



**Today** Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14. 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14  
**Next week** Is 45:1.4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5;  
Mt 22:15-21

**Psalm Response:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**Servers**  
11 Oct Paul Harris  
18 Oct Pat Wicks  
**Readers**  
11 Oct 1st Reader Pat Wicks  
2nd Reader Mary Roberts  
Welcome/Intercessions David Buckley  
18 Oct 1st Reader David Buckley  
2nd reader Christa Buckley  
Welcome/Intercessions Brian Bright

**Counters**  
11 Oct Diane Stewart  
11 Oct Pamela & John

**Church Care**  
Oct Phil and Pat Wicks

**Flowers**  
Oct Pamela Scott

**St Paul's Mt Victoria**

**Entrance Ant:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

**Communion Ant:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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. It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away.

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**SAINTS OF THE DAY** (12 Oct) to 17 Oct)

12 Oct	St. Heribert of Cologne	Archbishop
13 Oct	St. Edward the Confessor	English King
14 Oct	St Callistus 1	pope, martyr
15 Oct	St Teresa of Jesus	virgin, doctor
16 Oct	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	virgin
17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch	bishop, martyr

# 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](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com) - with cc to [dbuckley45@bigpond.com](mailto: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

Parish Priest: Fr John McSweeney Assistant Priest: Fr Abraham Kunnatholy

Emergency AFTER HOURS - 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  
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**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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### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, This weekend we listen to another of the magnificent parables of Jesus.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast is demanding: many are called (invited), but few are chosen.

As the new People of God we need to do more than simply be Christian in name only. We must try to be wearing our Baptismal Garment without spot or stain; indeed, it is also possible to enjoy the food of the Banqueting Hall and yet ignore the starvation of others in need.

What counts in being a Christian is not the Baptismal Certificate but living a Christian lifestyle.

#### Some practical matters:

##### For Upper Blue Mountains Parish:

The Office can now be accessed via the FRONT DOOR of the Presbytery, Tuesday-Friday, 10-3. The back courtyard is now a private area.

If anyone is able to help me build a secure enclosure for my chickens, I would be most grateful to hear from you.

##### For Blackheath Parish:

Weekday masses have been a work in progress for Sacred Heart Church. From this week Fr Abraham and myself can only guarantee Wednesday 6:30pm and Saturday 9am.

If, however, we are free of mass commitments on other days and can celebrate at Sacred Heart at 9am, that will be announced via the Sunday bulletin for the coming week.

This week I will be able to celebrate mass on Friday at 9am.

God Bless you all. Have a blessed week. Fr John

### Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for **NOMINATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The **Diocesan Pastoral Council** is a vital aspect of communion with the Church. Considering the pastoral questions of our day and making appropriate recommendations to the Bishop, the members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council are imbued with a pastoral spirit to aid the Bishop with the pastoral governance of the Church.

The council seeks a cross-section of people from different places in the Diocese and from different backgrounds and experiences.

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others. Nominations require the assent of the person being nominated, who needs to fill out the nomination form. In addition, a nomination also requires the endorsement of the person's parish priest or another priest ministering in the diocese.

Completed nominations are to be returned to the Pastoral Planning Office (contact details below). Nominations close on Monday, 2nd November 2020.

All nominees are asked to set aside time on Saturday, 21st November 2020 from 9.30 am to mid-afternoon. This will be the initial formation session for those nominees appointed to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Please note that the information and nomination form are available from the Diocesan website: [parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils). Please contact me via email at [richard.mcmahon@parracatholic.org](mailto:richard.mcmahon@parracatholic.org) or 0437 497 526 if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Richard McMahon

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

### PARISH CALENDAR:

Monday, 12th October Zoom session for Pastoral Plan at 4.30pm

Wednesday 14th October Parish Leadership Team Meeting at 4.30pm

Sunday 25th October Ministry Group Coordinators Meeting at 11.00am

Wednesday 28th October: PPC Zoom Meeting at 4.30pm

Sunday 1st November Ministry Reports due

Sunday 29th November Parish AGM at 11.00am

### SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

### 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!

9th Fr Bob Sheridan's ordination 2004

### Happy Birthday!

14th Fr Paul Hanna



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.

**VINNIES SHOP ON EBAY** ~ Over the past three years the second-hand market has grown 21-times faster than the traditional retail market, while online shopping has increased dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Vinnies Shop on eBay allows people to browse through a range of affordably-priced designer clothing, accessories and collectibles at the click of a button. To visit the Vinnies Shop on eBay head to [www.ebay.com.au/usr/vinniesshop](http://www.ebay.com.au/usr/vinniesshop).

### Rest in Peace!

11th Michael Cooper

16th Eileen Smith



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 Ford.

