

Today Is 45:1.4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5;
Mt 22:15-21
Next week Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Servers
18 Oct Pat Wicks
25 Oct Grahame Adams
Readers
18 Oct 1st Reader David Buckley
2nd Reader Christa Buckley
Welcome/Intercessions Brian Bright
25 Oct 1st Reader Pat Wicks
2nd Reader Claire Maguire
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris
Counters
18 Oct Pamela & John
25 Oct Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
Church Care
Oct Phil and Pat Wicks
Flowers
Oct Pamela Scott

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
Communion Ant: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

SAINTS OF THE DAY (19 Oct) to 24 Oct
19 Oct St Paul of the Cross priest
20 Oct St. Adelina abbess
21 Oct St. Berthold Benedictine brother
22 Oct St John Paul II pope
23 Oct St John of Capistrano priest
24 Oct St Anthony Claret bishop



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot. Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place. © Richard Leonard SJ

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

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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) 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/>

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29th Sunday (A)

Thanksgiving is central to our Christian Faith!

We gather every Sunday to give thanks to God for the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ in our Eucharistic (Thanksgiving) Celebration.

We are encouraged at all times to give thanks for the gift of family and friends, our sisters and brothers in the Lord: all those who love and care for us

We strive to give thanks to God for the gift of ourselves: who we are, and even for the life experiences (good and bad) that make us the unique person that God wants us to be And we are called to ‘thank God... constantly’ for everything, so that the grace of God may grow within and flow out to others with whom we come into contact.

In the week ahead, let’s ask the Lord to help us give thanks at all times and in all circumstances, trusting in the God of infinite and unconditional love who leads us through the vicissitudes of life to eternal salvation!

This coming week Fr Abraham will be on Retreat from Sunday evening until Friday evening.

Accordingly the **weekday mass timetable** will be modified:

Mon 8:30am Katoomba, Tuesday 5:15pm Leura, **Wednesday 6:30pm Blackheath**,

Thursday 8:30am Leura, Friday 12 midday Katoomba.

We return to normal on Saturday morning.

CHANGE OF DATE - MINISTRY COORDINATORS MEETING: We have had to move this meeting to Sunday 8th November after Mass. (previously advertised for 25th October).

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: There will be four positions on the Parish Pastoral Council to be filled at the AGM on 29th November. Please consider nominating for one of these positions. Nomination forms are available from the sacristy.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN: Thank you to all who have helped develop this first draft of the Parish Plan: Pat Drummond, Claire Maguire, Paul Harris, Brian Bright, Julie O’Keeffe, John Tweedie, Adrian Carroll, David Buckley, Mary Ryan.

This first draft of the Parish Pastoral Plan has been sent separately to parish members who are on the email list. Some copies have been printed for those who do not have internet access and are available on the brochures stand. Please read this first draft and send your feedback and suggestions for the second draft to the Parish Council through the parish email or in writing to the Parish Office. The second draft will be completed in time for our Parish AGM on 29th November.

POPE FRANCIS’ NEW ENCYCLICAL: Christopher Lamb writes that “this encyclical draws on the example of his namesake, the Saint of Assisi, to inspire the people of the world to believe that even at this time of political and moral crisis, transformation can be achieved.

The encyclical is the third major document of Francis’ pontificate. The first, *Evangelii Gaudium*, an apostolic constitution, offers a manifesto for church renewal. The second, *Laudato Si’*, an encyclical, recasts the Church’s teaching on protecting the natural world. And his third, *Fratelli Tutti*, is a natural next step, as it looks to repair and enrich relationships across the human family. If the message of *Laudato Si’* is “Everything is connected”, the message of *Fratelli Tutti* is “Everyone is connected”.

The 43,000-word document contains 287 paragraphs, and brings together all the elements in the Pope’s teaching on social justice, politics and the common good. The encyclical is not a direct response to the coronavirus but, as the Pope explains, the

LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

pandemic “unexpectedly erupted” while he was writing it and is “exposing our false securities”.

There are three points that stand out when reading the encyclical.

Pope Francis signs the encyclical in Assisi

First, it shows that at the heart of the Francis pontificate is a Gospel-based leadership rooted in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi, the Pope’s namesake. The text was signed in Assisi and released on 4 October, the feast day of the saint renowned for his message of peace, dialogue and care for creation. In *Fratelli Tutti* (the title is taken from the writings of St Francis), the Pope approaches the complexities of global politics with the story of the Good Samaritan and the story of St Francis’ 1219 peace mission, where he crossed the battle lines of the Crusades to meet the Sultan of Egypt in a bid to end the conflict.” **TABLET 20TH OCTOBER 2020**

PARISH CALENDAR:

Sunday 25th October Ministry Group Coordinators Meeting at 11.00am

Morning tea after mass

Wednesday 28th October: PPC Zoom Meeting at 4.30pm

Sunday 1st November Ministry Reports due

Sunday 29th November Parish AGM at 11.00am

Parish Bulletin delivered to your door

Parishioners who usually collect the Bulletin at Mass, but who would like to receive it earlier, and are not on the internet, can have it delivered to their letterbox by Sacred Heart Vinnies on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Please give your name and address to anybody wearing a blue and white Vinnies Badge after Mass. Or phone Karen on 0419 123 744.

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

OR contact Karen on 0419 123 744

Rest in Peace!

18th Ron Drummond

20th Jaroslav Zeeman – Betty’s
husband, Jerry)



Happy Birthday!

21st Maria Slater

23rd Rasa Blansjaar

24th Patricia Dee



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.

Happy Anniversary!

21st Mark and Maria Slater

22nd Jennifer and Wayne Kelly



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.

