

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

**Psalm Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!**

**Servers**  
 25 Nov Ray Wood  
 2 Dec Paul Harris

**Readers**  
 25 Nov 1st Reader Pat Wicks  
 2nd Reader Claire Maguire  
 Intercessions John Woodward  
 2 Dec 1st reader John Woodward  
 2nd Reader John Tweedie  
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**  
 25 Nov Brian & Monica Bright  
 2 Dec Mary Roberts & Pat Wicks

**Counters**  
 25 Nov Barbara Grieves  
 2 Dec Marilyn Rowe

**Morning Tea**  
 25 Nov Christine Burke  
 2 Dec George Commens

**Church Care**  
 30 Nov Lance & Julie Hodgkinson

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

**Entrance Ant: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

**Communion Ant: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**Feast Days of the Week (26th to 30th November)**

26th	St. Dominic Doan Xuyen	Vietnamese martyr
27th	St. Fergus	Irish Bishop
28th	St Catherine Laboure	Mary gave her the Miraculous medal
29th	St. Brendan of Birr	Irish monk
30th	St Andrew	Apostle of Jesus




**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B**  
 25th November

*It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel. What we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.*

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**Next Week:**  
 Jer 33:14-16 : 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2  
 Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

**In Memory**  
 25th Jason Bentley 

**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.**

# 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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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM:**

Will be held in the Parish Hall immediately

After today's Mass. Every effort has been made time-wise to limit this AGM for the convenience of all attending parishioners. Your council has gone to a lot of trouble to make this as user-friendly an event as possible, commensurate with making available to you a full knowledge and appreciation of all the work our parish undertakes. You have much to be proud of in the work that you and others of our 'Sacred Heart family' have contributed this past year. Kindly note that, as our records for the financial year ended 30/2018 have still to be audited, the presented results are still 'pro-tem'. However, as we have never had to review our figures in past years, we are confident that the presented results are accurate this time round as well! So, please join us on this once-yearly occasion when a full reporting on parish activities will be presented to you. Oh! By-the-way, morning tea (as ever) will be provided immediately before the AGM starts. See you there!

**ADVENT:** Our present Church year ends next Saturday, 1st December. Sunday next heralds in the new Church Year, Year C (Sundays) and Year I (weekdays). New Church Years seldom have the same starting date because Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew which is celebrated on the 30th November. This year that date falls next Friday. Advent has a twofold character – as a Season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's birth is celebrated; and as a Season when that remembrance directs our hearts and minds to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is, therefore, a period of joyful penance and expectation. Kindly note also that our Christmas/New Year Mass days and times will be available here next week.

**ADVENT WREATH:** As already stated, next Sunday is the beginning of the Season of Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'coming', so this is a time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Christ came to us as a baby in Bethlehem on the first Christmas. He comes to us in Word, grace, prayer and sacrament. He will also come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Christ comes in history, mystery and majesty. So before the opening hymn begins during the next four Advent Sundays, we will light the Advent Candle and say a prayer in preparation for our Saviour's imminent arrival.

**PRAYER TO JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:** Will you join with us on this last Sunday of this Church Year to acknowledge the ultimate victory of our eternal King. The following prayer may assist in that regard:

*O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for you. Exercise all your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal vows, and I promise to live as a good Christian. In particular, I pledge myself to labour to the best of my ability for the triumph of the rights of God and your Church. Divine heart of Jesus, to you I offer my poor services, labouring that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Kingship. And that the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.*

**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.

**BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** This will be held next weekend, 1st & 2nd December via a special first collection to be made after the Gospel and before the homily. Envelopes for this purpose will be available in all pews. Other information will be available in the brochures located throughout the church.

Through the Diocesan Catholic Foundation, Bishop Vincent invites you to generously donate to help Catholic Care's Houses to Homes service care for vulnerable women who are pregnant and young mothers fleeing domestic violence, and dealing with homelessness and poverty. Each year this programme helps over 100 disadvantaged/abused young mums and mothers-to-be. Please help these helpless! God Bless! Fr. Bob

*During November our Parish Book of Remembrance will be available and you are invited to add the names of all you wish to be specially remembered in prayer. May all of our loved ones who have died find eternal happiness and peace in God's loving embrace.*

**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.

**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.

**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.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and an outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January 2019 and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk through the beautiful bushland and join parishioners in daily Mass, Adoration, prayer, catechesis and fellowship. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage, visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org). For updates and to follow the journey see [www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](http://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

**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. Your contributions to the hamper can be listed outside the church.

**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