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Wis 11:22 – 12:2; 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2;  
Lk 19:1-10

**Psalm Response:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**  
3 Nov Paul Harris  
10 Nov Michelle Davis

**Readers**  
3 Nov 1st reader Pat Wicks  
2nd reader Barbara Grieves  
Welcome/Intercessions Brian Bright  
10 Nov 1st reader Claire Maguire  
2nd Reader Breda Seamons  
Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**  
3 Nov Elizabeth Doolan & Mary Roberts  
10 Nov Paul Harris & Ray Wood

**Counters**  
3 Nov Barbara Grieves  
10 Nov Marilyn Rowe

**Morning Tea**  
3 Nov Christine Burke  
10 Nov George Commens

**Church Care**  
1 Nov Marilyn Rowe & Noleen Cliff

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

**Entrance Ant:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Communion Ant:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**Saints Days of the Week (4 Nov - 9 Nov)**  
4 Nov St. Charles Borromeo bishop, reformer  
5 Nov St. Sylvia mother of St Gregory  
6 Nov St. Joseph Khang Vietnamese martyr  
7 Nov St. Hyacinth Castaneda Vietnamese martyr  
8 Nov Bl. Elizabeth of the Trinity writer, nun  
9 Nov St. Agrippinus bishop



**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3/11/19**  
*If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships. No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand. © Richard Leonard SJ*

**Next Week:**  
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

**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>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</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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**OUR CHANGING BLACKHEATH PARISH:** Last Sunday's AGM and Parish Council elections certainly reflected the turbulent state of our parish affairs since the 7th August this year when Bishop Vincent decided to make some changes to our operations – beginning with the retirement of yours truly to take effect originally from 1st January 2020, but last Sunday renegotiated to the 12th April 2020 (Easter Sunday).

When first appointed (temporarily) to this parish on the 5th January 2009, As a new priest, I set out to unify the Blackheath Catholic community, essentially by introducing daily Mass (Eucharist) to allow Jesus himself to run the parish as he wanted to. After all, this was/is his parish! We must never forget that fact! Initially, there were problems. Though after a couple of years things settled down with the result that we have since developed a most productive, friendly environment for both parishioners and visitors alike. Oh! We have had our differences of opinion on a whole range of matters, but we have eventually sorted them out to the ultimate benefit of all concerned. In this fashion, the last decade for us has 'flown'! Gone! The significant legacy left behind for us to consider at this time was raised by me via my AGM Annual Report last Sunday. We did it! Not me – us!

So now we come to the present. You parishioners, in the address by Richard McMahon let your feelings be clearly known. None-the-less, Richard has the task of determining and implementing a new direction for our parish with the involvement of nine people who will form the 'Transition' group, with 3 members from the PPC, 3 members from other parishioners and 3 nominated from the Diocese. They will need all the support you can give them and then some! Your ideas! Your active participation! I don't know about deadlines, though I expect all to be finalised by Easter. I am to have no contact whatever with this group, nor will they have any direct contact with the PPC, crises of course excepted!

My task as Administrator of the Blackheath Parish is to ensure that normal operations will continue – Advent, Christmas, New Year, Epiphany walkers, garage sale (if held), Lent, the Triduum, Easter Sunday and all the other Masses too. These, plus any other normal sacraments, liturgies and events which occur during my time here will also be included. To help me in this task I will have the services of the PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) as the PPC canonically reports directly to me anyway! The Parish Secretary and office staff will continue to operate under my jurisdiction for my remaining time here. Finally, as at this time, no one knows what the rules of engagement will be on Easter Monday and beyond! That's another one for the 'Transition' group to resolve. Pray for them!

**2019 MASS COUNT:** The head count for last weekend totalled an estimated 76 persons – Blackheath, 67; Megalong Valley, 9. When added to the previous three weeks total of 98 persons (6/10), 88 persons (13/10) and 90 persons (20/10), we now have a grand total of 352 persons. That's an average of 88 persons per Mass. Not bad!

**NOVEMBER AND THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** November has arrived and we have already celebrated both All Saints Day & All Souls Day. The Remembrance Day Book is in place adjoining the baptismal font for parishioners to list their departed loved ones. We do this so that our community may honour them in our prayers throughout November.

**MELBOURNE CUP:** Best wishes and lucky horseshoes to all who enter into the spirit of this unique annual event!  
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

**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 and Elizabeth Doolan 47875537

**In Loving Memory**

7th Lewis Hodgkinson  
9th Melanie Hinklemann



**Happy Birthday!**

3rd John Paul Lillis  
4th Barbara Hodgkinson



**UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS ADORATION CHAPEL ~**

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains has opened an Adoration Chapel at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. If you would like further information or would like to sign up for a weekly hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, please call the parish office on 02 4782 2804.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 -**

You are invited to the fourth of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Humble, Healing and Merciful' will be held on 6 November from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

Another way to participate is through the **Deanery Forum**, being run by the Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council (the 6 Catholic parishes between Emu Plains and Blackheath). 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.**

For more information please visit [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**FATHER BOB'S FAREWELL LUNCH**

Because Fr Bob will now be staying with us until Easter, the date for his farewell lunch will now be changed. We will let you know the new date in due course.

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK ~** At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1 December.

**REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN ~**

23 November Preparing our hearts for Advent – Reflection Day for Women. Saturday 23 November 9.30am – 3.00 pm. Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection! To register or for more information [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone: (02)

**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: 8838 3497.

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

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