

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
YEAR A 14.6.20**

this week: Dt 8:2-3. 14-16 ; 1 Cor 10:16-17 ;
Jn 6:51-58

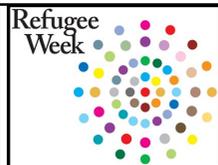
next week: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15;
Mt 10:26-33



Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Share your Good News Stories! ~ Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>



REFUGEE WEEK (7th to 14th June) is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Originally celebrated in 1986, Refugee Week coincides with World Refugee Day (20 June).

Continuing to enjoy the fruits and benefits of secure and peaceful lives in our homes in the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, let's open our hearts and take some extra practical steps individually and collectively to provide a home for those who deserve more than the closed door of our fear and isolation. Let's always call to mind what it would be like for us if we were on the other side of the door, knocking, or if we were on the other side of the national border, pleading. Remember, in the kingdom of God 'some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last'. Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Due to COVID-19, **Project Compassion** has been extended and parishioners can bring their boxes or envelopes to parishes, or if they are unable, can contact 1800 024 413 or go to lent.caritas.org.au. A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvhdL0IM>. For any further support, please contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.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.youtube.com/user/parramattadiocese>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/st-patricks-cathedral-parramatta-1590485624520954/>) from St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

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.

This coming weekend 2 Masses will be celebrated - **BOTH** at the Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath: - Vigil Mass Saturday evening – commencing at 5pm – celebrated by Fr Paul Hanna.
Sunday morning Mass – commencing at 9:30am – celebrated by Fr Jolly Chacko

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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 Buckley (Deputy Chair) (dbuckley45@bigpond.com).

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 (15 June - 20 June)

15 June	St. Adelaide	Cistercian nun
16 June	St. John Francis Regis	Jesuit priest
17 June	St. Emily de Vialar	foundress, educator
18 June	St. Gregory Barbarigo	bishop
19 June	St. Romuald	abbot
20 June	St. Francis Pacheco	Jesuit martyr

Father Jolly's Reflection for the **MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST** Sunday.

"The Eucharist is the Silence of God, the weakness of God;" says Carlo Carette. God has to veil his presence make use of various disguises, and hide behind secondary causes, lest the intensity of divine love force the soul out of the body. The Eucharist is God's love and that total love for us is his weakness. St. Augustine comments that the Eucharist is the milk that God has provided in this life because of our spiritual weakness. Our loving God for the sake of Spiritual consolation is gradually purified and transformed into agape, unconditional love. The unconditional love leads us to be part of the other. Thus Eucharist is the greatest mystery and the highest experience of mysticism when it is received with proper understanding. When we receive the Eucharist, we enter into the depths of the Holy Trinity. In this generosity of God's love and humility, God transforms the bread and wine and becomes part of our body. St. Augustine again says "we are consumed by the divine energy and transformed into God". What a privilege? what a great example of God's self-giving?"

Christ becomes part of us forever and we recognise his presence and we become intimate with him more and more in every reception of the Holy Communion. We become united with his mystical body. Pope Francis describes this experience and says "The Eucharist is the spiritual life blood of the Christian because in receiving it we consume the glorified body of the Risen Lord, whose life then transforms us, elevates us and empowers us to become like him". The Eucharist grants us a share in the Divine and Human Saviour of the world, whose gift of himself imparts eternal life to those who love him. That is why Jesus says, "If anyone eats my flesh, he will live forever". Today we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. As we reflect on today's readings and the Eucharist, the greatest gift of God to us, as Pope Francis tells us may the Eucharist transform us to form a single body because we share this one loaf and empower us to become like him. May the Eucharist enable us to suffer and to live with him. May we be sanctified and live a reconciled life with everyone. May we allow God to penetrate and restore our dignity as children of God. May we create true communities of love by becoming part of the one loaf that we share. May it empower us to participate in forming and building up of a just society based on the principals of self-giving and sharing. May the true love that we receive in the Eucharist enable us to make love as the vocation and motto of our lives.

Parish Council News: The council members have been meeting online using Zoom each fortnight during the Covid-19 isolation period. Last week and this week we were joined by Richard McMahon and Lisa Bright from the Pastoral Planning Office to review the role of the Parish Pastoral Council and to look at planning for the short and long term. As we have had new members (Cate Mitchel, Christine O'Grady, Julie O'Keefe, Adrian Carrol, David Buckley, and myself) join the Council since the end of last year, we thought it a good time to review what we are about and how we proceed. We look forward to sharing more of this with you in terms of developing some goals for the future based on recent consultations with the parish for the Plenary Council, the even more recent consultation about the future leadership model for the parish and your current ideas for the parish's future. Our next Parish Council meeting is on 17 June. Please contact one of the Parish Council members if you wish to bring something forward for the Council's consideration.

CHANGE IN 1ST CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS ~ As per Fr Jolly's letter in mid-April, David Buckley was the first contact between the parish office staff and Fr Jolly. This role included assisting with details appearing in the Bulletin regarding the resumption of Sunday Masses and fielding some email enquiries. David has had to step away from this role to allow more time to meet his role on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Along with John Tweedie, I shall be taking on this role – working with our office staff – Pat Wicks and Joy Martin. Marilyn Rowe, although no longer a member of the office staff remains a 'font of knowledge' in the day-today operation of the Parish. Regards Brian

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY ~ A position remains vacant on our Parish Pastoral Council. Members of our Parish Family are strongly urged to consider joining our group of volunteer Council members – helping guide the Parish as we embark on our ongoing Journey. We are still in a state of gender imbalance – with the boys outnumbering the girls 6:3. We need more wisdom and guidance from the many talented women in our parish ... please! Please see Brian or any member of the PPC if you would like to join in.

- Latest information relating to:
- ◆ **Covid-19 restrictions** can be found on www.parracatholic.org/covid19/
 - ◆ **Live streaming of Masses and Prayer Resources** can be found at www.parracatholic.org/covid19/ These details can also be found on our Parish website
 - ◆ **News from the Diocese of Parramatta** – Catholic Outlook – www.catholic@catholicoutlook.org
 - ◆ **Plenary Council 2020:** For information on the Fifth Plenary Council in Australia - www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.
 - ◆ **Catholic Youth Parramatta** - www.parracatholic.org/cyp/
 - ◆ **Catholic Church in Australia:** For information on the Catholic Church in Australia: www.catholic.org.au

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
14th Helen Burke
16th Colette Lillis



Rest in Peace!
16th Norma Ward
Recently deceased:-
Fr Noel Connolly SSC
David Bush



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, Peter Gale Doug - Connie and Graham's son-in-law Adrian & Robyn Carroll