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2 Kgs 4:42-44
 Eph 4:1-6 ; Jn 6:1-15

Psalm Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us;
 he answers all our needs”

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
 I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Servers
 29 July Graham Adams
 5 Aug Michelle Davis

Readers
 29 July 1st reader Patricia Dee
 2nd Reader ClaireMaguire
 Intercessions David Buckley
 5 Aug 1st Reader John Woodward
 2nd reader Barbara Grieves
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion
 29 July Paul Harris, Michelle Davis
 5 Aug Monica & Brian Bright

Counters
 29 July Pamela & John
 5 Aug Julie & Lance Hodgkinson

Morning Tea
 29 July Dave Harris
 5 Aug Christine O’Grady

Church Care
 27 July Pat & Phil Wicks

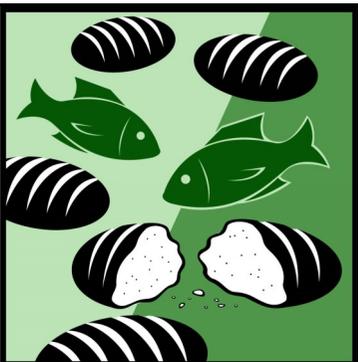
St Paul’s Mt Victoria & St Joseph’s Megalong Valley

Entrance Ant: God is in his holy place,
 God who unites those who dwell in his house;
 he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Communion Ant: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and never forget all his benefits.

Feast Days of the Week (30th July to 4th August)

30th	St Peter Chrysologus	Bishop and Doctor
31st	St Ignatious of Loyola	Wrote Spiritual Exercises
1st	St Alphonsus of Liguori	Founder of Redemptorists
2nd	St. Peter Julian Eymard	priest
3rd	St Dominic	Priest
4th	St John Vianney	Cure of Ars (Patron of Parish Priests)



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
 29th July 2018

Jesus, is referring to himself as the fulfilment of all appetites, where we will never be hungry or thirsty again. Appetites are important things. They demand regular attention. Jesus alerts us to our spiritual appetites. These are the needs we have for Him, for meaning and purpose, for faith, hope and love. If we ignore these appetites we can lose sight of where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going. (Richard Leonard)

Next Week:
 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 ; Eph 4:17, 20-24
 Jn 6:24-35

Happy Anniversary
4th Aug Julie and Lance Hodgkinson (1979)

In Memoriam:
 2nd Chris Commens
 6th Madge Carey
 (Monica Bright’s mother)
 7th Flo Gillette
 7th Dellas Holmwood

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

Administrator: Father Bob Sheridan
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 (Emergency only)
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Parish Office: 02 4787 8540
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Office hours: Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
 Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
 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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A Pope who is not afraid of open discussion and even dissent in the Church
Extract from an article by Sr Mary Fermio RSJ and Sr Audrey Thomson RSJ

“The Vatican II document, Gaudium et Spes, states that “the Church seeks but a solitary goal: to carry forward the work of Christ Himself under the lead of the Spirit”. How is the church to do this? “To carry out this task, the Church has always had the duty of scrutinising the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. We must, therefore, recognise and understand the world in which we live, its expectations, its longings and its often dramatic characteristics.” (GS, 4)

The Church cannot carry out this mandate unless it offers its members an opportunity to articulate what is in their hearts and minds and the reality of their lives. The invitation to take part in the Plenary Council offers all in the Church a wonderful opportunity to be in dialogue with all Catholics – lay, Religious and clerics – across Australia. It can enable all to have a voice in determining how we can restore relevance to the Church in our society – a relevance which has been tarnished and greatly diminished by scandals, cover-ups and other factors which have caused many to feel alienated and without hope.

The Plenary Council Website states: “Together we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. We invite all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Your voice is needed – join in.” The important question we are asked to ponder and respond to is: “What do you think God is asking of the Church in Australia today?”

First and foremost, this question is a reminder that no matter who or where we are, whether we are active in ministry or the workforce, or in retirement, each of us is the Church and each of us has a responsibility for the life of the Church.We are called to “be on mission to our last breath” as was St Mary MacKillop – and here is a wonderful opportunity for us all. In an article in The Swag, retired Bishop Pat Power states: “The unique gifts of women should not prevent the issue (the question of the role of women in the Church) being further examined. The unique gifts of women need to be brought to the fore in every aspect of the life and mission of the Church.” (The Swag; Vol 26, No 2, Page 29).

Archbishop Tim Costelloe of Perth calls us to listen to each other. Listening seems to be the main focus of this Council and unless Bishops listen to the voice of the people, the Church will continue to lose ground, to have people turn away dissatisfied with the leadership and the spirituality offered to them. Many are now leaving their parishes to find expressions of their spirituality elsewhere and abandoning the local Church that had previously welcomed and nourished them. The Plenary Council is a positive step and it is essential that we participate and use our wisdom, talents and experience to contribute to this significant event in the history of the Australian Church. So let us pray each day for all the people of Australia that they we will “listen to the whisperings of God in our own hearts”

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

(Mary MacKillop) and take the leap in faith and send in ideas, suggestions and thoughts so that the Plenary Council 2020 will bring about the desired and necessary renewal of our Church in Australia.”

Our Diocese is holding information and training sessions to offer participants a broad understanding of what Plenary 2020 is all about and how we can participate. Furthermore resources and training will be offered to equip participants with the confidence and tools they need to engage others in Plenary 2020.

- Monday, 30 July 2018 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm St Patrick’s Church Blacktown
- Sunday, 5 August 2018 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm Institute for Mission Blacktown. RSVP as soon as possible as places are filling up fast, to Marisa mari.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

Coffee Capers on 1st August, 12 noon at Kay’s Kitchen, Blackheath Golf Club. Contact Elizabeth on 47875537.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Benedictine Spirituality Morning ~ The next Benedictine Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on 3 August from 10 am till noon. The Rule of Benedict for Beginners pp.37 to 43 “Contact with Sources of Value” will be discussed. Morning Prayer, quiet time and morning tea will be included. New friends are very welcome. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank McKrell, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Ray Wood.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre ~ August retreats. Mt Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville 02 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com www.carmelite.com.au Knowing peace beyond understanding When: Aug 4: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Presenter: Cathy Kennedy Cost: \$30.00 Bring your own lunch. Pickups from Minto train station at 9.30am and 10.00am.

Father Robert is leaving us after Mass on Sunday. We are very grateful for the wonderful friendship he shares and service he has done for us during Father Bob’s absence. We wish him well and we will always welcome him back at any time. There will be no Tuesday night Mass this week but Wednesday morning Mass will be as usual.

NEW PLANNED GIVING envelopes are now at the back of the Church ready for collection.

If you DO NOT already donate and would like weekly envelopes, please fill out a form at the back entry of the church and someone from the Office will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you to all who already support our Parish by contributing through the envelopes.

- Creative Prayer time ~
- When: 4th Fridays 10.00am—
- 12.00am
- Where: Santa Maria Hall, Lawson
- Facilitator: Sr Veronica sgs
- Cost: \$5 donation