

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

Psalm Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Servers
5 Aug Michelle Davis
12 Aug Pat Wicks

Readers
5 Aug 1st Reader John Woodward
2nd reader Barbara Grieves
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
12 Aug 1st Reader Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reader Claire Maguire
Intercessions Elaine Jackson

Communion
5 Aug Monica & Brian Bright
12 Aug Carla Endean & Mary Roberts

Counters
5 Aug Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
12 Aug Robyn & Adrian Carroll

Morning Tea
5 Aug Christine O'Grady
12 Aug Christine Burke

Church Care
10 Aug Sue Gracey & Peter Ofner

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

Entrance Ant: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.
Communion Ant: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Feast Days of the Week (6 August - 11 August)

6th The Transfiguration of the Lord
7th St Sixtus II, pope, martyr and companions, martyrs
8th St Mary of the Cross MacKillop , Australian saint
9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross virgin, martyr
10th St Lawrence, martyr of the Church of Rome
11th St Clare, founder of the Poor Clares



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
5th August 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.' That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation. (Michael Tate)

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

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy is available for parents to use when young children are restless.

In Memoriam:

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 **Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540
Parish House: 0455 104 994.
Parish Mobile: 0417 355 479 **Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
(Emergency only) Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
E-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com 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/>

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

5TH AUGUST 2018:

BACK TO 'NORMAL': Didn't July come and go so quickly – at least for me, it did! My family is going great guns, including my ancient Aunt! Inland (Dubbo, Narrabri, Moree, Goondiwindi and the rest of North West NSW) the drought tragedy is all-consuming. They really do need our prayers – NOW!

So:-

“Dearest Creator God, provider of all our needs in this world, we humbly thank you for your compassion and generosity in providing everything we are and have, including the soil we till and the water we use to grow the food that enables us to survive in your magnificent created living world.

We know that without water neither human nor animal can survive, for nothing can grow in a waterless land such as we are experiencing at present. Lord, we humbly implore you to intervene and bring to an end this catastrophic drought that is causing so much heartache and hardship, especially for so many of our country cousins. Please help us to assist them through your love for them and us and our prayers to you. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

As for me, I am well rested and rearing to go!

However, I would also be greatly remiss if I didn't abundantly thank Fr. Robert Anderson for his voluntary stoic mid-winter work with you. And I thank each of you for looking after Fr. Robert so well during my absence. He must like it here because he has already agreed to stand-in for me this time next year! How about that!

NEXT WEEK: You may recall that, before I went on leave, I indicated that I would be having a cataract removed from my left eye upon my return. Well! I confirm that next Tuesday (7th August) this operation is to take place at Epping. I expect to be out of action until the following Saturday (11th August) when I will celebrate both the Saturday Vigil Mass at Megalong Valley (6pm) and the usual 9.30am Sunday Mass at Blackheath. Sad to say that under these circumstances, there will be no weekday Masses next week. After that, however, its back to the normal routine. Sorry for the inconvenience, everyone!

NBN & US: By the time you read this, the NBN will take over our phones within this parish. We may have a verbal report for you at the end of Mass as to the overall picture. However, I can tell you that the presbytery phone (4787 8811) is to be disconnected forthwith. Do not use this number again, please! Taking its place will be a mobile phone whose number is –

0455 104 994.

That mobile will be permanently located within the presbytery. Once I learn how it works, I am told that messages may left on this service. So, let's give it a go and see what happens!

BISHOP VINCENT TO VISIT: Late this (Wednesday) afternoon, Bishop Vincent's PA arranged with me for Bishop Vincent to make an unscheduled overnight visit to this parish on the weekend of 25th and 26th of August – a few weekends from now! No details as yet, except that the Bishop will be celebrating the Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's in the Megalong Valley. He will then stay overnight in the presbytery, lead the 9.30am Blackheath Sunday Massand that's all I know at this time! This is the visit Bishop Vincent promised during his first visit here quite some time back. So let's make him welcome in our usual friendly fashion. I may have more information in time for today's Mass.

God Bless! Fr. Bob

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6th Maree Crawford
10th Adrian Carroll (1954)
10th Marie Johnston
11th Phil Wicks



SAVE THIS DATE ~ You are invited to a function celebrating the first 12 months of our Diocesan journey - *Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection.*

12-00noon to 2.30pm Saturday 8 September (Venue to be advised)

Light lunch to be provided

Program includes review of achievements so far, current challenges and discerning “what next”.

NEW PLANNED GIVING envelopes are now at the back of the Church ready for collection. Thank you to the new parishioners who have decided to use our **DIRECT DEPOSIT FACILITY**. Please ensure that in the Reference column you enter your **ENVELOPE NUMBER**. This has not been done with the two new deposits, meaning that we cannot allocate funds to the correct parishioners. If this is you please see Marilyn Rowe. Thanks

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 the bishop's visit. Join us if possible. Many thanks Lindsay and Lance.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop
2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018.

COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email nation-