

Acts 2:1-11
Gal 5:16-25
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Psalm Response:
Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your
faithful, And kindle in them the fire of your
love. Alleluia

Servers

20 May Graham Adams
27 May Pat Wicks

Readers

20 May 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reading Barbara grieves
Intercessions David Buckley
27 May 1st Reader Patricia Dee
2nd Reader Claire Maguire
Intercessions Christa Buckley

Communion

20 May Monica & Brian Bright
27 May Ray Wood & Mary Roberts

Counters

20 May Marilyn Rowe
27 May Laurie Noyes

Morning Tea

20 May Connie Adams
27 May Rasa Blansjaar

Church Care

18 May Noleen Cliff

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

Entrance Ant: The love of God has been poured
into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling
within us, alleluia.

Communion Ant: On the last day of the festival,
Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let
him come to me and drink, alleluia

Feast Days of the Week (21st May to 26th May)

21st Mary Mother of the Church
22nd St Rita of Cascia (religious)
23rd St Michael the Confessor
24th Our Lady Help of Christians
25th St Bede the Venerable (priest and doctor)
26th St Philip Neri 1515-1595



**Pentecost Sunday
Year B**

20th May 2018

*In the readings for the feast
of Pentecost there are some
interesting connections be-
tween fire and water. In the
gospel for the Vigil the Spirit
is described as 'rivers of
living water' flowing out of
the hearts of believers. In the
Acts of the Apostles the ex-
perience of the Spirit was
likened to 'tongues of fire'. In
liminal moments like this,
when natural logic is con-
founded, the boundaries
between seeming opposites
are blurred and new mean-
ings emerge.*

Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)

Next Week:

Dt 4:32-34. 39-40 ; Rom 8:14-17 ;
Mt 28:16-20



In Loving Memory

25th Lorenzo Fusina

26th Thea Ellis

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy, contain-
ing a few books and toys, is available for
parents to use when young children are
restless.
*We hope this makes it easier for you and
your littlies.*

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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(Emergency only)

Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm

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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 Sunday of each month.
If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob;
Diana Landsberg (Chair); John Barclay (Deputy Chair) or Patricia Dee (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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GREAT FEAST DAYS ARE HERE: We are in the middle of those Sundays that are the truly great themes of Catholic life. First, today is the Feast of Pentecost in which we celebrate the descent of the Most Holy Spirit, the Advocate promised and sent by Jesus 50 days after his Resurrection. Pentecost Sunday is also the birthday of the Church! This day also concludes the Paschal period of Easter, as seen in the last featured appearance of the lighted Paschal candle today. From tomorrow, the Paschal candle will be returned to its traditional position close to the baptismal font. Tomorrow, we also return to Ordinary Time in the Church Year, that period which is anything but ordinary – which will continue to the end of this Church Year on Saturday, 1st December 2018, following the Feast of Christ the King.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, in which we are reminded of the omnipotence of our Triune God and his infinite love for us. Our attention is also drawn to the requirement for each Catholic to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Failure to abide by that obligation carries with it the taint of serious sin! So, it has to be action time for those who have yet to fulfil this obligation.

Then comes the Feast of Corpus Christi – the Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus Christ – that presents on Sunday week, 3rd June, 2018.

Finally, tomorrow (21st May), we celebrate for the first time the newly-declared Memorial Feast of “the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.” As we do not celebrate Monday Mass at Blackheath, I suggest that those interested attend Mass at St. Canice’s at Katoomba. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience that may cause you!

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: Last week, the Catholic Foundation launched its May appeal which supports our work of Faith, particularly our seminarians and their good works within the wider community. Seminarians supported include our young Michael Axiak who joined in 2016. Since then, Michael has been installed as an acolyte and does a lot of community work visiting the sick and housebound, and also brings them communion.

Michael, along with his fellow seminarian Calvin, also visits Rope’s Crossing Public School to provide catechesis to students and teach the faith. Thus, a gift for our seminarians is a gift to the wider community.

Please become an Ambassador of Faith today and donate a \$7 monthly gift – that’s less than \$2 per week. Donate today and sustain our works of faith across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. For more information, or to donate online, please visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au or call 02 8838 3482.

COMMISSIONING OF CATECHISTS: During today’s Mass, after the homily, our Special Religious Educators (Catechists) will be commissioned to carry out their indispensable teaching for this year (2018) in which you, also, are invited to support them in this valuable work by making the following commitment:

Celebrant: (To the other members of the parish present in the church)

My brothers and sisters, realizing that we all share in this ministry of Special Religious Education, do you pledge your support for these parishioners of ours

Taize Retreat ~ St Joseph’s Conference Centre, Tennyson Woods Ave, Perthville (near Bathurst) 11.00am Friday, May 25 to 3.00pm Saturday, May 26. Lead by Br Ghislain. Music lead by Trish Watts. Contact Carmen Beard ~ taizeretreatbathurst@gmail.com Ph: 6334 6407 (BH) or by phone 02 6334 6407

by God from out of our midst and commissioned by us as SRE’s in our parish religious education programme?

Community: We do!

Celebrant: Will you endeavour through prayer and witness to be ministers of God’s Word to each other, so that we may grow together in sharing in this work of the Lord?

Community: We will!

Celebrant: Let us continue with our liturgy, seeking our Father’s blessing on this work which we undertake.

Community: Amen.

STOP PRESS: Yesterday (Saturday, 19 May 2018), Blessed Oscar Romero, martyred in San Salvador on the 24th March, 1980, was canonized to full sainthood (to Saint Oscar Romero) in Rome by Pope Francis. More on this subject next week!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

Community Conversation with Refugees & Peoples Seeking Protection – Sunday 20 May 1.45 to 4.30pm

At our Mount Victoria and Blackheath Masses this weekend we extend a warm welcome to Zaki Hadari – a refugee from Afghanistan.

Along with Patrick, our very own refugee from Iran, Zaki will be telling his story at the Community Conversation being hosted by our Parish in the Blackheath Community Hall - TODAY (Sunday) – 1.45pm to 4.30pm.

This Conversation is part of the Diocesan Journey that Bishop Vincent launched late last year ...

‘Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection’.

It is not too late to come along!

PARISH ANNUAL LUNCH

This year there is a change of time, allowing parishioners who are unable to venture out in the evening, to join us for our annual parish lunch. To be held on Sunday 24 June in our parish hall, lunch will commence at midday, and will include a hot roast dinner, desert, and tea/coffee. In order to lock in a great price per person of \$20 we need to encourage 60 people to attend.

RSVP on the list on the notice board outside the church for all those interested in attending. As in previous years this function must be paid for in advance, and payments will be collected from 10th June.



Enquiries? Please see Marilyn or Patricia. Thank you

Please pray for the sick and their carers: Barry

Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Daisy Kiehl, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Barbara Grieves, Frank McKell, Marie Johnson, John Tweedie

Miss Pretty’s Tea Room this year will have an added attraction besides our wonderful cakes with tea or coffee.

We are selling ART, together with our fashion extravaganza. What we need from our wonderful parishioners is the ART to sell. If you have any framed art work of any value you don’t have space for, we WOULD LOVE IT FOR OUR COLLECTION. Please contact Marilyn or Patricia Dee if you need it picked up from your home. Alternately, bring it along any Sunday prior to July. This weekend supports various ministries within our parish.



ACCOMMODATION NEEDED ~ A single gentleman needs accommodation in the Blackheath area. If you can help please contact Fr Paul Hanna.