

**TODAY**  
Nm 11:25-29  
Jas 5:1-6 ; Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

**Psalm Response:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

**Server**  
30 Sept Pat Wicks  
7 Oct Pat Wicks

**Readers**  
30 Sept 1st Reader Christa Buckley  
2nd Reader David Buckley  
Intercessions Paul Harris  
7 Oct 1st Reader Barbara Grieves  
2nd reader Claire Maguire\  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**  
30 Sept Brian & Monica Bright  
7 Oct Mary Roberts & David Buckley

**Counters**  
30 Sept Robyn & Adrian Carroll  
7 Oct Barbara Grieves

**Morning Tea**  
30 Sept Rasa Blansjaar  
7 Oct Pamela scott & Elizabeth Doolan

**Church Care**  
5 Oct Phil & Pat Wicks

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

**Entrance Ant:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Communion Ant:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Feast Days of the Week ((1st to 6th October))**  
1st Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus virgin, doctor  
2nd Oct The Holy Guardian Angels  
3rd Oct St. Candidus Roman martyr  
4th Oct St Francis of Assisi Founder of Franciscans  
5th Oct St. Boniface Martyr of Trier Germany  
6th Oct St. Francis Trung Vietnamese martyr



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
30th September 2018

*As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and exaggeration to make his point. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes evil very seriously. He is always conscious of it around him and is aware that it comes from within us, and without us. Jesus teaches us today to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves.*  
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**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, which has a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your littlies.

**Next Week:**  
Gen 2:18-24 ;Heb 2:9-11

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
30th Chantelle Burke

# 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)

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

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There are two items this week that have been re-listed from last week's Bulletin. They are Social Justice Sunday and Daylight Saving, the last-mentioned entry being shown with the proper dates. Apologies for last week's dual blunders!!!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** Today (not last Sunday) 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 takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and mental health. 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 conclusion, it issues a challenge to government, to Church, to 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](http://www.catholic.org.au)), and the Australian Social Justice Council ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)). Copies are also available in the church.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING (I've got it right this time!):** This year, daylight saving begins next Sunday morning (7th October) when all timepieces are to be wound forward one hour from 2am, which then becomes 3am. Best to do that before you go to bed on the Saturday evening. Come summer's end, daylight saving will end next year at 3am on Sunday morning 7th April 2019. Hope that helps with your forward planning!

**SCHOOL'S OUT:** School holidays are now with us, and will continue for the next two weeks until schools return for the fourth term on Monday, 15th October. Kindly note that this last term for 2018 ends just before Christmas on Thursday, 20th December 2018. Please everyone, with so many children about during this holiday time, take extra special care to ensure the safety of all.

**MARY'S MONTH OF OCTOBER:** This is the month of the Rosary! Pope John Paul II on the 29th September 2002 had this to say about the Rosary: "...The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ, seeing Him – we may say – with the eyes of Mary. For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel, is in full accord with the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and very much in keeping with the direction I gave in the Apostolic Letter Novo Millennio Ineunte: the Church has to launch out "into the deep" in the new millennium

beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the Rosary to individuals, families and Christian communities." As usual, the Rosary will be recited at the conclusion of every weekday Mass during October. So feel free to join us for this purpose at any time. God Bless! Fr. Bob

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, October retreats. Mt Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Ph: 02 8795 3400 Cost: \$30 *Exploring God's love with Julian of Norwich* Email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com) Oct 6: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au) Presenter: Sheila Upjohn

**Parish Launch into Plenary 2020**  
October will see our push into getting our ideas together about how the Australian Church can change to meet the challenges of our time and to forward these to the diocese and on to the Australian Bishops Conference. On Thursday 1st November at 7.30 pm, we will hold a Listening Circles night to listen to each other and to share our ideas on how we would like to see our Church in 2020. Please put this date aside now and start praying and reflecting on Plenary 2020  
**Brian Bright**



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

*Please pray for the sick and their carers:*

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



**CAKE & PLANT STALL**  
Today we will be holding our Cake and Plant Stall before and after Mass.



Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? The Church in Need is recruiting a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants. <http://www.aidtochurch.org/work>

*Afternoon Capers:*

*Will be on Wednesday 3rd Oct. at 12pm at the Station Expresso - Main St. Wallerawang.*

*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.*



**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](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org)

**Working Bee Friday 5 October 8am**

All are welcome to come and work with our maintenance team next Friday morning 5 October from 8am. Please bring a sunhat and garden gloves. Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information, or just turn up on Friday morning.

