

TODAY
 Is 62:1-5 ; 1 Cor 12:4-11
 Jn 2:1-11

Psalm Response: "I will sing of your salvation, O my God."

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

Servers
 20 Jan Ray Wood
 27 Jan Paul Harris

Readers
 20 Jan 1st Reader Pat Wicks
 2nd Reader Claire Maguire
 Intercessions Patricia Dee
 27 Jan 1st Reader David Buckley
 2nd Reader Christa Buckley
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion
 20 Jan Brian & Monica Bright
 27 Jan Mary Roberts & Pat Wicks

Counters
 20 Jan Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
 27 Jan Robyn & Adrian Carroll

Morning Tea
 20 Jan Cate Mitchell
 27 Jan Sue Newbury

Church Care
 25 Jan Marilyn Rowe and Noeleen Cliff

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

Entrance Ant: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Ant: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Feast Days of the Week (20th to 26th Jan)

20 St Sebastian (Patron of soldiers and athletes)
 21 St Agnes (Virgin, martyr)
 22 St. Anastasius XIV (Persian martyr)
 23 St Barnard (Benedictine abbot)
 24 St Frances de Sales (Bishop, doctor)
 25 The Conversion of St Paul (apostle)
 26 Australia Day



**Second Sunday in Ordinary
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 20.1.19**

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again. Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high. Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.
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Next Week:
 Neh 8:2-6. 8-10 : 1 Cor 12:12-30
 Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

1st Robyn Ann Bogart
 20th Connor Lillis
 22nd Grahame Adams
 23rd Marjanna Gilchrist

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

Administrator: Father Bob Sheridan **Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540
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 (Emergency only) **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
E-mail: blackheath@parracatholic.org **Fri** 12.00 - 3.00pm

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

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

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EXIT HOLIDAYS: Well! Christmas, New Year and the first half of January are now behind us. For many people, the Christmas Season has come to an end. Here in Sacred Heart Parish Blackheath we have enjoyed our normal very busy Season extending to both locals and visitors that genuine friendship and support which is so much a part of us. All liturgical celebrations went off without a hitch. Unlike our more suburbanised cousins, our Christmases are never quiet because of the influx of so many tourists for which, incidentally, we are so grateful as they replace many of our local community who take this opportunity to visit other places and people. Whatever the reason, tourist numbers this year were (maybe!) marginally lower than last year. Perhaps the present-day economic strictures could be the cause. Who knows? So let's pray that this trend will be reversed next time around.

I trust that you have enjoyed your 'break' as you now harness up for another year of interesting toil. May 2019 be for you a great and memorable year – a year of good health, wonderful personal relationships – and God's love and peace!

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS: Saturday next is Australia Day (26th Jan). A special Mass will be celebrated at the usual scheduled time of 9.00am on that day, which incidentally, is also the birthday of this community dating from 1902 – 117 years ago! This year, the NSW Government has decreed that the following Monday (28th Jan) will be the Australia Day Public Holiday when we may enjoy all those recreational activities that go with this national day of celebration. Because of this year's unique situation, there will be a 9.30am Mass held this year only on Monday, 28th January.

Unfortunately, because of our dwindling attendances at "Withycombe", Mount Wilson (home of hosts Diana and Joe Landsberg) over the past couple of years, we have had to make alternative arrangements to hold this year's Parish Picnic. In passing, though, we take this opportunity to profoundly express our gratitude to both Diana and Joe for opening up their home and property for us to use these past many years. Diana and Joe, please accept our sincere thanks for your extraordinary hospitality and know that we cannot ever adequately thank you for your wonderful generosity of heart and home!

Weather permitting, on Monday 28th January, following the 9.30am Mass, those taking part in this year's annual picnic are asked to proceed to the park at Mount Victoria, cnr of the Great Western Highway and Darling Causeway. There are a number of entrances into the park from which to choose, while the car park is located at the rear of the park, off Montgomery Street. While there are some undercover sites, you would be well advised to bring your own fold-up chairs and tables. We will also endeavour to bring extra chairs and trestle tables. It all depends on how many of you intend to attend! Therefore, would you kindly let me or the office know before the end of this coming week as to your intentions and numbers! Many thanks! Should you have any other questions, please ask after Mass today. Sadly, should the weather be inclement, the picnic will have to be cancelled!

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE WALKERS: For the fourth year, this year's walk began at Our Lady of the Way at Emu Plains, then passed through every parish in the Blue Mountains including our own Sacred Heart Parish, and ended at Bell 110kms and a week later. While I haven't been advised of the total number of walkers involved, I do know that we hosted about 20 of them in our parish hall where they (plus other visitors) were fed and slept in the hall. Organised by Julie O'Keefe who also arranged for local parishioners to provide a sumptuous meal for all present (on a voluntary basis), a great evening was had by all. The church was used for vespers on Sunday evening, and morning prayers the next (Tuesday) morning before trekking off to Mount Victoria and Bell where a thanksgiving Mass was celebrated by, I suspect, a very tired lot! I am not privy to the names of all who made this the resounding success that this major event was for

us and our visitors, so please accept this humble "thankyou" as being personally meant for you. Terrific, everyone! God Bless! Fr. Bob!

GARAGE SALE~ If you are doing a Spring Clean, please remember our Garage Sale on February 2nd and 3rd 2019, and donate your unwanted goodies to our sale. Please contact Marilyn 0414536601. On Tuesday 22nd January, from 11.00am we will be WORKING IN THE HALL organizing the items for sale. ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE WELCOME.

Public Forum: What is Your Experience of the Catholic Church Today? Our last parish forum towards the Plenary Council 2020 will be held after Mass at 11.00am on Sunday, 17th February. Those of you who are at Mass today, Sunday, 20th January, are invited to a short get-together at the end of Mass to decide on the main topic for this last forum. Suggestions so far have been: "Church as a Welcoming Community" and "Clericalism and Lay Pastoral Ministry in the Church".

Also this Sunday, we'll put out the blank slips again to encourage further ideas for our noticeboard. Regards Brian



Benefitting Others - A huge thank you to all for your ongoing generous support and donations of Corks, Cards and used Stamps. Your contributions are valued and appreciated by those who receive them. These items are used for craft work, making up stamp packs to sell and constructing small cork-topped side tables. The collection box for the Corks, Cards and used Stamps is on the table at the rear entrance to the church. Thank you!

COFFEE CAPERS will start off the New Year with a new venue –

Ben Roberts Cafe 10 Benang Street, Lawson (behind the pub) on Wednesday 6 February. Meet at 12noon.

Call Elizabeth on 47875537 to RSVP and or arrange a lift. ALL WELCOME



IN MEMORY

- 19th Roma Ziolkowski
- 20th Henry Columbine
- 22nd Bridget Chan



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

Working Bee Friday 25 January 8am

All are welcome to come and work with our maintenance team on Friday morning 25 January 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.



ANNIVERSARIES

23rd Louise and Laurie Noyes