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Dn 12:1-3  
Heb 10:11-14, 18 ; Mk 13:24-32

**Psalm Response:** Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

**Servers**  
18 Nov Paul Harris  
25 Nov Ray Wood

**Readers**  
18 Nov 1st Reader Claire Maguire  
2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
25 Nov 1st Reader Pat Wicks  
2nd Reader Claire Maguire  
Intercessions John Woodward

**Communion**  
18 Nov Mary Roberts & Elizabeth Doolan  
25 Nov Brian & Monica Bright

**Counters**  
18 Nov Robyn & Adrian Carroll  
25 Nov Barbara Grieves

**Morning Tea**  
18 Nov Monica Bright  
25 Nov **Christine Burke**

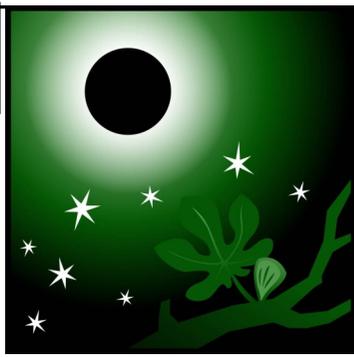
**Church Care**  
16 Nov Marilyn Rowe & Noeleen Cliff

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

**Entrance Ant:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.  
**Communion Ant:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**Feast Days of the Week (18th to 24th November)**

19th St. Crispin Bishop, martyr  
20th St. Edmund Rich Archbishop of Canterbury  
21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
22nd St Cecilia Virgin, martyr  
23rd St Columban abbot  
24th Sts Andrew Dung-Lac priest and martyr



**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
11th November

*We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives. The elect, includes anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.*

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**Next Week:**  
Dn 7:13-14 ; Rv 1:5-8  
Jn 18:33-37

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
19th Brian Bright 

**Happy Anniversary**  
19th Colette and Sean Lillis  
21st Tony and Maree Crawford

# 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>

**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:** blackheath@parracatholic.org      **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 [blackheath@parracatholic.org](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org)

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

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**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:** In his message for the second World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis has called for a new evangelisation that prompts Catholics “to make tangible the Church’s response to the cry of the poor”.

In a letter to clergy throughout Australia, Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life chairman Bishop Terence Brady encouraged all Catholic communities to be involved and respond to the theme of the day: “This poor man cried and the Lord heard him”(Psalm 34:7).

The World Day of the Poor is this year to be celebrated today, November 18.

Pope Francis inaugurated the World Day of the Poor at the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2016. The Pope’s 2018 message was signed on the feast day St. Anthony of Padua (June 13), the patron of the poor.

Pope Francis said: “The World Day of the Poor wishes to be a small answer that the Church throughout the world gives to the poor of every kind and in every land, lest they think that their cry has gone unheard. We are so entrapped in a culture which obliges us to look in the mirror and to pamper ourselves that we believe that a gesture of altruism is sufficient without compromising ourselves directly”.

The Pope further said: “Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society”.

The Holy Father has invited “priests, and in particular deacons, on whom hands have been laid for the service of the poor (Acts 6: 1-7), as well as religious and the lay faithful – men and women – who in parishes, associations and ecclesial movements make tangible the Church’s response to the cry of the poor, to live this world day as a special moment of new evangelisation”.

Pope Francis concluded his message by saying that “the cry of the poor is also a cry of hope which manifests the certainty of being liberated”.

**PARISH COUNCIL AGM:** Finally, for the second last time this year, I once more draw your attention to next Sunday’s 2018 AGM of the Parish Council of the Blackheath Parish to be held after Mass in our parish hall. The normal post-Mass morning tea will also be provided in the hall, followed by the Annual General Meeting. Everything is being done to expedite proceedings so as to keep this most important event as brief as possible. Copies of the Agenda and all reports will be available prior to commencement of the meeting, as will opportunities for any questions/queries you may have in relation to parish activities during the tabling of those reports.

As stated in the Bulletin last week, this is your parish and your Council so, please, give serious thought to being at this presentation and evaluation of our parish performance in the 2017-18 financial year. I look forward to sharing this time with you!

**PLenary COUNCIL 2020:** I again remind you that the next (third) gathering of those parishioners who want to contribute to the changing needs/wants of our Church through the Plenary Council, will be able to do so after Mass on Sunday,

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Once again we will be raffling a wonderful Christmas hamper - supplied by our wonderful, generous parishioners. Get your tickets from Sue Gracey after Mass. You have to be in it to win it !!!**

2nd December in the parish hall. As already stated last week, the topic will be: “The Role of Women in the Church”. Co-ordinator, Brian Bright will provide a further briefing before that date.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Another week! Another fresh edition of the Catholic Weekly is now available for you to buy at the low price of \$2.00 a copy. It contains the latest factual information on what is taking place within the Catholic Church, and is by far the most reliable source of such information to be found. It’s a great read! God Bless! Fr. Bob

**GARAGE SALE~** Please remember our Garage Sale if you are doing a Spring Clean, and donate your unwanted goodies to our sale. Please contact Marilyn 0414536601 for more information.

You are warmly invited to our last **TAIZE SERVICE** for 2018 this coming Sunday 18th November from 5 - 6 pm at Leura Uniting Church. The theme is 'Looking for God's signs of hope'.

**INVITATION ~ to the community**  
"A conversation with a West Papua refugee from Papua New Guinea Refugee camp: Hear this story from his own lips"

**When:** Saturday 8th December 2018  
**Where :** Lithgow Workies Club, Tank Street Lithgow  
**Time:** 1030am 1130am  
**Cost:** \$10.00

**“DINNER WITH A REFUGEE”**  
**When :** Saturday Night 8 December 7pm.  
**Where:** Blue Sky Chinese Restaurant  
Main Street Lithgow  
**Cost:** \$30.00 a head . Set menu  
**Enquires:** Anthony Craig 02 63513780

**WORKING BEE ~**  
Tuesday 27 November 8am.  
All are welcome to come and work with our maintenance team on Tuesday morning 27 November from 8am. There is plenty to do. 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 the day.

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, which contains 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.

**Plenary Council 2020:**  
**Role of Women in the Church**  
Join us on Sunday, 2nd December at 11.00 am, after Mass in the hall for the second Listening Circles and Forum. This session will focus on the role of women in the church. This will be an opportunity to come up with further suggestions to feed into the Plenary 2020 process.

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

**In Memory**  
21st Craig Charles Huckstepp

