

Today Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Rom 14:7-9,
Mt 18:21-35
Next week Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27;
Mt 20:1-16

Psalm Response: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give
you a new commandment: love one another as
I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Servers
13 Sept Paul Harris
20 Sept Pat Wicks
Readers
13 Sept 1st Reader Connie Adams
2nd Reader Mary Ryan
Welcome/Intercessions David Buckley
20 Sept 1st Reader Christa Buckley
2nd Reader Monica Bright
Welcome/Intercessions Brian bright

Counters
13 Sept Cate Mitchell
20 Sept Barbara Grieves

Church Care
Sept Noleen Cliff & Marilyn Rowe

Flowers
Sept Rosemary Kenny & Mary Batty

PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers:
Breda Seamons,, Ron O'Brien, Peter Gale,
John & Marion Crowley, Shielagh Kirkham,
Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer,
Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli,
Elizabeth Farrar's daughter Emma,
John Hanna and , Doug - Connie and
Graham's son-in-law



LIVESTREAM MASSES

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the
Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>.

SAINTS OF THE DAY (14 Sept - 1912 Sept))

14 Sept The Exaltation of the Cross
15 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows
16 Sept Sts Cornelius & Cyprian martyrs
17 Sept St Robert Bellarmine bishop, doctor
18 Sept St. John Macias Dominican monk
19 Sept St Januarius bishop, martyr



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A

In the 5th Century St Augustine said
that forgiveness was like a mother
who has two wonderful daughters
named justice and compassion. In
using such a metaphor Augustine
knew that forgiveness was not a once-
off event, it was a process that in-
volved other virtues as well. Jesus
teaches a similar lesson in today's
Gospel, where he uses the image of
the King settling his debts. Because
the King is just, compassionate and
forgiving, he rightly expects that, in
turn, his steward will be so as well.

It's easy to be forgiving in the big
picture. We can preach strongly about
war, peace and reconciliation. It's
quite another to forgive those closest
to us. Sometimes the hardest place to
be compassionate and just is our own
home. If we are not speaking to a
husband, wife, child, parent, sibling
or friend then today's Gospel has a
strong challenge right where we live.

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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.*

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

Parish Mobile: 0428 878 810

E-mail: blackheath@parracatholic.org

Fr Jolly: 0417 541 637 and

email: jollyms20022000@yahoo.co.in

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) or David Buck-
ley (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/>

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PARISH CALENDAR:

Friday 11th September Gardening 2pm

Saturday 12th September: Saturday Sessions 11.00am

Monday, 14th September: Zoom session for Pastoral Plan at 4.30pm

Wed, 23rd September: PPC Zoom Meeting at 4.30pm

WELCOME FR JOHN AND FR ABRAHAM: We warmly welcome John and Abraham to the upper blue mountains and especially to our parish community in Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong. We pray they have a fruitful time and are blessed with good health and friendship as they serve the brothers and sisters in God's own country.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE: In developing our Parish Plan for the immediate future, we have been thinking about how we can become a Jesus-inspired, humble, healing, merciful and inclusive parish community. Kevin Treston, in his article "See I am Making All Things New (Rev.21:5) - What the Australian Church looks like in 2030" published in A Call to Reset the Sails - Plenary Council 20-21 (p.30) writes:

"The starting point for living a Christian life is being energised in baptism by the Spirit to courageously follow the teachings of Jesus rather than ascertaining if one is simply obeying church laws (see Mathew 23)..... passion for an abundance of life will impel the Australian church of 2030 to be even more proactive in works of justice for the homeless, migrants, refugees, gender discrimination, human trafficking, victims of domestic violence, racism, and planetary wellbeing. Through ecumenical cooperation with other religions and public agencies at the national and international level the Catholic church will vigorously pursue the quest for a just society, leaving no stone unturned for more humane living and planetary health. A prophetic witness stance by the church on issues of basic justice will face unrelenting public scorn and opprobrium."

It is our task in developing our Parish Plan to choose what actions we need to take in our community now, to enable this Catholic church of the future to become a reality.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN: You can still join the group of Parishioners developing our Parish Pastoral Plan. Please pick up a pack of materials after Mass this Sunday. We will have our next Zoom planning session on this Monday, 14th September, from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. We will be working on the second goal: Being a missionary and evangelising Parish community. If you want to join in, please email me on bbright45@bigpond.com and I will send you an email with the plan as it has been developed so far and the Zoom link for this next session, closer to the day.

SEASON OF CREATION: The Focus this week is: Land.

Suggested activities for the second week of the Season of Creation: Continue with the daily Lectio Divino on Creation and conclude each session with a reflection on Pope Francis' Prayer for Creation, included in this bulletin. During this week take photographs of your Encounters with Nature and send to Frances H for posting on our parish Face Book page; email to Frances your photos at montincielo@gmail.com if you are not on Face Book. Add a reflection word or phrase with your photo.

Reduce carbon footprint tip for the week: Purchase fruit and veg grown in Australia and as locally sourced as possible. Refuse imported unseasonal produce.

Prayer for the Land: God, our Creator, we celebrate your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation, especially in the soil, the fields and the land. Help us to empathise with your creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the land, the flowers of the field and all the creatures of the countryside. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.

SATURDAY SESSIONS: Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am - 12pm. Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting: <https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/joining/register/tJwlcO-qDrDooHddLnj0Rr19PhihFO58IUtCB>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting.

What's wrong with a virtual Mass? - Flashes of Insight. Fr Michael Kelly SJ (approx 20 minutes)

Michael Kelly SJ interviews Dr Joseph Grayland, Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Dr Carmel Pilcher about the COVID-19 phenomenon that has hit the Catholic Church; even the Pope was involved, the Virtual Mass.

VINNIES DROP-IN SUPPORT CENTRE OPENS IN BLACKHEATH

On Monday 14 September at
SACRED HEART PARISH HALL
167 WENTWORTH STREET
BLACKHEATH

From 09:30 to 12:00

On Monday and Wednesday

For practical low income support

For more information contact:

Vinnies Drop-in Support Centre

M: 0490 709 547

E: blackheath.conference@vinnies.org.au

OR contact Karen on 0419 123 744

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY ~ Sacred Heart Parish [is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

GIFTS IN WILLS ~ As God's stewards, we're entrusted to use the gifts we are given wisely for the greater good of our family, faith community and God's kingdom. A gift in your will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. We invite you to consider a gift in your Will to our parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation or a Catholic ministry. Even the most modest gift will advance our church's works of faith, hope and charity for future generations For more information : yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills

The Springwood East Timor Support Group is supporting this year's **TREK FOR TIMOR**, which is going online to provide a virtual experience in Timor itself. Many of our members are taking part, and we'd love you to join with, or sponsor us. Blue Mountains Trek for Timor is a biennial trekking event to raise funds for crucial education and development projects in Timor Leste. This year's physical event has been thwarted by fires, storms and COVID-19, so the event is going virtual.

WORKING BEE Saturday 19th September 8am ~ Our next Parish working bee is on Saturday morning 19th September from 8am. Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information.

All welcome to come and help.



Happy Birthday!

19th Basil Jackson (1928)



Rest in Peace!

15th Elsie Carroll (d 2010 - Adrian's mother)



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