



Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 **A warning**
 1Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 **God's message**
 Matthew 23:1-12 **Practise what you preach**

Ps Response

In you,
 O Lord,
 I have found
 my peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! You have one
 Father, your Father in heaven;
 you have one teacher: the Lord
 Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

5 Nov Michelle Davis
 12 Nov Paul Harris

Readers

5 Nov	1st Reading	Emma Quartermaine
	2nd Reading	Barbara Grieves
	Intercessions	Paul Harris
12 Nov	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee

Communion

5 Nov Ray Wood & Robert Forbes
 12 Nov Monica & Brian Bright

Counters

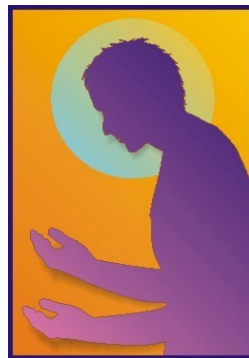
5 Nov Robyn & Adrian
 12 Nov Barbara & Bill

Morning Tea

5 Nov Claire Maguire
 12 Nov Christine O'Grady

Church Care

17 Nov Noeleen Cliff and Jennifer Milani



Thirty-First Sunday Year A

5th November 2017

'The greatest among you
 must be your servant' -
 this is a teaching repeated
 often in the scriptures.
 Humility is a key value
 of the Kingdom and is
 intrinsic to the gospel
 image of Jesus.

Reflection and Artwork
 by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)

Next Week: **Sensible preparation** Wisdom 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

In loving memory

Robert Graham ~ 6 November
Lewis Hodgkinson ~ 7 November
Melanie Hinklemann ~ 9 November


A VOCATION VIEW: *We must stop just putting band-aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God's people. God loves us and we were created to serve God, and others in God.*

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

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord,
 my God; be not far from me! Make haste and
 come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Communion Antiphon: You will show
 me the path of life, the fullness of joy
 in your presence, O Lord.

Feast Days of the Week — 5th to 11th November

5th	Sts Elizabeth & Zechariah (John the Baptist's parents)
6th	St Leonard of Noblac, Hermit (6th Century)
7th	St Englebert, Bishop & Martyr (1185-1225)
8th	Bl. John Duns Scotus, Priest (1265-1308)
9th	Dedication of St John's Lateran Arch Basilica (324) 
10th	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor (c400-61), Memorial
11th	St Martin of Tours, Bishop (315-97)

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

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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2016 CENSUS & CATHOLICISM IN OUR REGION: This census advises that Catholicism is the leading religion of Western Sydney and across many of its Local Government Areas (LGAs). Catholicism is the largest Christian group in Australia at 22.6% of the total population. In our Diocese, this rises to over 30% in some LGAs. In the next twenty years, the population is expected to grow further by a staggering 600,000 people. This means that in Blacktown, Penrith and Parramatta alone, hundreds of thousands of new people will call this area home.

Since 2006, our population has grown from 1,100,000 to a record 1,500,000 people. In the Parramatta region alone, it is estimated an additional 70,000 new homes will be built in the next twenty years. This growth is evident across the Diocese. Paddocks to homes on a massive scale are what is happening!

Please note that these excerpts are taken from an open letter to the people of our Diocese recently penned by Bishop Vincent, who is committed to following the lead of Pope Francis in making the Church in Parramatta the Church of the poor and the Church for the poor. Meeting the needs of our growing family and planning for future generations are two of his main priorities.

As the local, state and federal governments are already investing heavily in this region by building motorways, light rail, train lines and new airports, we too, as the Church in Parramatta need to invest in physical infrastructure to meet the need. Our mission, modelled on the servant leadership of Christ will be better served if we have the physical infrastructure in place to meet that need.

In the years ahead, there will be several new building and expansion projects undertaken by our Diocese. This will include Westmead, Marsden Park, Box Hill, school science park at Luddenham, new churches like Kenthurst, and other major projects that will be announced in due course.

Our Bishop also stated that we are 'not living in an era of change, but change of an era'. For us to be like Christ, the Good Shepherd, and to spread the message of Our Lord, we must also look at how the message of Christ can reach all, especially those on the margins and fringes of our society. Like any phase of growth, there will be challenges. Funding will be an issue, so too will the availability of land and the burden growth places on already stretched resources. Despite this, we have nothing to fear!

I ask that we all work together to ensure we can continue to be the face of Christ in order to meet that need we are now facing. I ask you to work with me as your servant leader, to overcome the challenges we will face so that we are able to be the face of Christ to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta. The population will boom and this region will grow. May the Holy Spirit forever guide us so that we are able to meet these new challenges and embrace this new era with faith, hope and love in the promise of Christ to be with us.

Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Known also as 'Poppy Day' - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Remembrance Day this year falls next Saturday. The Blackheath 9.00am Mass will be themed to this day, and from 10.45am we will lay a wreath at the Blackheath War Memorial. I will be officiating at Mt Victoria at the same time - 10.45am. Please take this as your personal invitation to be there. Lest we forget!

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.



MELBOURNE CUP: Best wishes and lucky horseshoes to all who enter into the spirit of this unique national event!

LOST & FOUND: We are still looking for the owners of the red money purse and the ladies watch. Yours? If so, kindly see me! **God Bless! Father Bob**

Discerning the need for a Pastoral Associate in our Parish ~ Sunday 12 November

A reminder to all parishioners - inviting you to join in a Community gathering after Mass on Sunday 12 November - to further discern the concept of employing a Pastoral Associate to assist Fr Bob and our many volunteers in the continued development and implementation of several important Pastoral Ministries across our Parish. Richard McMahon, Diocesan Director of Pastoral Planning and Implementation, will be leading us in this important conversation. Copies of the background information recently included with our Sunday Bulletin are available in the brochure stand.

Parish Annual General Meeting Sunday 26 November

- ♦ **Ministry Reports** - final reminder that all Ministry reports are due in the Office this coming week (**8th Nov**) - in readiness for the Parish AGM.
- ♦ **Parish Pastoral Council Elections** - Nominations close Sunday **19 Nov** - please see Fr Bob or any member of the current Council.

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.

Happy Birthday David Caplice
for 10th November



Welcome to baby **Aidan**, second darling son for **Amy & Brendan O'Keeffe** and little brother for **Seamus**.



MELBOURNE CUP Luncheon at The George

commences at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 7th November.

Please pay Diane on the day - \$35pp. Purchase your own drinks. Plenty of sweeps and lots of good company.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to 'Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy' (17 Days) for \$5,555 from 3rd-19th Sept, 2018 and 7 Days 'Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan'. Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv & Fr Jude CSSp. Contact for itinerary/info: fremmanuelstv@hotmail.com, 0417999553, (08) 93413079, (08)93413131; or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400759391, (03) 97899672.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

A Christmas Cantata from the Romantic Age

~ **Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger** ~
Phoenix Choir performances

2nd December ~ St Hilda's Church Katoomba

3rd December ~ Uniting Church Blackheath

Tickets: \$25 Adult / \$20 concession

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SAVE THE DATE
Reflection & Workshop
for Advent

Preparing our Hearts
for the coming of Christ

Date: Saturday 2 December

Time: 10am-2pm

Place: Parish Hall

More information to follow.