

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
31.5.20**

this week: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13;
Jn 20:19-23

next week: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13;
Jn 3:16-18



**CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION
APPEAL**

An increase on last week's tally – a further \$210.75 – bringing our total to \$1324.75. Thank you to those who contributed so generously!

**Prayer to mark the end of Laudato Si
Week**

Paul, Cate, Siggy, Julie, Ray, Christine & John T (taking photo) gathered in the 'Forest' at noon last Sunday to recite the special Laudato Si Prayer for our environment ☐



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY –

Friday 12 June Theme: Biodiversity
<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK - 27 MAY to 3 JUNE
"IN THIS TOGETHER 2020"**



Were you there on 28 May 2000?? When more than a quarter of a million people walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge on 28 May 2000 to show their support for meaningful reconciliation between Australia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. If you were there, send us your photos so we can put them in the Bulletin!!

Uluru Statement from the Heart ... have you read it?? <https://ulurustatement.org/>

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Many parishes in the Diocese are now offering livestreamed Masses. These include daily Mass and Sunday Mass. You can see which parishes offer online Mass on our Diocesan website (<https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>). Sunday Mass will be also be streamed live on YouTube (<https://www.youtu.be/user/parramattadiocese>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/st-patricks-cathedral-parramatta-1590485624520954/>) from St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Sometimes we can think that peace and quiet is sitting in the lotus position in a darkened room. Christ's gift of peace is more robust than that.

If we really want to cultivate peace and quiet in our lives we have to confront the things we are trying to avoid or deny. Often these things hinge on painful memories or events where we were destructive toward others or they were toward us. Unless we forgive ourselves or forgive them, our busyness will ensure that we have enough clamour and activity to stay away from ugly memories. Unfortunately it usually follows that when we are so busy not dealing with the sins of our past, peace and quiet stay well away from us as well.
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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.

There are no masses being celebrated here at this time. Live streaming of Masses, prayer resources etc can be found on parracatholic.org. They can also be found on our Parish website

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Fr Bob: 0417 355 479 emergencies only

Fr Jolly: 0417 541 637 and

email: jol-

Parish Office: 02 4787 8540

Office hours Wed 12.00pm - 3.00pm

Thu 9.00am - 1.00pm

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Brian Bright (Chair) (bbright45@bigpond.com) or David Buck-

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

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

www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Community-Blackheath-NSW-Australia-153850768029631/

SAINTS OF THE DAY (31 May - 1 Jun)

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| 1 Jun | Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church | |
| 2 Jun | Sts Marcellin us and Peter | martyrs |
| 3 Jun | St Charles Lwanga & companions | martyrs |
| 4 Jun | St. Cornelius of Armagh | Irish bishop |
| 5 Jun | St Boniface | bishop, martyr |
| 6 Jun | St Norbert | bishop |

FR JOLLY'S REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY. ~ "Evangelization is not possible without the action of the Holy Spirit the most convincing dialectic has no power over the heart". (Pope John Paul II).

Today is a great day of rejoicing for the church. The Holy Spirit has been poured out on us. The Holy Church was born today! The whole church rejoices for the gift of God's own Spirit who is her comforter and counsellor.

We all look forward to that day when there will be no more Covid-19. We all look forward that day when there will be no enemies, no blaming of each other and hatred of one another, and the world will work together for the discovery of a new vaccine that will stop the spread of Covid-19. We all look forward to that day when all people will be able to hug each other, speak in harmony and their minds apprehend alike. We all look forward to that day when fear is gone and peace will rule the day because Christ will rule the hearts. We look forward that day when all people with charity for all in their heart, will join the Psalmist in singing in one voice: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity". That is our desire and wish.

Can this become a reality? Yes, it can: provided we have the Holy Spirit assisting us. The Spirit of God achieved such a community on the day of Pentecost.

The greatest fruit of redemption is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Jesus had already promised at the Last Supper, "I will pray to the Father and He will give you another counsellor to be with you forever. The Spirit of Truth" (John 14:16).

For the Apostles, this event meant they were no longer the fear-stricken, ignorant men. Fear had given way to courage. They opened the closed doors. They stepped out with undying faith in the indwelling Spirit. They were so animated now that nothing could stop them. The outpouring of the Spirit had an effect on the community as a whole as well. They were united in mind and heart. The Holy Spirit draws people together into a community of believers. Through the power of the Spirit, language barriers crumbled. It is with this event that the Church was born. Those who heard the word, grew in their faith and discovered that they too had gifts given by the Spirit to share with the Community. The Spirit brought together not only the dispersed nations but also the confused disciples, so that they were immediately transformed into the Body of Christ. The same Spirit is with us and can do the same today for the Church and the world. But the Spirit of God needs you and me, the Spirit needs us, his Church to form that body. The Spirit needs us to cooperate with Him in the transformation of the world. We must allow the Spirit to blossom in us into works. We must first work to transform our own churches into united, loving, forgiving and sharing communities. Our Parish must become truly the Body of Christ, in which all our individual gifts are put at the service of the community, in the belief that "There are different gifts but the same Spirit, there are different ministries but the same Lord" (1Cor 12:4). Having set our own house in order, we then reach out beyond the confines of our Parish Community. The words of Jesus, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21) were directed towards you and me. Therefore, as God's people, we are bound to function as divine agents in the world, to break down the walls of pride, division, hatred and prejudice. It is in this contest the words of Pope St. John Paul II become so real. "Evangelization is not possible without the action of the Holy Spirit". Thus, the gifts of the Spirit we have received in our Baptism and Confirmation may work in us to eliminate the obstacles of forming a loving community. The only obstacle that prevent us from forming a loving community is our lack of forgiveness. There is only one sin against the Holy Spirit that is the unwillingness to forgive and receive forgiveness.

Today, we pray to the Holy Spirit to give us the gift of forgiveness, which helps us overcome prejudices, divisions, hatred and ill will. May the Spirit lead us to come together in acceptance and in mutual help, in a community of faith, hope and love.

Come, Holy Spirit divine, and fill me with your gifts and fruits that I may be able to forgive those who have caused me pain or sorrow and may I obtain your true forgiveness. Amen

MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND – Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 May.

All went well with our Masses last weekend and during the week – thanks to all involved in making this happen safely! Particular thanks to Fr Bob!

As with last week, Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Blackheath - ONLY

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5.00 pm

Sunday 9:30am

Wednesday to Saturday 9.00 am

We are still limited to 10 PEOPLE ONLY who may attend Mass on any one occasion.

Those attending need to be registered www.massregister.com.au; (if you have already registered, no need to register again.

BUT – you still need to contact us if you want to attend Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning:


Brian Bright – bbright45@bigpond.com (preferred) or 0401768688; or

David Buckley dbuckley45@bigpond.com (preferred) or 47875105/0400208707.

In fairness, we still have to have a 'draw' as to who will be able to attend.

PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN or DAVID NO LATER THAN 10:00AM SATURDAY MORNING

PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, CHURCH TOILETS ARE LOCKED THEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

THANK YOU PATRICIA! ~ After many years as part of our 'ever valuable 'Office Team, Patricia Dee has decided it is time to 'retire'. Besides working in the office, Patricia was also one of our many volunteers – playing key roles especially in the annual Garage Sale, Miss Pretty's Tea-room Fashion Parade and most of our social functions. Although Patricia now lives in Lithgow, we still hope to see her as part of our Parish Family once we get back to the 'new normal, post covid-19. So it is Thank You – not Goodbye!! . 

WE ARE STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!! ~Despite the covid-19 'shutdown/lockout', the Parish Pastoral Council is still operating much as normal – we have actually been meeting on-line most weeks - either as the Executive (Brian, David, Adrian, John T) or full meeting (including Julie O'K, Christine, John B and Paul). Fr Jolly has been coming in on most meetings as well. If you need to contact us out of office hours (see front of Bulletin) any of the Parish Council can be contacted and the parish mobile # is there also. We check the office email remotely most days,

If you need to contact Fr Jolly, his mobile is: 0417 541 637 and email: jollyms2002200@yahoo.com.

Happy Anniversary !
31st Diane and Murray Stewart



Rest in Peace!
1st Cy Schreiber



PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers: John & Marion Crowley, Shielagh Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Ray Wood, Elizabeth Farrar's daughter Emma and Fr Mick Callaghan – former PP of Glenbrook Parish Deanery

Happy Birthday!
3rd Carol Drummond



WORKING BEE SATURDAY 30 MAY 8AM ~ Our next Parish working bee is on Saturday morning 30 May from 8am.

Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information. All welcome to come and help.

