



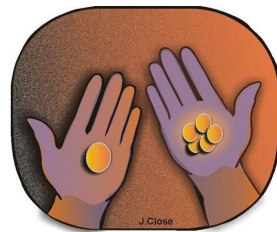
Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 **A wise woman**  
 1Thessalonians 5:1-6 **Day of the Lord**  
 Matthew 25:14-30 **Day of reckoning**

**Psalm Response**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Thirty-Third Sunday  
 Year A**  
 19th November 2017

The parable of the talents brings to mind the importance of personal growth and the enhancement of life.

In this context 'trustworthiness' refers to our ability to use what we are given in life to best advantage. No doubt this will mean something different for each of us. 'Live long and prosper' is an appropriate sentiment in this context.

*Reflection and Artwork  
 by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)*

**Servers**

19 Nov Ray Wood  
 26 Nov Graham Adams

**Readers**

19 Nov	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
26 Nov	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
	Intercessions	David Buckley

**Communion**

19 Nov Adrian Carroll & Pat Wicks  
 26 Nov Carla Edean & Robert Forbes

**Counters**

19 Nov Marilyn  
 26 Nov Laurie

**Morning Tea**

19 Nov Connie Adams  
 26 Nov Rasa Blansjaar

**Church Care**

1 Dec Julie Hodgkinson

Next Week: **Kingdom revealed** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
 Psalm 22; 1Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matt 25:31-46

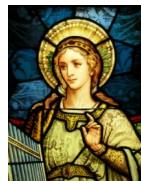
**St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Communion Antiphon:**  
 To be near God is my happiness to place my hope in God the Lord.

**Feast Days of the Week — 19th to 25th November**

19th St Obadiah, OT, Prophet (c800BC)  
 20th Bl. Josaphata Michaelina Hordashevskia (1869-1919), Founder of Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate  
 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 22nd St Cecilia (d 230AD), Patroness of Musicians  
 23rd St Columban (d615), Pope St Clement I  
 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions  
 25th St Catherine of Alexandria



In loving memory



**Craig Huckstepp**

21st November

**John Brodie**

25th November

**Jason Bentley**

25th November

# 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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**Parish Mobile:** 04 1735 5479 (Emergency only)  
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**Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540  
**Facsimile:** 02 4787 6143  
**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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

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



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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM:** Next Sunday, following the conclusion of the 9.30am Mass, this year's 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held in our parish hall. These annual gatherings are the most important to be convened by the parish each year, because tabled is to be a full audit (both financial and physical) of all that has occurred in our Sacred Heart Parish during the preceding financial year ended 30 June 2017.

If you want to know what we have done, where we are at or what plans for the future we have, this meeting will certainly be the place to find out!

As explained in last week's Bulletin, this year is also an election year at which half the council members will be retiring, to be replaced by an equal number, five in all, who, once elected, will take up their appointment as parish councillor from 1 January 2018. To date there are eight nominees according to Chairman David Buckley, so an election will need to be carried out during the AGM. Should you wish to add your name to those who have already offered their services to the parish in this capacity, you have until the end of today to do so as nominations close at that time. While each day is important in the life of every parish, it is especially so for this parish at this time.

A number of new strategies have been introduced during the past year and, undoubtedly, more will be adopted in the year ahead. This is your last opportunity to be part of that decision-making process during the next two years. Congratulations to those who have already nominated for election as Councillor; all parishioners are proud of you for "having a go".

**NEW PARISH PRIESTS FOR THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS:** One significant change that is to come into effect from 1 February 2018 affects the neighbouring "Katoomba" Parish with which we have always enjoyed a very close association. Following his retirement in September last, Father Ted Tyler has been temporarily replaced with one of my old friends, Father Eugene Szondi who, from the above date, is to take up a new appointment as Assistant Priest at St John Vianney Parish, Doonside. He will be replaced by two priests, **Rev. Carlos Walker IVE** and **Rev. John (Sean) Bradley IVE**. Rev. Carlos Walker IVE is also appointed to the position of Moderator of the Katoomba Parish. Their appointments are for six years dating from 1 February 2018.

We extend to our two new neighbouring priests every success, happiness, friendship and support in the years ahead in our Upper Blue Mountains community. May the Katoomba Parish thrive under their guidance through, and with, God's love and the wonderful support of their parishioners!

**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION:** As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, today the Parramatta Diocese launches the replacement for the old Diocesan Works Fund (DWF). Prior to the start of Mass, you will be verbally further introduced to this new fundraising vehicle for both parish and diocese. This will be followed by an introduction by Bishop Vincent on video which I have yet to see, to take the place of my normal homily. Immediately following the video there will be a special first collection taken up for the new Catholic Foundation, using the envelopes provided on the pews in front of you. As with the old DWF scheme, all funds collected will be distributed to/through Diocesan/parish charitable works in the Parramatta/Blue Mountains region. Please give what you can always in the knowledge that you will be assisting someone whose need is greater than yours.

**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.



**OTHER MATTERS: Catholic Weekly:** Don't forget to buy yours for a mere \$2.00 from our new brochure rack. I have no doubt that this will be a very special edition - well worth reading! **Lost & Found:** I still have a lady's watch waiting for its owner to claim. **God Bless! Father Bob**



**Come join us to prepare our hearts and reflect on ADVENT** - the Church season of anticipation, hope and waiting.

The day will be made up of input, reflection, and sharing, concluding with the Second Rite of Reconciliation (the Community Rite). It is an opportunity to be still, to pray and to catch up with one another before the Christmas season.

The day will commence at 10am for those attending Mass (tea and coffee will be served from 9.30am) and conclude around 2pm. Please bring your own lunch and your Bible.

Please RSVP by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November to

Frances Huckstepp or Michelle Davis to help us prepare.

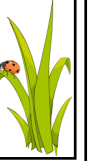
If you are not attending the reflection part of the day but want to avail yourself of reconciliation, it will commence at 1.30pm so please feel free to come along.

You are warmly invited to our last **TAIZE SERVICE** for 2017 **TODAY** from **5pm- 6pm** at Leura Uniting Church. The theme is '*Signs of reverence and peace*'. All are welcome at this special meditative time of singing, prayer and silence in the Taize tradition.

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

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Colette & Sean Lillis**  
23 years on 19th November  
**Tony & Maree Crawford**  
36 years on 21st November

**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.



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

**Happy Birthday**  
**Brian Bright ~ 19 November**

**SANCTUS SHOP** (in the arcade opposite St Canice's Church, 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!  
(Five weeks till Christmas!)

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS 24 NOVEMBER** - Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm-7.30pm for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

*Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness. (Mt 25:23)*