

**TODAY**  
 Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2;  
 Lk 18:1-8

**Psalm Response:** Our help is from the Lord,  
 who made heaven and earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 The word of God is living and active; it probes  
 the thoughts and motives of our heart.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**  
 20 Oct Grahame Adams  
 27 Oct Ray Wood

**Readers**  
 20 Oct 1st Reader Claire Maguire  
 2nd Reader Breda Seamons  
 Welcome/Intercessions Patricia Dee  
 27 Oct 1st Reader Elaine Jackson  
 2nd reader Basil Jackson  
 Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks

**Communion**  
 20 Oct Pat Wicks & Michelle Davis  
 27 Oct Brian & Monica Bright

**Counters**  
 20 Oct Julie & Lance Hodgkinson  
 27 Oct Cate Mitchell

**Morning Tea**  
 20 Oct Monica Bright  
 27 Oct Sue Newbury

**Church Care**  
 18 Oct Margaret Solomons and Catherine  
 McNamara

**St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley**  
**Entrance Ant:** To you I call; for you will surely heed  
 me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
 Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of  
 your wings protect me.  
**Communion Ant:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
 are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful  
 love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive  
 in famine.

**Saints Days of the Week (21 Oct - 26 Oct)**  
 21 Oct St. Ursula martyr  
 22 Oct St John Paul II pope  
 23 Oct St John Capistrano priest  
 24 Oct St Anthony Claret bishop  
 25 Oct St. Hilary bishop, hermit  
 26 Oct St. Albinus bishop, missionary



**29th SUNDAY IN  
 ORDINARY TIME 20/10/19**  
*The idea of prayer changing  
 us, changes our prayer – giving  
 it greater dynamism and  
 urgency. While we may not  
 know the mind or will of God,  
 we often know our own  
 thoughts and desires. We can  
 usually pinpoint what needs  
 recrafting or reshaping in us  
 so that we may live out the  
 goodness and love of God  
 more clearly. Confronting and  
 converting these obstacles,  
 with God, can see our prayer  
 at its boldest and bravest. At  
 these times we can enjoy God's  
 healing and forgiveness. And  
 because conversion is a life-  
 time process, Jesus encourages  
 us not to lose heart but to pray  
 always and hold on to faith  
 even when the going gets  
 tough. © Richard Leonard  
 SJ*

**Next Week:**  
 Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8,  
 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sac-  
 risty, which contains a few  
 books and toys, is available for  
 parents to use when young chil-  
 dren 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  
**Parish House:** 4787 8811  
**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)

**Website:** <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>  
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**AGM (cont'd):** Given that this year's AGM is but a week away, on the 27th October, the various deadlines are now either due or overdue. For example, nominations for the four minimum Parish Council positions actually closed last Wednesday. As this Bulletin is being written on that Wednesday evening, I am not yet in receipt of the nominees names, so you will be advised after Mass this morning as to how many there are. I have also noted a steady inflow of group reports during the past couple of weeks. That information, too, should be available this morning as its deadline is today (20/10). As for the AGM itself, I repeat that it is to be held in the Parish hall after Mass next Sunday from about 11.00am. Morning tea will be freely available in the hall before the AGM. Everyone is invited to attend for remember this is your Sacred Heart Blackheath Parish. So, please, be interested, care and be better informed as to the progress of this your parish in the past year, and for the future!

**2019 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:** The head count for last week totalled 88 persons – Blackheath, 79; Megalong Valley, 8. The previous week totalled 98 people – Blackheath, 65; Mt. Victoria, 33. Could we have a volunteer to carry out the count this week, please? Ta! Two weeks to go, today and next week! Then it will be over for yet another year!

**WORLD MISSION DAY:** Today (20 October) is World Mission Sunday. This is also the day when one of our most favoured charities, Catholic Mission, makes its annual appeal in our Parish to fulfil the Holy See's requirement for this Sunday each year to be set aside as a special commemoration for the Mission of the Church. Special envelopes have been placed in your pew to enable you to make a donation to this wonderful organisation to finance its year-round charitable work. Following the homily, a representative of Catholic Mission (Danielle, I think?) is to briefly address us re the importance of supporting the work that they do. When making a donation, would you do so on either of today's normal collections. May I also thank sincerely all who contribute to this essential recuperative work of the Church!

**CATECHISTS:** At the end of today's Mass, a special presentation is to be made to Norma Carlon in recognition of her 30 years of voluntary service to the children of Megalong Valley unheralded and unsung. Present for this presentation will be CCD Director Cecilia Zammit and Blue Mountains Regional Coordinator Melissa McDonald. Norma is a very special servant of this parish and her religious teaching of our children down through the years has been nothing less than 'superb'! Massive congratulations from us all, Norma!

**EPIPHANY WALKERS 2020:** Have just been advised by Julie O'Keeffe that she will be co-ordinating the arrival of the Epiphany Walkers on Tuesday afternoon 7th January 2020, dinner in the parish hall that evening and their departure next morning for their final destination at Bell that afternoon. By that time I will have gone from this parish. However, I know that these Epiphany pilgrims will be well taken care of, as we normally do! God bless them, and you!

**DROUGHT PRAYER:** As the drought is showing no signs of ending, particularly for those who live west of the ranges, and as we approach the end of this Church year, let us again pray for their relief from this insidious destroyer of people and property.

*"Dear Creator God, provider of all our needs in this world, including the soil we till and the water we use to grow the food that enables us to survive in your created living world. We know that without water neither human nor animal can survive, for nothing can grow in a waterless land such as we are experiencing at present. Lord, we humbly implore you to intervene and bring to an end this catastrophic drought that is causing so much heartache and hardship, especially for so many of our country cousins. Please help us to assist them through your love for them, and us, and our prayers to you for them. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. God Bless! Fr. Bob"*

**MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE:** CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta will be offering a Mass for anyone bereaved by suicide. There will be light supper after Mass. Please bring a photo of your deceased loved one to be placed at the Alter. Date: Tuesday 19th November Parish Venue: St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Parish, 35 Wigram St, Harris Park, Time: 6.45pm for 7pm Mass. RSVP for catering purposes: 14/11/19

**In Loving Memory**  
 20th Jaroslav Zeeman  
 25th Leslie Dee  
 25th Edna Bentick  
 26th Patricia Davies  
 26th Barry Roberts

**EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP DINNER** ~ "Please be aware of a new contact number for bookings for the Annual Springwood East Timor Support Group Dinner which will be held on Saturday November 2nd at Springwood Golf Club on Hawkesbury Road. The contact is Pam Gorman 0402 581 155. Cost for the dinner is \$38 per head. A great night is assured with an interesting Guest speaker and great company."

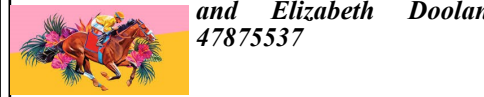
**Plenary 2020**  
 During Stage 1 of Plenary 2020 individuals and groups responded to the question 'What is God asking of us at this time?' A mass of data was received from over 200,000 Australians and this has been organised under **6 themes** - How is God calling us to be a Christ centred Church that is : 1. Missionary and Evangelising, 2. Inclusive and Participatory 3. Humble Healing and Merciful, 4. Prayerful and Eucharistic, 5. Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant and 6. Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform. We are now invited to engage in Stage 2 of the Plenary 2020 called Listening and Discerning. This will focus on communal rather than individual prayer, reflection, sharing and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fruits of this process will be national and local initiatives which will be incorporated into the working papers being developed for the actual Plenary sessions to be held next year. Another way to participate is through the **Deanery Forum**, being run by the **Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council**. This will be one session only and you choose one of the themes you would like to pursue. This is being held at the **Springwood Parish Hall, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, on Sunday 24th November, 2.00-4.30pm.**

**Happy Birthday !**  
 21st Maria Slater 50 in 2016  
 23rd Rasa Blansjaar (1943)  
 24th Patricia Dee



**Happy Anniversary !**  
 21st Mark and Maria Slater  
 22nd Jennifer and Wayne Kelly  
 25th Joseph and Rasa Blansjaar

**MELBOURNE CUP FUNCTION hosted by Coffee Capers Tuesday 5th November at the Manor House, Mt. Victoria from 12 noon. Sweeps and lucky door prize. \$40 pp Tickets from Dianne Stewart 47871357**



**ALPHA CATHOLIC WEEKEND TRAINING** ~ Alpha is an easy-to-use tool for evangelization which has been used by thousands of Catholic parishes around the world. Alpha presents the core of the Christian faith, the Kerygma, in a fun, welcoming and interactive way. Alpha seeks to address the questions of those disconnected from the Church and faith and bring them into a relationship with Jesus.  
 Friday 8 November 7:00pm to 9pm  
 Saturday 9 November 9:00am to 5:00pm  
 Sunday 10 November 9:00am to 4:00pm  
 Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown Contact Lisa Bright – [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org); Tel: 8823 3497

**SUPPORTING MALE SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE:**  
 A workshop for supporters, survivors, family & friends SYDNEY: SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER For more information contact: 02 8355 3711 • [www.samsn.org.au](http://www.samsn.org.au)

**Please pray for the sick and their carers:**  
 Judith Macrell, John & Marion Crowley, Ron O'Brien, Shielaigh Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Tony Morgan, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Elizabeth Farrar's sister Mary Rose