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Jer 17:5-8 ; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Psalm Response:** "The Lord is kind and merciful"

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia ! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

**Servers**  
17 Feb Grahame Adams  
24 Feb Ray Wood

**Readers**  
17 Feb 1st Reader Elaine Jackson  
2nd Reader Basil Jackson  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
24 Feb 1st Reader David Buckley  
2nd Reader Christa Buckley  
Intercessions John Woodward

**Communion**  
17 Feb Mary Roberts & Pat Wicks  
24 Feb Diane Stewart & Carla Endean

**Counters**  
17 Feb Laurie Noyes  
24 Feb Carla & Neil Endean

**Morning Tea**  
17 Feb Pamela Scott/Elizabeth Doolan  
24 Feb George Commens


**Church Care**  
22 Feb Phil and Pat Wicks

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

**Entrance Ant:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
**For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**  
**Communion Ant:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**Saints Days of the Week (18th - 23rd February)**

18	St. Colman of Lindisfarne	Irish Bishop
19	1St. Boniface of Lausanne	Cistercian Bishop
20	St Basil	martyr
21	St Peter Damien	bishop, doctor
22	The Chair of St Peter	
23	St Polycarp	bishop, martyr




**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary  
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17.2.19**

*The beatitudes are saying that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles to find the presence of God. The God of the beatitudes is a companion with us in every experience we go through either personally or as a community. Luke highlights for us that every blessing carries with it a call, every gift contains a duty to share it, and every right houses within it a responsibility. Today's Gospel places at our feet the challenge to do something about it, in our prayer, in our careful use of resources, in what we spend our money on and how we vote for governments which might affect international change. © Richard Leonard SJ.*

**Next Week:**  
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 ;  
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents when young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your littlies.

# 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 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](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org)

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

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**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION** (old DWF): Next Sunday (24/2) is the day set aside for the next round of contributions to the Parramatta Diocesan fund-raising activities through all parishes within the Diocese. At our last pre-Christmas collection we raised over \$1,770, all of which was used to support a whole range of charitable works undertaken within Outer Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. One of those groups we help fund is the Parramatta Diocese Catholic Care Support Service which has had a Blue Mountains office for quite some time in Springwood. This facility dates back to the last bushfires four or five years ago that not only caused terrible havoc in the Upper Blue Mountains, but also devastated the Springwood, Winnalee and Yellow Rock districts as well.

This morning, after the final Mass prayer, we have arranged for the Springwood office Manager, Celia Vagg to briefly speak to us about the important work that is being undertaken here in the Blue Mountains by her group. That way we are able to hear first-hand where and to what purpose our donations contribute to the welfare of the needy within our region, so that next Sunday when our collection is made, we will have a much better understanding as to the benefits our funds have for their recipients. We also take this opportunity to sincerely thank Celia for setting aside this Sunday morning to share herself and work with us in this very special way.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Last week I drew attention to our need for a parish volunteer to co-ordinate this year's ecumenical World Day of Prayer to be hosted by us, the Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath. This need arose because of the recent death of Jan Roberts who had previously organised this worldwide annual prayer day for us for many years past. Unfortunately, because of Jan's intimate knowledge of this event including her detailed liaison with the other Christian denominations also involved in this activity (knowledge we no longer have!) - and the very limited time available for us to sort things out before this commemoration is to take place (Friday, 1st March) - we obviously have quite a challenging time ahead to resolve this impasse.

Irrespective of, the World Day of Prayer will go ahead with your help and support, especially on-the-day, if we are to make this the best day ever in Jan's memory! More info next week!

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CATHOLIC STUDENTS:** Catholic students in public schools, spiritually, require very special attention indeed through our SRE's (Special Religious Educators, our catechist volunteers) if their faith is to survive all the spiritual pitfalls they may encounter in the secular public school system. Over the past several years the NSW Government has promulgated very detailed Child Protection Laws that require every person in contact with children to be approved by all relevant authorities (including the police) before that contact is established. Other changes, too, have been made including, for instance, the setting-up of special 'Ethics' classes for non-religious children during the religious class times. This year, for the first time in my ten years here, the traditional SRE class days/times of 9-10am Thursdays have been varied in the Mount Victoria Public School to the last period (2.30 - 3.00pm) on Wednesdays. Potentially, I see that to be a retrograde step if for no other reason that it is the last period of the day when children's concentration might wane or be focussed on after-school activities. We are told that this is an experimental move by the education authorities. Let's see what happens in the fullness of time!

Long term, this could be part of a programme by the NSW Teachers Federation to have religion classes removed from public schools, as is their stated intent!  
God Bless! Fr. Bob

### Coming Events for the Plenary Council 2020

Topics:

1. Clericalism and Lay Pastoral Ministry
  2. The Church as a welcoming Community
- When?: After Mass at 11.00am on TODAY  
Where: Parish Hall

**Public Forum:** Topic: What is Your Experience of the Catholic Church Today?

When? 2.00 pm - 3.45 pm, Sunday 24th February

Where?: Mavis Wood Hall  
Mid-Mountains Centre (3-7 new Street, Lawson)



### BALANCING THE BALLADS

Our parish is pleased to host our own Pat Drummond in a special concert to be held in our Parish Hall. Pat is holding this concert to assist our Sacred Heart



Parish Ministries and financial commitments for 2019.

**When? Saturday 30th March 2019**

**Time? From 7.00pm**

Tickets will be \$10.00 which includes a night of fantastic music, with tea/coffee and cake. More information to follow.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

23rd Janet Lamerton

23rd Diana Landsberg



Please pray for the sick and their carers:

*Barry & Madeleine Bowden, John and Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank Mackrell, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Pat Fraser*

"Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 Phone: 02 8795 3400 Laudato Si, mi' Signore March 2 Cost: \$30 Presenter: Fr Michael Dyer

### Walking With Refugees and People Seeking Protection

A Community Conversation with Refugees. *Where:* Springwood Presbyterian Church, 160 Macquarie Rd Springwood. *When:* either at 4.00pm Sat Feb 23 or 1:30pm Feb 24. RSVP to [www.tiny.cc/swood](http://www.tiny.cc/swood) or 4751 4956.

Afternoon tea provided. Hear personal stories from a refugee and an asylum seeker. Questions answered by an expert working in the field.

**EARTH MINISTRY PROJECT** ~ Sister Louise McKeogh and ecologist Sue Martin launched the Earth Ministry Project through the Social Justice Office for our diocese. The aims of this ministry are to foster our capacity as families and faith communities to live Laudato Si and to promote and seek ways to witness and care for creation.

Sue Martin will be speaking to us briefly at the end of Mass about this project on Sunday March 3 then in the hall from 11am for further input and discussion for those interested to know more and be involved.

Contact person: Julie O'Keeffe

### Rest In Peace

22nd Rick Frazer (1986) - Kate Forbes' father

23rd William (Bill) Grieves (d 2018)

We are inviting you to join with Sydney Alliance, Vinnies NSW and Everybody's Home at our big pre-election Assembly - Housing. Energy. Diversity. Democracy. Accountability. Common Good.

Thursday 14th March, Sydney Town Hall. 6:30pm for 7pm start, concluding at 8:30pm -

Register at [www.sydneyalliance.org.au](http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au)

### TAIZE SERVICE ~ Leura Uniting Church

Sunday 17 February 2019. You are warmly invited to our first Taize service for 2019 on Sunday 17th February from 5 - 6 pm at Leura Uniting Church. The theme is 'Letting the light come in'.