

**TODAY**  
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17;  
Lk 15:1-32

**Psalm Response:** I will rise and go to my father.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**  
15 Sept Michelle Davis  
22 Sept Dianne Stewart

**Readers**  
15 Sept 1st Reader Claire Maguire  
2nd reader Barbara Grieves  
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris  
22 Sept 1st reader Pat Wicks  
2nd reader Breda Seamons  
Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**  
15 Sept Elizabeth Doolan & Grahame Adams  
22 Sept Paul Harris & Ray Wood

**Counters**  
15 Sept Barbara Grieves  
22 Sept Marilyn Rowe

**Morning Tea**  
15 Sept Rasa Blansjaar  
22 Sept Mary Batty

**Church Care**  
20 Sept Phil & Pat Wicks

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

**Entrance Ant:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Communion Ant:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**Saints Days of the Week (16 Sept to 21 Sept)**  
16 Sept Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian  
17 Sept St Robert Bellarmine bishop, doctor  
18 Sept St. John Macias missionary  
19 Sept St Januarius bishop, martyr  
20 Sept Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions Korean martyrs



**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15/9/19**

*As intimate and loving as the Good Shepherd metaphor is, Jesus is clear about our freedom to choose between life in Him and the path which draws us away. None of us is coerced into the flock. We are not God's victims. We know and hear the voice of the one who loves us most and are drawn to him, and can make a return every time we stray. May this Eucharist, then, enable us to let go of any residual belief that God is out to get us. May it sharpen our hearing to his call and help us to delight in his embrace. And may it embolden us to be good shepherds to those we love so that we might risk everything, in his name, to be foolishly loving and compassionate to all we claim as our own.*  
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**Next Week:**  
Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8;  
Lk 16:1-13

**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.

# 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>5.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>5.00pm</b>

**Administrator:** Father Bob Sheridan OAM **Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540  
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**Parish Mobile:** 0417 355 479 **Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
**E-mail:** blackheath@parracatholic.org **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm  
**Fri** 11.30am - 2.30pm

**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) or John Barclay (Deputy Chair)

**Sacred Heart Care Group** (helping parishioners in times of need) Monica Bright 0420 937 690

**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)

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### CONFIRMATION TODAY:

This year – today – we have two candidates to receive the last of the four Sacraments of Initiation – Confirmation! Vicar General of Parramatta Diocese and Parish Priest of St. Oliver Plunkett's, Harris Park, Very Rev. **Christopher De Souza**, who is also Principal Celebrant in this Mass, will confirm into full Catholic faith through this Sacrament, young **Natalie BUTTERWORTH** and **Madelyn LEMONJIAN**.

Well prepared by our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Claire Maguire, we congratulate her on bringing up to this high standard of faith both Natalie and Madelyn. Congratulations too, to Natalie and Madelyn, their parents and all others who have helped guide them past this huge milestone in their spiritual lives. Finally, a very special 'thank you' to Very Rev. Chris De Souza VG PP for trekking all this way to share this wonderful occasion with us – from his Harris Park Parish. An old familiar friend has returned to us, if only for the day, for which we are most humbly grateful! Our friendly hospitality, as always, is yours to enjoy! Well done, everyone!

**OAM:** As I indicated a week ago, last Wednesday I attended this state's Government House in Sydney to receive from the newly-appointed Governor of NSW, **Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC**, the **Order of Australia Medal in the General Division**. There were forty recipients on this occasion in a meticulously organised investiture with senior members of all three armed services present to assist, in collaboration with the normal Government House staff. Senior members of about six NSW Government Departments (police, fire services, administration etc) were official witnesses to the investiture made individually to every recipient, including me, by Her Excellency the Governor. I found everything associated with this magnificent occasion to be absolutely flawless in its conduct. This also included the wide variety of NSW-origin light refreshments and social intermix on the portico with Sydney Harbour in the background, on what was a glorious Spring day. Never will I forget this unique experience, nor the source of this extraordinary honour – you, and you, and you – who made this possible through your nomination of me for this great (but for me, very much unearned!) honour. Proofs of the formal photos should be in my hands in about ten days. Finally, I have to say that Her excellency the Governor is a most personable, friendly, down-to-earth character in her own right. We were all captivated by her presence with us.

**THE CLEARANCE SALES & FATHER'S DAY RESULTS:** I never get tired of expressing to you the wonder of this parish's fund-raising efforts! You have done it again! Ignoring for the moment, the extraordinary voluntary effort made by so many people led by Marilyn Rowe, and given the icy weather throughout the weekend, the results are way beyond that which might be reasonably be expected – **over \$1,720!!! Wow!** Just how many ways can I say **'thank you'** to everyone involved – those who worked, those who gave, and those who spent!

The **Father's Day** collections also totalled over **\$450.00**. Given all the circumstances, that, in my opinion was also a great result! Many thanks to all who contributed!  
**God Bless! Fr. Bob**

**PEACE MEDITATION** ~ Saturday 21 September at 10.15am. Organised by the Blue Mountains Interfaith Group, a half hour meditation will be led by leaders of different faiths. Where - Katoomba/Leura Community Centre, 81-83 Katoomba Street  
For enquiries : [bmig3@hotmail.com](mailto:bmig3@hotmail.com) FREE all welcome

### CONTINUING THE SEASON OF CREATION

September 15 Storm Sunday  
September 22 Cosmos Sunday  
September 29 Blessing of the Animals  
October 6 St Francis of Assisi Day  
Prayer and reflection handouts on each of the Sundays are available for personal contemplation during the following week. If possible could you please bring your own cup for morning tea after Mass and start collecting plastic lids; they can be made into prosthetic hands! More information about this amazing project can be found at <https://envision.org.au/envision-hands/>

#### *In Loving Memory*

15th Elsie Carroll (d 2010 Adrian's mother) 

#### *Happy Birthday!*

19th Basil Jackson (1928)   
20th John Crowley

### WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY? ~

As God's stewards, we're entrusted to use the gifts we are given wisely for the greater good of our family, our faith community and God's kingdom. A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During Include A Charity Week, we invite you - after providing for your loved ones – to consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation or a Catholic ministry. Even the most modest gift will significantly advance our Church's works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: [your-catholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills](http://your-catholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills)

You are warmly invited to our next Taize service at Leura Uniting Church from 5 - 6 pm on **Sunday 22nd September**.

### COSMOLOGY SPIRITUALITY MORNING

The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday 20th September 10 am till noon. The preparational reading is from p. 88 and includes Chapter 7 of "The Way of the Wind" by Bruce Sanguin. There will be a time of silence in our garden. Morning tea will also be part of the program. New friends are very welcome.  
Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

### WORKSHOP ABOUT AGING

"From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years"  
WHEN: Wednesday, 9 October 2019  
WHERE: St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre, 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood  
TIME: 10.30am – 1pm  
Contact and RSVP: Margaret Smith (0427 081 936)

**DROUGHT RELIEF** ~ In response to the many generous and concerned communities hearing the call to reach out in the current drought crisis, especially to rural and farming communities, St Vincent de Paul have launched a drought appeal. Donations can be made here - <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate#!state=nsw&appeal=159>

### SPARE LAPTOP ???

The laptop we use in the church is definitely past its prime and needs replacing. If you have a second laptop you don't use we could take care of it for you. It would be a great help to the congregation and we would be very grateful. PLEASE see Pat Wicks if you can help.

### Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Judith Macrell, John & Marion Crowley, Ron O'Brien, Shielagh Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Elizabeth Farrar's sister Mary Rose & Ron Walsh.