come and see me!
God Bless! Father Bob

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.



BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV STATEMENT ON MANUS ISLAND

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees, has issued a statement on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, following the closure of the Manus Island Centre. He states: "The policy of offshore detention has failed and it is time for us to deal with the issue of asylum seekers and refugees according to this nation's proud tradition and the best nature of its citizens. We can do a whole lot better, just as we did welcome "those who've come across the seas" after the wars in Europe and in Southeast Asia. The concern for maritime border security does not have to make us into a mean-spirited people. The policy of offshore detention has cost Australia dearly. But it has cost the detainees and their families even more. I appeal to the government and political leaders to act in accordance with our honourable tradition. It is time to find an alternative and conscionable solution, including accepting New Zealand's offer of resettlement and bringing the remaining detainees on Manus Island to Australia for further processing."

PARISH WORKING BEE

The Maintenance team will hold the next working bee on Friday 24 November commencing at 8am. All welcome. Please bring garden gloves and a hat.

SACRED HEART CARE GROUP

Our Care Group is here to assist those in times of need. Please contact Monica Bright on 4757 3943 if you think we can help.

Thank You

I would like to thank you all for your kindness and support shown to me and my family on the passing of Barry. Your willingness to help at this time was greatly appreciated by us and enjoyed by all the friends who came to farewell Barry. Jan Roberts

Sue Gracey wishes to thank everyone for their get well wishes, phone calls and cards. She is doing well.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: Barry Bowden, Margaret Clancy, John & Marion Crowley, Bill Grieves, Kevin Madden, Ray Phillips, Philia Portelli, Maria Slater and Roma Ziolkowski.

**REFLECTION & WORKSHOP FOR ADVENT
PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST**

Date: Saturday 2nd December ~ Time: 10am - 2pm ~ Place: Parish Hall Before busy December gets away from us, the Advent Workshop will be an opportunity for prayer and reflection. The workshop will conclude with the 2nd Rite which will be led by Fr Paul Hanna. In order to confirm the Advent Reflection Workshop, we need to know numbers asap. Please RSVP your attendance to Michelle Davis, Frances Huckstepp or Fr Bob by 26 November.

ATTENTION CHANGE OF DATE: Our major Parish fundraising event, the **Annual Huge Garage Sale** will be held on 3rd & 4th Feb 2018. More info to come.

Happy Anniversary Margaret & Bob Davis for 13th November

SANCTUS SHOP (opp. St Canice's, Katoomba) - Advent Calendars, Advent candles, 2018 TAN calendars, Christmas cards, tree decorations, children's books for Advent and Christmas, Nativity sets including sets from Peru and El Salvador, and much more - in stock now!