

**Today** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11  
Mt 10:37-42  
**Next week** Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13;  
Mt 11:25-30

**Psalm Response:** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

**TOILET CLEANING ROSTER** following Sunday Mass

Thank you to those who have volunteered for this not so salubrious task – Julie and Sigi, Mary Roberts and John T. It would be wonderful if we could attract 2-3 more to 'put their hand up' – please. That way the job can be shared around – having to do this once every 5-6 weeks. Please advise Brian, David, Julie, or John T – from the PPC, if you can help

**JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE / HOUSE OF WELCOME APPEAL.** A very big THANK YOU to so many of you who gave so generously to our appeal for food and toiletry items. All up we collected 270 items - FANTASTIC! These will be delivered down to Sydney within the week. Again, thank you for your



**13TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME  
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There can be moments when a family's lifestyle, beliefs, behaviour or values are such that one member feels that, in conscience, or by conviction, he or she does not belong anymore. When this happens we can listen carefully to reasons the family member gives. Maybe we have lost something essential in our life together that needs challenging and change. And maybe it's the family member who is in the wrong. Keeping the lines of communication open, speaking the truth with calmness and love and remaining as compassionate as possible are the best Christian responses. I can't pretend that any of this is easy, but, when I have seen families do it, the prophetic, truthful and charitable rewards Jesus offers in today's Gospel are powerfully in evidence. © Richard Leonard SJ

**PROJECT COMPASSION UPDATE** ~ 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](http://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

**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 SUNDAY THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS - AT 9:30AM SUNDAY** at Blackheath Attendance is still limited to 50 – Please 'book in' no later than 10am this Saturday. Please email Brian – [bbright45@bigpond.com](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com) - with cc to - [dbuckley45@bigpond.com](mailto:dbuckley45@bigpond.com)  
Or simply telephone/text: 0401 768 688 (Brian) or David on 0400 208 707.

**Parish Mobile:** 0428 878 810

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**Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540

**Office hours** Wed 12.00pm - 3.00pm

Thu 9.00am - 1.00pm

**Address:** PO Box 354, Blackheath

**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](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com)) or David Buckley (Deputy Chair) ([dbuckley45@bigpond.com](mailto: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](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org)

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

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**SAINTS OF THE DAY** (29 June - 4 July)

29 June	Sts Peter and Paul	apostles
30 June	First Martyrs of the See of Rome	
1 July	St. Oliver Plunkett	Irish martyr
2 July	St. Bernardino Realino	Italian Jesuit
3 July	St Thomas	apostle
4 July	St Elizabeth of Portugal	holy Spanish princess

**FATHER JOLLY'S REFLECTION** for the 13th Sunday in ordinary time.  
 "You may call God love, you may call God goodness, but the best name for God is compassion." The story of Jesus is a story of compassion says Meister Eckhart. The good news of Jesus is that God is compassionate and there is no limit to God's compassion. His compassionate love and forgiveness are unlimited and unconditional and all-embracing. Hence the great call for the disciples of Jesus is to be compassionate in life. Compassion is an attitude of welcoming. The word "Compassion" comes from two Latin words, 'Cum and Patire', which means to suffer with. In other words compassion means to enter into the suffering of the other and to be with him/her in his/her suffering. It is to suffer with the other and to be kind and gentle to him/her in his/her pain. Compassion means to be one with the vulnerable. To be compassionate one has to be willing to renounce what seems to be selfish and self-oriented. Jesus tells us if anyone would be my follower, he or she should renounce anything that is selfish or self-centred, parents, children, family, then take up his cross and follow Him. Self-renouncing is a painful process. It means to be weak with the weak, to be powerless with the powerless and to be vulnerable with the vulnerable. It is entering into the painful situation and experience of the other and remaining with him/her in a sense of solidarity and oneness. It is to remain immersed in the conditions of fellow human beings in their brokenness. Let compassion be the name of God, reflected through each one of us. May we welcome God by welcoming others. "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me". (Matthew 10:40). "If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward". Jesus calls us to have compassionate love and service as our motto in life. It is always life-giving. It calls us to be sensitive to the suffering and feelings of others. Yes most of us desire and wish to be compassionate and life-giving but in reality, we tend to avoid it. It is our nature to avoid pain and suffering, and to enter into the pain of others is not our natural response. Only those who have experienced pain and have discovered by the power of faith and love, higher values beyond pain and suffering enter into the pain of others. The Cross of Jesus is the example of such higher value discovery. May we join our own crosses to the cross of Jesus. May we be able to take our own crosses and follow Him in our service to our fellow men and women. May Jesus grant us a compassionate heart to do so.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Since the Parish AGM last October, the council has been working with the Pastoral Planning Office of the diocese in supporting our parish process of discernment for the future. Now that the new members to the council have settled in, they are continuing to walk with us as we put in place a Parish Plan for the remainder of this year and next - 2020 and 2021. The areas we are focusing on for our Parish Plan are drawn from the Plenary Council 2020 consultations that have taken place in our parish, in our deanery, in our diocese and right across Australia. The council is currently involved in looking at what you have said and what is said in the papers that have been developed from these submissions. (plenarycouncil2020.org.au/discernment/discernment papers). We will select key areas and develop goals and a plan of action for you to reflect upon and give us your feedback in the coming weeks. With the Covid-19 restrictions still in place, it has been a time to steadily progress the council's work. We hope that with restrictions easing, there will be opportunities to engage more easily with everyone about the Parish Plan. For the moment, however, we are relying mainly on email and phone contact to keep you informed and involved. It has been rewarding to witness the generosity of those who have stepped forward to keep things moving in these extraordinary times. Thank you all.

Sustaining Faith at Holy Spirit Seminary with Thanks to You  
 As faithful supporters of our Holy Spirit Seminary and the men who have answered God's call to the priesthood, Parramatta Catholic Foundation would like to share with us the impact of your generosity.  
 Please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/newsletter](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/newsletter)  
 We hope you enjoy reading about our recently ordained priests – Fr Chris, Fr Galbert and Fr Jack – and getting to know our new seminarians – Blake, Luke, Macky and Paul. Thank you for your prayerful support and accompaniment.

**WORKING BEE SATURDAY 27 June 8am ~ Our next Parish working bee is on Saturday morning 27th June from 8am.**  
**Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information.**  
**All welcome to come and help.**



### SATURDAY SESSIONS

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on [sa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:sa.bright@parracatholic.org) to join the mailing list to receive session information.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
 28th Louise Noyes



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL ~** Due to CV-19 and the restrictions on the number of people who can attend Mass, Sacred Heart Blackheath Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society (Blackheath Vinnies) has been unable to hold their Winter Appeal. Our Church Appeal usually coincides with the Winter Street Appeal and we have made application to BMCC for a date in August. However, any Parishioners who wish to donate to Vinnies before the end of the financial year will find donation envelopes on the pew near the verandah door for their use. Put your envelope on the the second collection and a receipt will be forwarded to you to claim a tax deduction for this financial year. Any queries contact Karen Hayward M: 0419 123 744.



**THIS COMING SUNDAY (28 June) THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS - AT 9:30AM SUNDAY**

To lead us in our Eucharistic Celebration this Sunday we welcome Fr Jobi Payyappilly from St Nicholas of Myra Parish in Penrith

Once again, attendance will be limited to 50 and it will be necessary to 'book in' no later than 10am this Saturday please.

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**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