

**TODAY** Dt 4:1-2. 6-8  
 Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 ; Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

**Psalm Response:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

**Servers**  
 2 Sept Michelle Davis  
 9 Sept Pat Wicks

**Readers**  
 2 Sept 1st Reader Christa Buckley  
 2nd Reader David Buckley  
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
 9 Sept 1st Reader John Woodward  
 2nd reader Barbara Grieves  
 Intercessions David Buckley

**Communion**  
 2 Sept Paul Harris & Pat Wicks  
 9 Sept Monica & Brian Bright

**Counters**  
 2 Sept Laurie Noyes  
 9 Sept Carla & Neal Endean

**Morning Tea**  
 2 Sept Mary Batty  
 9 Sept Jan Roberts

**Church Care**  
 7 Sept Marilyn Rowe & Noleen Cliff

**St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley**  
**Entrance Ant:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Communion Ant:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**Feast Days of the Week ( 3 September to 8 September)**

3rd	St Gregory the Great	Pope & spiritual writer
4th	St. Hermione	prophetess and martyr
5th	St. Charbel	Maronite martyr
6th	Bl. Thomas Tsughi	Japanese martyr
7th	St. Eustace	Papal legate
8th	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	



**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
 2nd September 2018  
*The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite. © Dianne Bergant CSS*

**Next Week:**  
 Is 35:4-7 ; Jas 2:1-5  
 Mk 7:31-37

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
 5th Diane Stewart  
 8th Lance Hodgkinson

**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 your littlies.**

# 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.*

<b>Blackheath</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
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
<b>Mount Victoria</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>

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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 [shbheath2@bigpond.com](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

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**FATHER'S DAY:** Today is that one day each year when we take time out to formally recognise and show our appreciation for the unique person that our fathers are in our lives. Mostly, we just take their presence among us for granted, including all the odd jobs they do around the home. On this day, every family has the opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to our dads for the love and support they give us. God Bless our Dads – and we will, via this special Father's Day Blessing to be shared at the end of today's Mass!

**FATHER'S DAY BLESSING:** "ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, YOUR FATHERLY TENDERNESS NEVER CEASES TO PROVIDE FOR OUR NEEDS.

**WE ASK YOU TO BESTOW ON THESE FATHERS THE RICHES OF YOUR GRACE TO SANCTIFY THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

**MAY THEY BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR COMMANDMENTS, CARE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES, ENOBLE THIS WORLD BY THEIR LIVES AND REACH THE HOME YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THEM IN HEAVEN.**

**WE ASK YOU TO BLESS THEM + IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN."**

**BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY:** The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese is being held this weekend September 1-2.

A third collection will be held at each Mass, after the Gospel and before the Homily. Special envelopes are available in your pew for you to use. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish, you can make online contributions at [csfparra.org.au](http://csfparra.org.au) using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No. 01691 in the name of the CSF with reference to your name, and send e-mail to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your details.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2019.

Thank you for your generosity.

**CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, 9th September, is Child Protection Sunday throughout the Australian Catholic Church and the wider community. The Sunday concludes Child Protection Week celebrated across this nation. As has become the custom each year, the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. The work of safeguarding and protecting minors and other vulnerable people is ongoing and of the highest priority for the Diocese of Parramatta.

When the Australian Prime Minister offers the response of the Commonwealth

Afternoon Capers ~ will be at Lithgow Palace Chinese Restaurant 59 Main Street Lithgow at 12 pm 5th September. All welcome. If you need a lift phone Diane 4787 1357.

Government in Parliament on October 22 to the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, we pray it may bring a further sense of how we, both as a Church and as a Nation have faced the terrible truth that we failed our children, but also as a nation we have now embarked on a new path.

**BISHOP VINCENT LONG'S PASTORAL VISIT REVIEW:** What an extraordinary weekend! By any criteria, this was a most exhilarating and successful stay by our bishop who, as our Diocesan leader, enabled us to flawlessly present/promote the cause of both migrants and refugees within the framework of two Masses – the first St Joseph's Church in Megalong Valley (Saturday Vigil); the second, the remarkable Blackheath 9.30am Sunday Mass, both near-full congregations. Bishop Vincent, three priests (one from Timor), a visiting choir plus our own music group including a Pat Drummond solo, unique Intercessions involving local parishioners from worldwide origins, social interaction (especially involving Bishop Vincent and many visitors), a meal and other refreshments, accommodation plus some serious discussion and questioning. This was, and will ever remain a most impressive gathering/sharing with and for Christ and all that he seeks from us on behalf of our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. Absolutely superb, everyone!



**WORKING BEE - THANK YOU: SINCERE THANKS** to all those parishioners who came out on Wednesday morning to help move the green waste from the church grounds. Thanks also to those parishioners and their friends and neighbours who offered us room in their green bins. It was a great effort all round and saved the parish the considerable expense of engaging private contractors and paying tipping fees. BUT despite filling 19 bins, we still have some more waste to get rid of. We will be reconvening on WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER at 8am to finish to job. So again please bring your gardening gloves, secateurs and loppers. Hopefully by then you might even need a sun hat. If you can help us finish the job, please contact: Lance Hodgkinson (47878096) or David Buckley (0400208707)

#### *In Memoriam*

1st Lily Hanna 2010  
3rd Philomena Drummond  
5th Bernie Tierney  
8th Ray Thomas



*Please pray for the sick and their carers:* Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank McKrell, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli.

#### **Benedictine Spirituality Morning**

The next Benedictine Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday September 7 from 10 am till noon. The Rule of Benedict for Beginners pp 45 to 57 "Benedictine Leas-ership" will be discussed. Morning Prayer, quiet time and morning tea will be included. New friends are very welcome. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

