

Today Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40
Next week Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!



Servers
25 Oct Grahame Adams
1 Nov Diane Stewart
Readers
25 Oct 1st Reader Pat Wicks
2nd Reader Claire Maguire
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris
1 Nov 1st Reader Monica Bright
2nd Reader Brian Bright
Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks
Counters
25 Oct Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
1 Nov Cate Mitchell
Church Care
Oct Phil and Pat Wicks
Flowers
Oct Pamela Scott

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
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.

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
In today's Gospel Jesus does not promise us that the love of God and neighbour is going to cost us nothing. Jesus' law of love involves sacrifice for us individually and as a nation. Through the acceptance of this teaching we are committing ourselves to being our neighbour's keeper. In another part of the same Gospel, Jesus tells us that 'those to whom much has been given, much will be required.' Sadly, many of us want the good life for ourselves, while doing very little to help other countries become more liveable, and then we can reject people who want to share in the blessings we have worked for and inherited.
May this Eucharist see in us a change of heart that enables our faith to act justly toward all people everywhere. May our goodness and hospitality mirror on earth the welcome we hope to enjoy from Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the kingdom which is promised to all, irrespective of where any of us has been born.
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SAINTS OF THE DAY (26 Oct to 31 Oct)
26 Oct St. Cuthbert of Canterbury archbishop
27 Oct St. Odrian of Iona abbot, monk
28 Oct Sts Simon & Jude apostles
29 Oct St. Cuthbert Mayne English martyr
30 Oct St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Spanish Jesuit
31 Oct All Souls Day

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
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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
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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/>
www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Community-Blackheath-NSW-Australia-153850768029631/

30th Sunday (A)

The words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel are as radical as ever: our Christianity is not just God-oriented nor just humankind-oriented, but BOTH. our personal worship and religious experience should be in balance with our communal worship and religious experience. To say you are Christian and never worship with other Christians on the Lord's Day is a misnomer: you are only half a Christian! To say you are Christian and never go into your private space to speak with the Lord in silent prayer is a misnomer: you are only half a Christian!

Just as Jesus' words challenged the Pharisees, so they challenge us; as they called the first Christians to a radical realignment of values and practices, so these same words call us to seek out and change those areas of our lives that may need realigning and balancing.

Some points to note:

Please consider joining the St Vincent de Paul society and helping those in need, while deepening your own faith and its practice

There will be a course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion offered at Ka-toomba on 14 November. Please consider signing up for this. We need many who can minister to the many people in need of the Eucharist.

God Bless you all
Fr John

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

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD: During these times with COVID-19 restrictions in place, we have come to appreciate anew the value of gathering together as a community to celebrate the Mass. For some of us in the higher risk categories, it is still not a possibility to physically attend Mass.

If attendance at Mass is not possible, we can reflect at home on the scripture readings that are an integral part of this celebration. Vatican II emphasised the extreme importance of holy scripture in the celebration of liturgy. The Council described the treasures of the bible as a lavish feast for the nourishment of the faithful at the table of the Word. Reading God's word unites God, reader/s and listeners in the same way as reception of the Eucharistic bread and wine unite the faithful to God and each other. The practice of proclaiming and attending to the Word transforms the separate individuals present into the assembly of God.

We are reminded that the faithful gather as a community on Sunday to:

- acknowledge the importance of God in their lives;
- listen to and be nourished by God's word;
- pray God's word will influence/transform their lives;
- experience the grace of the covenant (God's union with the faithful, similar to the intimacy and love of marriage);
- intercede for the church and the world as a priestly people;
- praise and thank God for God's goodness and gifts; and
- encourage one another in the way of life explained and modelled by Jesus Christ.

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:

Sunday 8th November 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

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. The Council are seeking a cross-section of people from across the Diocese with different backgrounds and experiences. For more information, or to fill out the nomination form, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/. Applications close Monday 2 November.

Parish Bulletin delivered to your door

Anybody wanting the parish bulletin delivered to their letterbox by Sacred Heart Vinnies volunteers please contact KAREN ON 0419 123 744 .

Rest in Peace!

- 25th Leslie Dee
- 25th Edna Bentick
- 26th Patricia Davies
- 26th Barry Roberts
- 27th Brenda Pateman



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.

Our EDIBLE GARDEN is ready for HARVESTING!

What is growing? Chard, lettuce, mustard greens, rosemary, French sorrel, various thyme, celery, sage, marjoram, oregano, parsley, beetroot leaves, kale and heartsease's edible flowers! You are most welcome to snip a few leaves from our garden over the week, using scissors if possible and cutting from the outside of the plants. Fresh and delicious! Bon appetit! Julie O'Keefe



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

Happy Birthday!

- 23rd Rasa Blansjaar
- 24th Patricia Dee



Happy Anniversary!

25th Joseph and Rasa Blansjaar (m 1968)



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.

