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Jos 24:1-2. 15-18
Eph 5:21-32 ; Jn 6:60-69

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Servers

26 Aug Paul Harris
2 Sept Michelle Davis

Readers

26 Aug 1st Reader Elaine Jackson
2nd Reader Basil Jackson
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2 Sept 1st Reader Christa Buckley
2nd Reader David Buckley
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion

26 Aug Michelle Davis & Carla Endean
2 Sept Paul Harris & Pat Wicks

Counters

26 Aug Marilyn Rowe
2 Sept Laurie Noyes

Morning Tea

26 Aug George Commens
2 Sept Mary Batty

Church Care

7 Sept Marilyn Rowe & Noleen Cliff



**Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Year B**
26th August 2018

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. How will we choose? If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.
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Next Week:

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

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.

WORLD
REFUGEE
SUNDAY

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

Entrance Ant: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Ant: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Feast Days of the Week (27 August to 1 September)

27th St Monica Mother of St Augustine
28th St Augustine Bishop, preacher and writer
29th The Passion of John the Baptist martyr
30th St. Richard Martin English martyr
31st St. Aidan Irish Bishop
1st St. Anna the Prophetess

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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Office hours: Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
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/>



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FELICITATIONS ONCE AGAIN TO OUR BISHOP VINCENT LONG ofm conv
 As arranged several weeks ago, today (and yesterday) we are privileged to have with us the Bishop of Parramatta Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD OFM Conv. Our parish priest!

Bishop Vincent for the very first time is spending much of this weekend with us including last evening's overnight stay in our Blackheath Presbytery.

Spiritually, Bishop Vincent is the best friend we can possibly have. We need always to remember that as the Apostle of Christ directly responsible for helping us to safely negotiate that quagmire of life we lead - that quagmire in which we can, and so often do very easily become preoccupied with the things of this life, and then forget the real reason we are here - to learn Christ's ways while getting to better know and serve our beloved creator God.

As part of this process, we are now given this wonderful opportunity to become more familiar, better acquainted, and more personal in our relationship with Bishop Vincent, with a better understanding of who we are as children of God, and how we live our lives in this remarkable Sacred Heart Parish of Blackheath. However, this 'get-to-know-you' opportunity is two-sided, because it also enables Bishop Vincent to learn more about us, and about the plans and activities he has in mind for us as well as us being an integral part of all Parramatta Diocesan activities.

This is Bishop Vincent's second formal visit to our parish and, co-incidentally, only the second occasion that a bishop has celebrated Mass in St. Joseph's, Megalong Valley (Bishop Manning was the first). May his all too short stay with us be enjoyable, informative and above all full of the love and friendship that God alone bestows upon both Bishop Vincent and us, God's parishioners in his, Bishop Vincent's precious care.

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: Today is the one day each year when we particularly focus our attention towards the plight of migrants and refugees. As today is the 104th such day to be commemorated, we have to acknowledge that this problem of migrants and refugees is ongoing, and sadly will continue to be so! Bishop Vincent leaves us with a succinct message re this occasion - "*Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'. Reflecting on his Pontificate and global events in the last five years, the Holy Father reminds us of the urgent need to care for our displaced brothers and sisters, who have been forced to leave their homes for a better future. He makes the parable of the Last Judgment concrete by stating that every act of charity shown to migrants and refugees is an opportunity to encounter Christ.*" Here in this parish we have a proven record of practical support for both migrants and refugees with some success. However, we must never be complacent about what we have done, but more conscious of the need that continues to exist, hence this reminder!

DROUGHT PRAYER

"Gracious God, provider of all our needs, we humbly thank you for your most loving compassion and generosity in providing everything we are and have, including the soil we till, the seed we sow and the water we use to grow the food that keeps us alive.

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, please intervene and bring to an end this catastrophic drought that is causing so much heartache, hardship and loss, especially for so many of our country cousins. Let it rain and otherwise help us to assist those affected through your love for them and us and in our prayers to you on their behalf. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. 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. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity, we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 for which the Foundation sincerely thanks you. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 1-2.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and 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 cfsparra.org.au using your credit card, or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of CSF with reference to your name. Send an e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, usually in January.

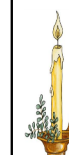
URGENT HELP IS NEEDED

The Plan ... From 8am on Wednesday August 29th we need the help of a battalion of parishioners - suitably armed with sharp secateurs and loppers, to cut up our "Priority Weed" waste and prepare it for disposal. Can you spare 2-3 hours during the morning? It is not hard or heavy work! If you can help, please contact:
 John Tweedie (0407288957,
 Lance Hodgkinson (47878096) or
 David Buckley (0400208707)

PLENARY 2020 TRAINING AND INFORMATION SESSIONS ~

Thursday 20 September :
 7.00pm to 9.30 pm - Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta)
 Saturday, 29 September :
 10.00 am to 12.30 pm - St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood)
 Saturday, 29 September :
 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm - Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street, Emu Plains)
 **Light refreshments will be provided **
 RSVP to
marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

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



In Memoriam

26th Wladyslaw Ziolkowski (Marjanna Gilchrist's father)
 28th Ian Maguire (d 2015 - husband of Claire)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

28th Kate and Robert Forbes (m 1982)



AFTERNOON CAPERS ~

will be at Lithgow Palace Chinese Restaurant 59 Main Street Lithgow at 12 pm 5th September. All welcome.