



**Today** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11;  
Mt 21:28-32  
**Next week** Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

**Psalm Response:** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Servers**  
27 Sept Grahame Adams  
4 Oct Ray Wood  
**Readers**  
27th Sept 1st Reader Claire Maguire  
2nd Reader Connie Adams  
Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks  
4 Oct 1st Reader Monica Bright  
2nd Reader Brian Bright  
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris  
**Counters**  
27 Sept Marilyn Rowe  
4 Oct Laurie Noyes  
**Church Care**  
Sept Noleen Cliff & Marilyn Rowe  
**Flowers**  
Sept Rosemary Kenny & Mary Batty

**St Paul's Mt Victoria**  
**Entrance Ant:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.  
**Communion Ant:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

May this Eucharist give us the strength to not only 'look good', but to 'be good', to start over if we need to, and do our best to live out the faith we profess. May it strengthen us to find the Lord where he is, and not keep looking in the places where we would prefer him to be.

Richard Leonard SJ

**SAINTS OF THE DAY** (28 Sept - 3rd Oct))  
28 Sept St. Wenceslaus martyr  
29 Sept Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael archangels  
30 Sept St Jerome priest, doctor  
1 Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus virgin, doctor  
2 Oct The Holy Guardian Angels  
3 Oct St. Mother Theodore Guerin foundress

# 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.*

**FROM 3/10 MASS WILL RECOMMENCE AT MT VIC AT 6.00PM**

**BLACKHEATH MASSES**

**SUNDAY 9:30AM** 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 [dbucley45@bigpond.com](mailto:dbucley45@bigpond.com) Or phone/text: 0401 768 688 (Brian); David on 0400 208 707.  
**TUES, FRID and SAT** at 9.00 am **WED** at 6.30pm  
**RECONCILIATION** at 6.15pm Wed and after Mass on Sat.

**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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**PARISH CALENDAR:**

Friday 25th September Gardening 2pm, Prayer in the Forest 10am-4pm  
Monday, 12th October Zoom session for Pastoral Plan at 4.30pm  
Wed, 28th October: PPC Zoom Meeting at 4.30pm  
Sunday 29th November Parish AGM at 11.00am

COMMENT BY FR JOHN; Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ  
 It is with great joy that I commence my ministry among you!  
 I look forward to working together to bring about the Kingdom of God in this beautiful part of the world. Having grown up in Glenbrook, with my parents moving to Blackheath for 15 years after my Ordination, and having been PP of St Finbar's, Glenbrook, for 13 years - I am very familiar with the Church communities of the Upper Mountains.  
 I also welcome Fr Abraham Kunnatholy Varu CMI as assistant pastor. He will reside at Blackheath, while I will reside in Katoomba.  
 Let us continue to pray for each other in the time ahead, as we strive to be faithful to our Baptismal calling of service to both the people of God and the wider Blue Mountains community!  
 God bless you all Fr John McSweeney

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS:** Thanks to our volunteers who helped at the Working Bee last weekend. Its great to see the grounds looking so well cared for, as usual, and the gardens taking on a new look with all the effort Julie and her gardening group are putting in each week.

**BRING A PLATE FOR MORNING TEA:** We will have a welcoming morning tea for Fr John in the hall this Sunday after Mass. The COVID-SAFE plan for the hall means that only 18 people can be in the hall at any one time. So will have someone counting people in and out to ensure everyone's safety. Some will need to take their cuppa out onto the veranda or apron outside the hall. Please bring something to share for the morning tea.

**CAN YOU HELP?** On 17 November the NSW Government will deliver the State Budget. With more than 100,000 people waiting for social housing and many more families struggling to make ends meet, it is the ideal time for NSW to invest in more social housing. To convince the NSW Government to make this much-needed investment, St Vincent de Paul Society members and supporters have been collecting signatures on a hard copy petition that we hope to have tabled in NSW Parliament before the Budget.

So far, we have collected more than 7,250 signatures – a remarkable effort given the challenges posed by COVID-19. But for our petition to be eligible to be debated in Parliament it needs a minimum of 10,000 signatures. This means we have just four weeks to collect another 2,750 signatures.

Can you help us by collecting as many signatures as you can from people at your workplace or household or from friends with whom you are already in contact? If you could collect 30 signatures it would go a long way to helping us reach our target of 10,000. If you could collect 20 or 10 signatures that would also be of great support.

To help, please click here to download the petition or reply to [bbright45@bigpond.com](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com) with your address if you'd like us to mail the petition to you.

**PARISH PASTORAL PLAN:** On Monday, 12th October, from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, we will have our next Zoom planning session. You can still join the group of Parishioners developing our Parish Pastoral Plan. Please pick up a pack of materials after Mass. We will be reviewing the draft plan as it now stands and completing this draft document before circulating it more generally for comment. If you want to join in, please email me on [bbright45@bigpond.com](mailto: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.

**Happy Birthday!**

25th Marlene Nguyen  
 Andrew Waters  
 26th Claire Maguire (b 1946)  
 30th Chantelle Burke (b 2003)



**Rest in Peace!**

25th Ivan Naraj  
 1st Ced Ward  
 2nd Lal Nott Mark



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

**VINNIES DROP-IN SUPPORT CENTRE**  
 SACRED HEART PARISH HALL  
 167 WENTWORTH STREET  
 BLACKHEATH  
 From 9:30am to 12:00 noon  
 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](mailto:blackheath.conference@vinnies.org.au)  
 OR contact Karen on 0419 123 744

**Happy Anniversary!**  
 29th Marion and John Crowley

**MT VIC TO REOPEN ~ From the 3rd of October masses will recommence at Mt Vic at 6.00pm. To book to attend please contact Brian Bright [bbright45@bigpond.com](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com) Or phone/text: 0401 768 688**

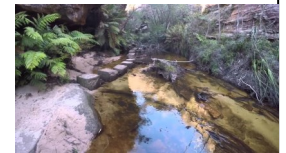
The Springwood East Timor Support Group is supporting this year's **TREK FOR TIMOR**, which is going online to provide a virtual experience in Timor itself. **JOHN TWEEDIE** from Sacred Heart Parish will also be taking part in the TREK FOR TIMOR this year. Trek funds support many projects in the town of Hatobuilico in the mountains of central Timor – including significant funding for the Catholic Senior Secondary School.

For his virtual Trek, John (with friends) will be hiking from Chatswood to Blackheath over a period of 6 days commencing 17 October. Our Parish has been very supportive of the Trek in past years and in 2018 the parish welcomed a visit from Fr Francisco (Parish priest of Hatobuilico) and seminarian Frater Acacio. To find out more go to [www.trekfortimorbm.org.au](http://www.trekfortimorbm.org.au) or speak to John after Mass.

**SEASON OF CREATION:**

The focus this week is **Rivers**

**Activity for this week:** As we enter into the concluding week of this year's Season of Creation there will be the opportunity for a **reflection and prayer walk**, in our very own pine forest, from Monday September 28- Friday October 2 in our Blackheath church grounds. Prayer and reflection cards will be tied around trees from 10am-4pm each day.



**Encountering Nature**

Send your photos to Frances H for posting on our Face Book page.

**Reducing our Carbon Footprint tip for this week**

The big one! **Aim to avoid plastic consumption-** choose non plastic packaging such as glass, metal and paper where possible.

Almost all plastic items are made from fossil fuels such as gas and petroleum. The process of extracting and transporting these fuels and manufacturing plastics from them creates billions of tonnes of greenhouse gases. As plastic breaks down it too releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Read more about **the plastic waste and climate change connection.**

<https://www.wwf.org.au/news/blogs/plastic-waste-and-climate-change-whats-the-connection#gs.g9qde9>

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, John Hanna and , Doug - Connie and Graham's son-in-law