

TODAY
 Wis 2:12, 17-20
 Jas 3:16 - 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Psalm Response: The Lord upholds my life

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Servers
 23 Sept Paul Harris
 30 Sept Michelle Davis

Readers
 23 Sept 1st Reader Patricia Dee
 2nd Reader Pat Wicks
 Intercessions John Woodward
 30 Sept 1st Reader Christa Buckley
 2nd Reader David Buckley
 Intercessions Paul Harris

Communion
 23 Sept Elizabeth Doolan, Graham Adams
 30 Sept Brian & Monica Bright

Counters
 23 Sept Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
 30 Sept Robyn & Adrian Carroll

Morning Tea
 23 Sept Claire Maguire
 30 Sept Rasa Blansjaar

Church Care
 21 Sept Lance & Julie Hodgkinson

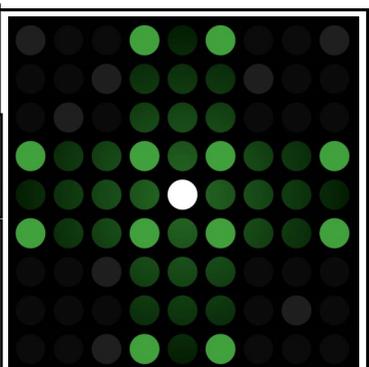
St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Ant: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Communion Ant: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Feast Days of the Week (24th to 29th September)
 24th Sept St. Gerard Sagredo Patron saint of Hungary
 25th Sept St. Finbar Irish Bishop
 26th Sept St Cosmos & Damian martyrs
 27th Sept St Vincent de Paul Priest
 28th Sept St Wenceslaus martyr
 29th Sept Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael archangels

Saints



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
 23rd September 2018

Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least.

Today's Gospel tells us that those who deserve our attention and esteem are the ones who are the least, the most at risk or those who put their talents and gifts at their service by making the world a better place for them. Just as he did in the market place of Galilee when he took the children in his arms, Jesus has a habit of turning our world's values upside down

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Next Week:
 Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6 ;
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 26th Claire Maguire 

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
 29 John & Marion

IN LOVING MEMORY
 25th Ivan Naraj 

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 Mobile: 0417 355 479 **Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
 (Emergency only) Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
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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 shbheath2@bigpond.com

Website: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Today is Social Justice Sunday. The 2018 - 2019 Statement, titled *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*, is a response to the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. It seems hard to believe that in a rich nation such as ours, the latest Census figures show that the number of Australians who are homeless has grown to more than 116,000. House prices and even rents are spiralling out of reach of too many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they are employed. For those living on pensions or allowances, finding secure housing can be a far greater challenge – one that often takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and mental health.

The Scriptural basis of this year's Statement is Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30 – 35), about the outsider who stops to help a man in desperate need, takes him to safety and pays for his care.

The Statement examines the extent of Australia's homelessness and housing crisis. It emphasises that secure housing is a human right and an incontestable public good, affirmed by both Catholic teaching and the Declaration of Human Rights. In concluding, it issues a challenge to government, to Church and community and to us as individuals to bring about change and reform.

Copies of the Statement are available for download on the websites of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference (www.catholic.org.au) and the Australian Social Justice Council (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies will be available in the church when received.

SCHOOL'S OUT: School holidays begin at the end of this coming week (Friday, 28/9) and will continue until Monday (15/10) when term four will then carry through until the Christmas break commencing Thursday, 20/12/18. Please, everyone, with so many children about during this holiday time, take extra special care to ensure the safety of all.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Yes! Summer is just around the corner! This year daylight saving begins next Sunday morning (long weekend - (30/9)) when all timepieces are to be wound forward one hour from 2am which then becomes 3am. Don't forget to put the clock forward that one hour before you go to bed, otherwise Mass will be over by the time you get here. That is providing I don't forget!

Come summer's end, daylight saving will end next year at 3am on Sunday morning 31st March 2019. Also note that Ash Wednesday occurs on 6th March, and Easter Sunday on the 21st April 2019. Hope that helps with your forward planning!

FR. ERIC EDWARD BURTON: As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, Fr. Eric was farewelled at a Pontifical Requiem Mass last Tuesday at Christ the King Church, North Rocks. Bishop Vincent Long was the principal celebrant with about fifty concelebrant priests and two concelebrant bishops. There was standing room only for this beloved servant of both God and people following his 68 years of faithful service in the priesthood. Fr. Eric joined his already-deceased brother (and priest) at Rookwood following the church service. May you enjoy the wonder and glory of God and His peace now and forever! RIP old friend!

CONFIRMATION – Final words: We really have been graced with Bishop Vincent Long's two visits to this parish over the last month – first, on his two-day pastoral

visit; then last week's Confirmation of five now fully fledged young members of our Catholic community. Those who were present certainly appreciated the Bishop's presence, the Confirmations, the photos, the morning tea and associated social interaction with Bishop Vincent and each other – a memorable occasion for those confirmed, for their families, relatives, friends, also Michelle Davis, Chantelle Burke and her team who worked so hard to make this happen. Well done, everyone! Huge thanks, too, to all others including the Music Group and food providers who made this the great success it so obviously was!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

VINNIES DROUGHT APPEAL

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 on-line at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate#> Donations are also accepted at the Vinnies shop in Waratah Street Katoomba.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Barry Bowden, Barbara Grieves, John & Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank McKrell, Marie Johnson and Trennah Portelli.

Afternoon Capers:

Will be on Wednesday 3rd Oct. at 12pm at the Station Espresso - Main St. Wallerwang.



If you need a lift please phone Diane on 47871357.

All welcome! Please keep Tuesday 6th Nov., Melbourne Cup Day, in your diary as we will be having it at The George again this year.

CAKE & PLANT STALL – On

the Sunday of the long weekend – 30 September, we will be holding



our annual Cake & Plant stall before and after mass. This is one of our big fund-raising efforts for the year, so we are asking all our chefs and gardeners for donations towards the stand. (Don't forget to note the ingredients for your delicious cakes!) Any questions, please see Sue Gracey.



The Diocese of Parramatta invites all married Couples, together with their families and guests, to attend the Diocesan Mass for Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries. Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Sunday 28th October at 11am. A light lunch will follow at the Cathedral Parish Hall. This invitation is extended to all married couples to give thanks for their contribution to the Church through the faithful living out of their vocation. We give a Certificate of Blessing from the Bishop for those celebrating: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and for any year over 50 years. Please register your names and number of years married by contacting the Life Marriage & Family Office on 8838 3430/3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org including also numbers attending for lunch.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage: the journey of the Magi ~ The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January 2019 and finishes at the chapel in Bell on 8 January 2019. For details go to www.epiphanypilgrimage.org