

Today Rv 7:2-4. 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12
Next week Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18;
Mt 25:1-13

Psalm Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!



Servers
1 Nov Diane Stewart
8 Nov Paul Harris
Readers
1 Nov 1st Reader Monica Bright
2nd Reader Brian Bright
Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks
8 Nov 1st Reader Connie Adams
2nd Reader Mary Ryan
Welcome/Intercessions David Buckley
Counters
1 Nov Cate Mitchell
8 Nov Barbara Grieves
Church Care
Nov Jim & Cathy McNamara
Flowers
Nov David Buckley

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
Communion Ant: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1st November ALL SAINTS
A Saint is someone who the Church believes is in heaven with God. Wrongly, we often think Saints are perfect, but in fact their greatest witness is how they coped with the ordinary difficulties of life and how they reflected in a variety of ways the love of God.
For most of us sanctity and martyrdom will not come in dramatic ways. The daily routine of looking after a sick child, spouse or parent, of living with a mental, physical, emotional or spiritual illness, the scourge of being unemployed, homeless or addicted and the feeling that we are unlovable brings with it the reality of sharing in the lot of the martyrs and saints.
In this Mass may we have the grace to live a holy life that, in ordinary ways, demonstrates the extraordinary power of God working in us. In doing so, in our sacrifices, forgiveness and love may we remain faithful to the women and men who are our saintly heroes and pray that we remain faithful to the Gospel of Christ as they did.
‘We will be true to Thee ‘till death.’
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SAINTS OF THE DAY (2 Nov to 7 Nov)
2 Nov. All Souls Day
3 Nov St Martin de Porres religious
4 Nov St Charles Borromeo bishop
5 Nov St Elizabeth John the Baptist's mother
6 Nov St. Joseph Khang martyr of Vietnam
7 Nov St. Hyacinth Castaneda Spanish martyr of Vietnam

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.*

MASSES: Attendance is limited. Please 'book in' no later than 10am this Saturday. Please email Brian – bbright45@bigpond.com - with cc to dbuckley45@bigpond.com Or phone/text: 0401 768 688 (Brian); David on 0400 208 707.
MT VIC VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM (every week for the time being)
BLACKHEATH MASSES
SUNDAY 9:30AM
Wed 6:30pm, Fri. 9:00am, Sat 9:00am
RECONCILIATION at 6.15pm Wed and after Mass on Sat.
UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH MASSES
Saturday morning 9am St Canice's Church Katoomba
Vigil Mass 5pm St Bonaventure's Church Leura
Sunday 8am Mass St Francis Xavier's Church Wentworth Falls
Sunday 10am Mass St Canice's Church Katoomba
Sunday 5pm Mass St Bonaventure's Church Leura

AH Emergency Number: 0428 878 810 Calls only; no texts please. For all Office matters, please call 0247878540	E-mail: blackheath@parracatholic.org john.mcsweeney@parracatholic.org abraham.kunnatholy@parracatholic.org
Parish Priest: Fr John McSweeney Assistant Priest: Fr Abraham Kunnatholy Priest-on-call phone number: 0428 878 810	Office hours Wed 12.00pm - 3.00pm Thu 9.00am - 1.00pm Address: PO Box 354, Blackheath NSW 2785

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/

31st Sunday - All Saints Day

Dear friends in Christ

This week's celebration of All Saints and All Souls is our traditional start to the month of November, when we pray for all who have gone before us - especially those who have died in the past 12 months.

Many of those for whom we pray in November are probably already experiencing the Beatific Vision, seeing God face-to-face! Just because the Church has not officially declared someone a 'saint' doesn't mean that they are not a saint. Indeed, there are many whom we have known who have lived worthy and faithful lives!

Whether declared a saint officially or one of the multitude of faithful dead, let's ask for their intercession to the one true God on our behalf, so that, one day, we can be in the midst of the joyful heavenly throng, living a life of blessedness in the presence of the loving and eternal God of the universe.

Masses as normal this coming week.

I will be on Annual Leave from 9-26 November. As a result there will be a modified weekday mass timetable during my absence: no Saturday morning at Blackheath; no Vigil Mass at Mt Victoria on Saturday evening; no Wednesday morning mass at Wentworth Falls. A Supply Priest will celebrate the 8am & 10am masses on Sunday mornings.

Kindergarten and Years 1 & 2 from St Canice's School will be joining us for next Friday's midday Mass.

God bless you all. Have a great week!

Fr John

PARISH AGM: Reports from Ministry Group Coordinators are due this weekend. Please send these to the Parish Office for collation and printing. The AGM will be held in the church on 29th November after Mass. You can attend this meeting via Zoom as well as in person. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting to those on the email list and those who request it. Send your request to the Parish Office (Blackheath@parracatholic.org) or Brian Bright (bbright45@bigpond.com)

MORNING TEA; This will be served in the hall this Sunday. As responsible consumers, you are asked to bring your own cup and take it home with you to wash at home. There will be paper cups for those who forget, but you will be asked to pay \$1.00 for the privilege and this will contribute to the funding of morning tea.

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Following our usual custom of praying for loved ones departed in the month of November, in place of a written request in the booklet this year, please write your request on a card or slip of paper and place it in the basket provided near the church entrance. This procedure will be more Covid Safe.

NAIDOC WEEK: NAIDOC Week is celebrated annually in July but due to COVID-19, it will be held this year between Sunday 8 and Sunday 15 November. The theme this year is "Always Was, Always Will Be". NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. "Always Was, Always Will Be" recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country. This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge. Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels. Hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future. Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty. NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country - a history which dates back thousands of generations. It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded."

Always Was, Always Will Be. - <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme>

PARISH CALENDAR:

Sunday 1st November	Ministry Reports due
Sunday 8th November	Ministry Group Coordinators Meeting at 11.00am
	NAIDOC week begins
Saturday 14th November	Course for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 10-12pm at Katoomba - register your name at our Parish Office

COURSE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

to be held on Sat Nov 14 from 10am to 2pm at Katoomba - is for all current ministers as well as those interested in becoming one. Please register your name at Katoomba parish office on 4782 2804

Happy Birthday!

2nd	Tony Perriam
3rd	John Paul Lillis



Call for NOMINATIONS FOR THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bishop Vincent is calling for nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Pastoral Council assists with the pastoral governance of the Church. For more information, or to fill out the nomination form, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/. **Applications close Monday 2 November.**

Rest in Peace!

7th Lewis Hodgkinson (d 2004)



PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers: Ron O'Brien, Peter Gale, John & Marion Crowley, Shielagh Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, John Hanna and , Doug Ford.

