

Is 49:1-6 2
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66. 80

Psalm Response:
I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia

Servers

24 June Pat Wicks
1 July Graham Adams

Readers

24 June 1st Reader John Woodward
2nd Reader Barbara Grieves
Intercessions David Buckley
1 July 1st Reader Elaine Jackson
2nd Reader Claire Maguire
Intercessions Christa Buckley

Communion

24 June Monica and Brian Bright
1 July Michelle Davis & Mary Roberts

Counters

24 June Robyn & Adrian Carroll
1 July Barbara Grieves

Morning Tea

24 June Pamela Nash
1 July Pamela Scott/ Elizabeth Doolan

Church Care

29 June Marilyn Rowe & Noleen Cliff

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

Entrance Ant: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Communion Ant:
Through the tender mercy of our God,
the Dawn from on high will visit us.

Feast Days of the Week (25 June to 30 June)

25th St. Dominic Henares Bishop martyr of Vietnam
26th Bl Jane Gerald French nun and martyr
27th Our Lady of Perpetual Help
28th St Irenaeus Bishop & martyr
29th Sts Peter and Paul
30th First martyrs of the Holy Roman church



The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Year B

24 June 2018

John the Baptist is the greatest of the backroom boys in the Christian story. When the gospels were written, the significance of John's role as a herald and mentor came to the fore. In first century Palestine there may not have been parliamentary corridors for John the Baptist to strut, but his words and actions on the banks of the Jordan were powerful in recognising who was to follow, what the Christian faith would stand for and where it would head. (Homily by Richard Leonard)

Next Week:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 ;
2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy, which contains 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.

Birthdays

26th Marion Crowley
28th Louise Noyes



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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Office hours: Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
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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PARISH ANNUAL LUNCH: Well! At last the time has come for us to again celebrate together the annual excuse (as if we needed one!) for us to enjoy each other's company over a winter-style feast. Following this Mass, and our Sunday morning social, those sixty or so people who have committed to this Annual Parish Lunch for 2018 should assemble in the parish hall to share this low-cost (as distinct from 'cheap') \$20.00 scrumptious hot roast – a n d – delicious dessert, all washed down with the beverage of your choosing!

Why luncheon, and not dinner? 'cause, while evening dinners are great in their warm and cosy room perhaps heated by an open hearth fire, the truth is that outside the weather is too cold and dark for many of our older parishioners to attend. Hence the suggestion, for the very first time, to hold this year's get-together during the day! So we decided to 'give it a go' with thanks to Marilyn and her 'team' of volunteers for making it possible! Enjoy, everyone!

POPE'S WEEKLY PAR': Pope Francis, once again during his morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican, said that God does many things "to attract the hearts of his people. "Yet they remain unfaithful," he said. "This unfaithfulness of God's people," the Pope warned, is "also ours." It is our own infidelity, he said, which "hardens the heart, closes the heart!"

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: Next Sunday (1 July) is that one day of the year when we especially focus our attention on the indigenous, original inhabitants of this land. Our attention this day enables us to develop and present opportunities for us to do something extra to alleviate their sometimes desperate circumstances. The National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) represents Indigenous Catholics in Australia. That is the organisation responsible for supporting all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. So, work through NATSICC in whatever help you are able to provide for these neediest of people. Thank you in advance for that support! Fr. Robert Anderson who will be relieving me from next Sunday (1 July) up to and including 31 July (Tuesday), will be your pastor and all other July Masses and liturgies. Please take good care of him in my absence!

MORE ON MY 'BREAK': Two Bulletins back (10 June), I included a short item to re-introduce you to my relief, Fr. Robert. He knows the region very well, was parish priest at Katoomba for over a decade until 2004, and relieved me last year so that I could take my leave for the month of July – same time as this year! Fr. Robert and I have arranged for me to celebrate next Saturday's Mt. Victoria 6.00pm Vigil Mass, while he is to conduct next Sunday's Mass in this place. Then it's over to Fr. Robert for the rest of July!

Meanwhile, my intention is to travel to Geurie (near Dubbo) to unwind with family for a few days. Nothing much happens in Geurie! Then it's up the Newell Highway to Goondiwindi, across to Caboolture via Toowoomba (about 970 kms). Spend a couple of weeks with my elder cousin and ancient aunt (105th year), visit family at Redcliffe and Glasshouse Mountains and, finally, visit Brisbane city with

URGENT; A new Church cleaning roster is due shortly and as we are now down to just 3 dedicated teams I wondered if anyone might feel able to help out. We clean the Church fortnightly and all cleaning aids and products are provided. If you feel able to assist please call Julie on 47878096. Many thanks Julie.


remarkable St. Stephen's Catholic Cathedral. Then back to Geurie, Blackheath and Emu Plains for the last week of my holidays before returning to duty on the 1st August. There! Now you know as much as I do! However, be assured that I will be in irregular contact with Fr. Robert and Marilyn, and they with me should any problems arise! While I am away, Fr. Robert will be in residence in the presbytery, and will be conducting all the normal scheduled Masses as they fall due. Finally, thank you for taking such good care of me these past twelve months, also Fr. Robert this coming month.
God Bless! Fr. Bob

Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley,
Daisy Kielev, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater,
Rasa Blansjaar, Frank McKrell, Marie
Johnson, Trennah Portelli. .

MISS PRETTY'S TEA ROOM
There are only two weeks to go until July 7/8 when Miss Pretty's Tea Shop and Art Sale will be open. Come and be part of it! There will be Art and Fashion for sale together with lots of yummy cakes and extras. We still need more good quality CLOTHES and ART to sell. If you can donate any of these articles please bring them along NEXT Sunday. This weekend supports various ministries within our parish. Thank you.

2018 MARY MCKILLOP PILGRIMAGE ~ Commencing in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria and South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018. COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

WORKING BEE Wednesday 27th June from 8am. No mowing, but there are always jobs to be done to keep our grounds and buildings looking neat and tidy. Please come. Many thanks Lindsay and Lance.

PARISH ANNUAL LUNCH
Today is the day! If you haven't booked there are still places available at the tables.  We would love to see you. Speak to Marilyn after Mass and pay \$20.00 at the door at 12:00noon.

RETREATS: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville
Contact: 8795 3400
Email: retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
Lord, what do you want of me?
Presenter: Br Emmanuel Noel, OCD
Cost: \$250 (concessions apply)
When: July 6: 6:00 pm – July 8: 1:30 pm
Am I being called to the priesthood or the religious life? Should I remain single, or get married?
Mary, Beauty of Carmel
Presenter: Fr Ferdinand de la Cruz, OCD
Cost: \$30.00
When: July 7: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
(registrations from 900am and please remember to bring your own lunch).
Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am.
As listener to and the bearer of the Word made flesh, Mary is a model and a teacher.
Seeking a more intimate union with Jesus
Presenter: Bishop David Walker
Cost: \$750.00 (concessions apply)
When: July 9: 6:00 pm – July 15: 1:30 pm
How do I grow in my faith life?