



Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 **A true shepherd**
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 **He must be king**
 Matthew 25:31-46 **Kingdom revealed**

Psalm Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

26 Nov Graham Adams
 3 Dec Pat Wicks

Readers

26 Nov	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
	Intercessions	David Buckley
3 Dec	1st Reading	Elaine Jackson
	2nd Reading	Basil Jackson
	Intercessions	Adrian Carroll

Communion

26 Nov Carla Endean & Robert Forbes
 3 Dec Monica & Brian Bright

Counters

26 Nov Laurie
 3 Dec Carla & Neil

Morning Tea

26 Nov Rasa Blansjaar
 3 Dec Dave Harris

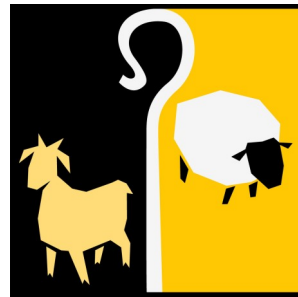
Church Care

1 Dec Julie Hodgkinson

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

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe
 Year A**

26th November 2017

Humility and charity figure largely as prerequisites for entry into Christ's Kingdom in this week's gospel reading. The chosen few might be surprised, since their humility and charity are habitual - so much part of their everyday living that they seem nothing special. 'Yes', they will say, 'of course I welcomed and fed that stranger - wouldn't anyone?' But the answer is *of course* no. There are still starving and homeless people in our world reminding us that we have a long way to go before selfless care for others is a matter of *course*.

*Reflection and Artwork
 by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)*



Feast Days of the Week — 26th November to 2nd December

26th Nov Feast of Christ the King
 27th St Maximus, Bishop (d460)
 28th St James of the March - Priest (1391-1476)
 29th St Saturninus, Bishop & Martyr (d257)
 30th St Andrew, Apostle - Feast
 1st Dec St Eligius, Bishop (590-660)
 2nd Bl. Maria Angela Astorch, Abbess, Capuchin Poor Clare (1592-1665)

Next Week
 Advent (Year B)
Stay Awake

Isaiah 63:16-17;
 64:1,3-8
 Psalm 79
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:33-37

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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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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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM: To be held in the Parish Hall immediately following today's Mass. Every effort has been made time-wise to limit this AGM for the convenience of all attending parishioners. Hence last Sunday's distribution of our parish performance reports for your early consideration prior to the AGM to help speed-up this most important meeting. Your council has gone to a lot of trouble to make this as user-friendly an event as possible, commensurate with imparting to you a full knowledge and appreciation of all the work our parish undertakes. You have much to be proud of in the work that you and others of our Sacred Heart 'family' have contributed this past year. So, please join us on this once-yearly occasion when a full reporting on parish activities is presented to you. Oh! By-the-way, morning tea will (as ever) be provided immediately before the AGM starts. See you there!

ADVENT: Our present Church year ends next Saturday, 2nd December. Sunday next heralds in the new Church Year, Year B (Sundays) and Year II (weekdays). New Church years seldom have the same starting date because Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St Andrew which is celebrated on 30th November. This year that date falls next Thursday. Advent has a twofold character - as a Season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's birth is remembered; and as a Season when that remembrance directs our hearts and minds to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is, therefore, a period of joyful penance and expectation. Kindly note that our Christmas/New Year Mass days and times will be detailed here next week.

ADVENT WREATH: As already stated, next Sunday is the beginning of the Season of Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'coming', so this is a time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Christ came to us as a baby in Bethlehem on the first Christmas. He comes to us in Word, grace, prayer and sacrament. He will also come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Christ comes in history, mystery and majesty. So, before the opening hymn begins during the next four Advent Sundays, we will light the Advent Candle and say a prayer in preparation for our Saviour's imminent arrival.

PRAYER TO JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: Let us, on this last Sunday of the Church Year, acknowledge the ultimate victory of our eternal King. The following prayer may assist in that regard:

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as Universal King.

All that has been made, has been created for you. Exercise all your rights over me.

I renew my Baptismal vows, and I promise to live as a good Christian.

In particular, I pledge myself to labour, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to you I offer my poor services,

Labouring that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Kingship,

And that the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.

OTHER MATTERS: Advent Reflection Day: Led by Michelle Davis, Frances Huckstepp and Fr Paul Hanna, this is a day to prepare for the coming of Christ. Please see full details elsewhere in this Bulletin.

VINNIES' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Will be made over the next two Sundays - 3rd and 10th December. Please give generously! ***God Bless! Father Bob***

Please note - Change of Date for Garage Sale will be held on 3 & 4 Feb 2018. More info to come. Our major Parish fundraising event, the Annual Huge Garage Sale



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

Saturday, 2nd December 10am to 2pm

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. Commencing 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 TODAY 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.

~ Christmas Hamper Raffle ~

Small books of tickets are available today (\$2.00 per ticket). On the notice board, there is also a list of suitable hamper items needed.

Fund Raising Committee

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Sue Gracey, Bill Grieves, Kevin Madden, Ray Phillips, Philia Portelli, Maria Slater and Roma Ziolkowski.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

A Christmas Cantata from the Romantic Age

~ Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger ~ Phoenix Choir performances

2nd Dec ~ St Hilda's Church Katoomba

3rd Dec ~ Uniting Church Blackheath

Tickets: \$25 Adult / \$20 concession

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VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2017

St Vincent de Paul Society Sacred Heart Blackheath Conference is humbled, and the people we assist are blessed by the generosity of this Parish. However, to assist financing our work for the disadvantaged, we are again holding our **Christmas Appeal TODAY and next Sunday, 10 December.** Homelessness is on the rise and while data from the 2016 Census has not been released yet, we know that in 2011, 105,000 people experienced homelessness; of these 17,000 were children under the age of 12 years. We anticipate the figures will have increased at last year's Census and be even worse this year.

Our Conferences report that more people are seeking our assistance. Between July 2016 to March 2017 almost 60% of the people we assisted were in housing stress, where their rent takes up more than 30% of their income. And this was before the July 2017 Energy price hikes. Too many families are

struggling as a result of circumstances beyond their control. This Christmas we want to restore some dignity to their shattered lives.

Envelopes can be found in the Church today and next Sunday 10 December. Parishioners are respectfully asked to donate any sum that they are able.

Karen Hayward, President,
St Vincent de Paul Society Sacred Heart Blackheath Conference.

SANCTUS SHOP *(in the arcade opp. St Canice's Church, Katoomba)*

In stock now - Advent Calendars and Advent Candles, 2018 TAN calendars, Christmas cards, tree decorations, children's books for Advent and Christmas, Nativity sets and so much more. 4 weeks till Christmas!