

BOOK

1 Kgs 19:4-8
Eph 4:30 - 5:2 ; Jn 6:41-51

Psalm Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Servers
12 Aug Michelle Davis
19 Aug Grahame Adams

Readers
12 Aug 1st Reader Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reader Claire Maguire
Intercessions Elaine Jackson
19 Aug 1st Reader Monica Bright
2nd Reader Brian Bright
Intercessions John Woodward

Communion
12 Aug Carla Endean & Mary Roberts
19 Aug Elizabeth Doolan & Michelle Davis

Counters
12 Aug Robyn & Adrian Carroll
19 Aug Barbara Grieves

Morning Tea
12 Aug Christine Burke
19 Aug Monica Bright

Church Care
10 Aug Sue Gracey & Peter Ofner

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

Entrance Ant: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Ant: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Feast Days of the Week (13 August - 18 August)

13th Sts Pontian pope, martyr & Hippolytus priest, martyr
14th St Maximillian Mary Kolbe Martyr 1941
15th ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
16th St Stephen of Hungary
17th St. James the Deacon Italian monk
18th St Evan Scottish hermit



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
12th August 2018

'Flesh and blood' is a common way of characterising a human being. When applied to Jesus, it is a proclamation of the Incarnation. It also calls to mind the victim of sacrifice that is first slaughtered (flesh and blood) and then shared at a cultic meal (food and drink). The living God whom Jesus calls Father is the source of this life; Jesus already enjoys this life because of his intimate union with God; and believers already enjoy it because they feed on Jesus, who is the bread of life.
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Next Week:
Prv 9:1-6 ; Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy is available for parents to use when young children are restless. . We hope this makes it a little easier for you and

In Memoriam:

15th Francis Doyle

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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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 shbhheath2@bigpond.com

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 www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Community-Blackheath-NSW-Australia-153850768029631/

On the 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

Although some scholars insist there is no historical data to prove the historical fact of the Assumption, apart from faith there is also strong and reasoned data to support the event.

Firstly at no time in history has Christendom venerated a grave or tomb of the Blessed Virgin.

Until the 5th century of Christianity there was not even a legend concerning her place of burial.

There is absolutely no relic of Our Lady's body in existence; nor has any person or city ever claimed possession of such a relic. From the earliest times of the Church, the faithful venerated the remains of the Saints. Relics of the Apostles and of thousands of martyrs are preserved in shrines and caskets. The sacred remains of Mary could not have been lost or neglected.

In the first sixteen centuries of Christianity no reputable theologian or school of theology ever questioned the dogma of the Assumption.

In addition there was also the solid and deep-rooted conviction among the first Christians that something extraordinary happened to Our Lady at the moment of her departure from this life. This found expression in writings, sermons, devotional practices, and prayers to Mary "assumed into heaven", and was followed by churches, religious orders, cities and nations across the world dedicating or consecrating to her under the title of Assumption.

The Assumption of Mary Feast Day dates back to earliest Christian times. The feast day of this holy and momentous event stems from the middle of the 5th Century when the Commemoration of the Mother of God was celebrated each year on 15 August in a shrine located near Jerusalem. More than 100 years later, the feast also commemorated the end of Mary's sojourn on earth and was known as the "Dormition of Our Lady."

The feast was introduced to Rome in the 8th Century by Pope Sergius and from there it spread rapidly throughout western Europe, with Pope Hadrian later giving the Feast Day its official name as the Assumption of Mary towards the end of the Century.

BISHOP VINCENT TO VISIT: Bishop Vincent is to make an overnight visit to this parish on the weekend of 25th and 26th of August – a few weekends from now! His itinerary is as follows:-

Saturday Aug 25	4.00pm	Arrive at Blackheath
	4:30—5:30	Explore Megalong Valley
	6:00pm	Mass at Megalong
		Followed by private dinner and overnight stay at Presbytery in Blackheath
Sunday Aug 26	9:30am	Mass at Blackheath
	10:30am	Parish morning tea in the hall to meet everyone and to have a chat.

It would be good if some people were able to come to Mass at St Joseph's Megalong on Saturday night to boost the numbers. Also we need lots of yummy delicacies to welcome the Bishop to Blackheath at the morning tea on Sunday. Come on you great cooks!

Fr Bob will return to the Parish on Tuesday next week. He is fine - just can't drive yet. Thanks Fr Paul for stepping into the breach and celebrating the Eucharist at Megalong and Blackheath this weekend.

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.

Cosmology Spirituality Morning ~ Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday 17th August 10 am till noon. Chapter 5 "Digging God Out" of A New Harmony by Philip Newell will be our subject for discussion. 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

Masses for the Feast of the Assumption will be at 9:00am and 7.00pm on Wednesday as it is a Holy day of Obligation. Anyone needing a lift to mass please contact the Care Group on 4787 8732.

In response to the many generous and concerned communities hearing the call to reach out in the current drought crisis, especially to rural and farming communities, St Vincent de Paul have launched a drought appeal. Donations can be made here - <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate#!>

There will be a visiting choir singing at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday August 26. "Achoired Sound" will be in Blackheath as part of the choir festival. Welcome!

Wednesday 15 August there will be a Working Bee held from 8am. Council has ordered the removal of weeds on the property so help with this would be much appreciated. Also it would be good to have the grounds looking their best for Bishop Vincent's visit. Join us if possible. Many thanks Lindsay and Lance.