



**Today** Ez 33:7-9; Ez 33:7-9;  
Mt 18:15-20  
**Next week** Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10;  
Mt 18:15-20

**Psalm Response:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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‘What do you like best about yourself?’  
The question does, in fact, cut to the heart of both today's second reading and Gospel. ‘You must love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ We cannot say in the same breath, ‘I hate myself, but I am a good Christian.’ For St Paul, love of self was not indulgent, but the cornerstone of our mission to love as Jesus loves us. Paul knew the difference between self-love and self-adoration. Our love of God is expressed in the healthy and appropriate esteem we have for ourselves. Put another way, we cannot love anyone else if we don't love ourselves. If we have poor self-esteem then often we need others to fill up this gap in our self-love. The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God's love and forgiveness. . It is a love that calls for constant conversion.  
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- Servers**  
6 Sept Diane Stewart  
13 Sept Paul Harris
- Readers**  
6 Sept 1st Reader Monica Bright  
2nd reader Brian Bright  
Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks  
13 Sept 1st Reader Connie Adams  
2nd Reader Mary Ryan  
Welcome/Intercessions David Buckley
- Counters**  
6 Sept Julie & Lance Hodgkinson  
13 Sept Cate Mitchell
- Church Care**  
Sept Noleen Cliff & Marilyn Rowe
- Flowers**  
Sept Pamela Scott

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** (7 Sept - 12 Sept))  
7 Sept St. Cloud recluse  
8 Sept The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin mary  
9 Sept St Peter Claver priest  
10 Sept St. Peter Martinez Spanish archbishop  
11 Sept St. Peter of Chavanon Augustinian reformer

# 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.

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**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:**  
Monday, 7th September: Zoom session for Pastoral Plan  
Wednesday 9th September: PPC Exec Zoom Meeting

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:** Last Tuesday was World Day of Prayer for Creation and about a dozen of us gathered to mark this day. Our thanks to Julie O'Keefe, David Buckley and our musicians Joe Blansjaar and Pat Drummond and Fr Jolly, our celebrant, for this prayerful start to the Season of Creation. After celebrating the mass, we planted wattles to create a wattle grove in the area between the parish house and the water tank. This Sunday, as part of the season of creation, the focus is forests.

If you would like the parish council to consider any ideas you may have for the parish, please let us have these before the meeting of the executive this coming Wednesday afternoon.

**PARISH PASTORAL PLAN:** It is not too late to join the group of Parishioners developing our Parish Pastoral Plan. You are invited to join our next Zoom session. Please pick up a pack of materials after Mass this Sunday. We will have our next Zoom planning session on Monday, 7th September, from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. We will be working on the first Goal: Being a Jesus-inspired, humble, healing and merciful Parish Community. 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 Zoom link for this session, closer to the day.

#### REFLECTION SUGGESTION FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEASON OF CREATION

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) with Creation

Spend a minimum of 10 minutes outdoors daily, ideally in a silent natural setting praying with creation.

##### Read

Take time to "read" creation by walking or looking around slowly taking in with all of your senses what is around you.

##### Meditate

Notice if something attracts your attention and allow yourself to be fully present to this creature/plant etc using all of your senses and reflecting on God's presence in this element of creation.

##### Pray

Enter into dialogue with God about this creature/plant etc and listen to what God might be saying to you through creation.

##### Contemplate

Allow yourself to just rest in God's presence through creation.

##### Reflection Questions:

What do you notice as you do this prayer practice?

What insights emerge through your Lectio Divina about God as Creator and creation?

Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.

Pope Francis Laudato Si #12



Closing of Mass first and last Sundays – you - tube from Kenya  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdX\\_Tn6-kQQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdX_Tn6-kQQ&feature=youtu.be)

#### Happy Birthday!

5th Diane Stewart  
8th Lance Hodgkinson  
12th Ron Walsh



#### Rest in Peace!

1st Lily Hanna 2010  
3rd Philomena Drummond  
5th Bernie Tierney  
8th Ray Thomas  
10th Mary Kingston



## 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:

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OR contact Karen on 0419 123 744

Printed copies of the **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** are available on the brochure stand in the church.

**SACRED HEART GARDENERS** ~ Potatoes are in, under straw, for a December harvest for us to share for Christmas! A compost bin has been set up and needs feeding! Please bring along fresh fruit and veggie scraps. Two raised beds are ready for installation- and now we need some plants! For rehabilitation of the bank along the driveway to the hall we plan to grow prostrate grevillea and hardenbergia. We would be most grateful for donations of any of the following plants: rosemary, oregano, parsley, asparagus crowns, nasturtium, calendula, strawberries, pumpkin, marigold, zucchini, prostrate grevillea and hardenbergia. If you have any spare interesting useable containers such as barrels, large ceramic pots or wheelbarrows for planting in we'd love those! Meeting 2-3:30 pm on Friday afternoon. Drop by for a chat with your fellow parishioners!