

Ez 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6

Psalm Response: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
8th July 2018

Mark 6:1-6, describes Jesus' return to his hometown Nazareth. He is accompanied by his disciples, When on the sabbath day Jesus begins to teach in the synagogue, his former townsfolk are amazed at the authority and wisdom of his words. In a sense they ask the right question, 'Where did the man get all this?' But the contemptuous tone ('the man') already signals rejection. Had they pondered a little longer on the 'where' (or 'whence'), they might have begun to arrive at the right solution: that the authority and wisdom Jesus is displaying comes from his empowerment with the Spirit of God (Mark 1:10). . (Brendan Byrne)

Next Week:
Amos 7:12-15
Ep 1:3-14, Mk 6:7-13

In Memoriam:

8th Leonard Kirkham
11th Eric Noble



Birthdays

10th Robyn Carroll
12th Dave Harris



Servers

8 July Paul Harris
15 July Ray Wood

Readers

8 July 1st Reader Monica Bright
2nd Reader Brian Bright
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
15 July 1st Reader Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reader Pat Wicks
Intercessions David Buckley

Communion

8 July Elizabeth Doolan & Graham Adams
15 July Monica & Brian Bright

Counters

8 July Marilyn Rowe
15 July Laurie Noyes

Morning Tea

8 July Vinnie;s Winter Appeal—In Hall
15 July Carroll Family

Church Care

13 July Lance & Julie Hodgkinson

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

Entrance Ant: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth: your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Ant:

Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Feast Days of the Week ((8th July to 13th July))

8th St. Grimbald
9th St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions
10th Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz
11th St. Benedict of Nursia
12th St. John Gaulbert
13th St. Henry



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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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

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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

Recently Deceased: Bernard Glasheen

Richard Gale -brother of Peter Gale

Confirmation

Sunday 16th
September 9.30am with
Most Reverend Vincent
Bishop of



PARISH HOUSE LANDLINE

Due to NBN installation, the parish house phone will be disconnected on August 10th and replaced with a mobile number (to be advised). Does anyone have a spare mobile phone and charger they would like to donate 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.

SEA SUNDAY: Today we are encouraged to support those engaged in the transportation of goods and people around the globe. Over 1.2 million seafarers are currently employed in this work, worldwide! Their activities involve not only the transportation of goods into Australia, but, as well, their export from Australia to the rest of the world. Seafarers are important for our economy and our balance of payments. These people are not just a number or a commodity waiting to be exploited! They are real human beings who spend much of their lives at sea, away from home, family and friends. Contrary to popular belief, most are not well paid! In light of the above, we are asked to pray for the wellbeing of all seafarers and the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris). To assist in this regard, a leaving collection will be made after the 9.30am Mass today.



MORNING TEA

Today in the Hall.
Come on down and enjoy a Devonshire tea, cakes, etc. for \$5.50 a serve.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

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