

Am 7:12-15
Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13

Psalm Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 15th July 2018

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality. These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders. For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which reveals whether our wealth possesses us or not.
(Richard Leonard)

Next Week:
Jer 23:1-6 ; Eph 2:13-18 ;
Mk 6:30-34

In Memoriam:

9th Cecily O'Brien
12th John Forster
18th Keith Malkin
18th Fr Alex Sciberras
18th Ray Lee
19th John Briggs
20th Monica van Horen



Servers

15 July Pat Wicks
22 July Michelle Davis

Readers

15 July 1st Reader Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reader Pat Wicks
Intercessions David Buckley
22 July 1st Reader Elaine Jackson
2nd Reader Basil Jackson
Intercessions Patricia Dee

Communion

15 July Monica & Brian Bright
22 July Elizabeth Doolan, Carla Endean

Counters

15 July Laurie Noyes
22 July Carla & Neil Endean

Morning Tea

15 July Carroll Family
22 July Connie Adams

Church Care

13 July Lance & Julie Hodgkinson

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

Entrance Ant: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Communion Ant: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Feast Days of the Week ((15th July to 21st July))

16th Our Lady of Mt Carmel
17th St Charbel Lebanese holy man and hermit
18th St Julian Martyr
19th St. Felix of Verona Bishop & martyr
20th St Apollinaris Bishop & martyr
21st St. Lawrence of Brindisi Priest & doctor



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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Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm

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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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Plenary 2020 to Shape the Future of the Catholic Church in Australia

By Catherine Sheehan

The Church of their future in Australia will be shaped significantly by the upcoming Plenary, the first session of which will be held in 2020. Catholics might have heard about an event happening in two years' time in the Catholic Church in Australia called the Plenary Council 2020. They might be under the impression it's just another meeting of bishops to discuss various matters—something that will not greatly affect them or other ordinary Catholics. Well, it's not. It's actually a meeting of the entire Church in Australia, meaning everyone—bishops, clergy, religious and lay faithful—with the intention of shaping the future course of the Catholic Church in this country. And while it won't affect matters of doctrine, it will have legislative power to mould practices within the Australian Catholic Church. So, as a Catholic, the outcome of the meeting will most definitely affect you. In theory, everyone will be allowed a voice. The word "Plenary" simply means "entire" or "open". Through Plenary 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will determine its structures and strategies for the future. And this of course will affect its mission of evangelisation—how it will spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in a culture increasingly adverse to Christian values. There really couldn't be a more pressing matter of consideration for Catholics in Australia at this point in time. And this is a theme that Pope Francis has emphasised—how do we evangelise in a culture moving rapidly away from the Christian world view? "The way in which we locate ourselves in history has changed," the Pope has written. "Things we thought would never happen, or that we never thought we would see, we are experiencing now, and we dare not even imagine the future. That which appeared normal to us – family, the Church, society and the world – will probably no longer seem that way. We cannot simply wait for what we are experiencing to pass, under the illusion that things will return to being how they were before." The recent redefinition of marriage in Australia is a case in point. The culture we now live in - from a moral perspective - would be unrecognisable to someone living in 1937, when the Catholic Church in Australia held its last Plenary Council. Clearly, our current approach to explaining to the wider community the hope we have in us as Catholics is not working. The Plenary Council in 2020- as the highest form of communion possible between local churches and dioceses within a country - will actually determine Church legislation in Australia. According to Daniel Ang, a member of the Plenary Council Executive Committee, "Australian bishops, along with religious and lay delegates, will discuss, debate and develop legislation that will shape the Church for generations to come." So this is no mere talk-fest. It will have real impact. How will the Plenary Council unfold? 2018 is a "Year of Listening". Local "Animators" will be trained to facilitate "Open Dialogue and Listening Sessions" within their local parishes and faith communities. These sessions will be guided according to broad themes. Participants are invited to "Listen to God by listening to one another." During 2019 - a "Year of Discerning" - there will be a "Discernment and Re-Listening" period and summary reports from the local listening and dialogue sessions will be written up to form the agenda for the actual Council.

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..

And finally, 2020, the "Year of Proposing," will see the first of two sessions of the Plenary Council take place in October. During the second Plenary session the Australian bishops will vote on proposed legislation. The idea behind the process is that the faith of the faithful—the "sensus fidelium"—will be discerned and then acted upon by the bishops.

*For more information about the Plenary Council 2020: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
Catholic Weekly journalist Catherine Sheehan is an experienced writer who has previously*

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS

These booklets are a daily Catholic devotion delivered to our parish every three months. If you would like to subscribe there is a small charge of \$15 a year. Please see Jan or Marilyn

COSMOLOGY SPIRITUALITY MORNING

The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on 20th July 10 am till noon. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. New friends are very welcome. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

PARISH HOUSE LANDLINE

Due to NBN, the parish house phone will be disconnected on August 10th and replaced with a new mobile number. If anyone has a spare mobile phone and charger could they donate it for the house, please, to save us the expense of purchasing a new mobile? Thank you! Fr. Bob

PLANNED GIVING!

To meet our parish quotas with the Diocese, we are again thanking you for your past support and we look forward to your continued support. John Tweedie (Chair - Finance Committee) will address us after Mass on 15th July. See insert to register.

WORKING BEE ~ Friday 27 July, from 8am. No mowing to do now but there are always jobs to be done to keep our grounds and buildings looking neat and tidy. Please join us if possible. Many thanks Lindsay and Lance.

MISS PRETTY'S TEA ROOM

In spite of the terrible weather lots of people attended Miss Pretty's Tea Shop last weekend. \$1695.00 was raised. Thank you for the generous contributions from all who cooked cakes, donated goods or helped in any way to make the days a success.

STAMPS, CARDS & CORKS ~ Please save all your old stamps, cards and corks. Julie O'Keefe is collecting them to help finance an orphanage in Africa. Please discard the backs of the cards and place them, with corks and used stamps into the box at the back of the church for collection. Thank You.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

19th Christa Buckley



Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Daisy Kiehl, Kevin Madden, Maria Slat-ter, Rasa Blansjaar, Frank McKrell, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Ray Wood.