



**Today** Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43  
**Next week** Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14. 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14

**Psalm Response:** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Servers**  
4 Oct Ray Wood  
11 Oct Paul Harris  
**Readers**  
4 Oct 1st Reader Monica Bright  
2nd Reader Brian Bright  
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris  
11 Oct 1st Reader Pat Wicks  
2nd Reader Mary Roberts  
Welcome/Intercessions David Buckley  
**Counters**  
4 Oct Laurie Noyes  
11 Oct Diane Stewart  
**Church Care**  
Oct Phil and Pat Wicks  
**Flowers**  
Oct Pamela Scott

**St Paul's Mt Victoria**  
**Entrance Ant:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.  
**Communion Ant:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**SAINTS OF THE DAY** (5 Oct to 10 Oct)  
5 Oct St. Faustina Kowalska Devine Mercy visionary  
6 Oct St Bruno priest  
7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary  
8 Oct St. Ywi English hermit  
9 Oct St. John Leonardi Italian priest  
10 Oct Bl. Mary Angela Truskowska Polish foundress

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is. Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth. © 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 dbucley45@bigpond.com Or phone/text: 0401 768 688 (Brian); David on 0400 208 707.

MT VIC VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM  
BLACKHEATH MASSES  
SUNDAY 9:30AM  
TUES, FRID and SAT at 9.00 am WED at 6.30pm  
RECONCILIATION at 6.15pm Wed and after Mass on Sat.

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

For after hours priest on call - 0428 878 810  
**E-mail:** blackheath@parracatholic.org  
**Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540

**Office hours** Wed 12.00pm - 3.00pm  
Thu 9.00am - 1.00pm  
**Address:** PO Box 354, Blackheath  
NSW 2785

**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) or David Buckley (Deputy Chair) (dbucley45@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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## PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

**COVID-SAFETY:** Signs required by law and part of our COVID-SAFE plan were removed from the church during this last week. We ask that these not be interfered with for everyone's safety. They have been replaced at some inconvenience and need to remain in place for the foreseeable future for everyone's safety.

For the same reason we ask you to book in each week, indicating whether this is for Blackheath on Sunday morning or Mt Victoria on Saturday night. Phone, text or email Brian on 0401768 688 or at [bbright45@bigpond.com](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com) or David on 0400 208 707 or at [dbuckley45@bigpond.com](mailto:dbuckley45@bigpond.com)

**LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Following discussions with Fr John, we are going to continue with a team approach to the leadership of the parish, which we have been employing in recent times. At this stage the team will consist of our two priests (Fr John and Fr Abraham) the chair and two vice-chairs of the Parish Council (Brian Bright, David Buckley, Julie O'Keefe) and the chair of the Finance Committee (John Tweedie). This will be reviewed at the end of the year. Over coming weeks the team will be sharing more with the parish about their role in the parish.

**MEETING OF MINISTRY GROUP COORDINATORS:** On Sunday 25th October, coordinators (or a representative) from each ministry team are asked to attend a meeting after mass in the church with the Parish Leadership Team. An agenda will be available before this meeting. It will be an opportunity for us to listen to ministry coordinators and begin developing some plans for the coming year.

**PARISH AGM:** This will be held on Sunday 29th November at 11.00am. For the Parish AGM, ministry group coordinators are asked to write a report on their group's activity over the last 12 months and to forward their report to the Parish Office. There will be four positions on the Parish Pastoral Council to be filled at the AGM. Please consider nominating for one of these positions. Nomination forms will be available shortly. There will also be a few small changes to the PPC constitution to be considered at the AGM. These will be circulated in writing prior to the meeting.

**MORNING TEA ~ 11th October.** So that we can once again connect better with each other, we propose to resume morning tea, holding it in the hall each fortnight after Mass, as long as we can do this safely. To make this COVID-SAFE, we will have tables set out in the hall (like in a café) and ask that you collect your tea/coffee etc and sit at a table inside or outside, with only 18 people in the hall at any one time and keeping the 1.5 metre social distance requirement. Designated COVID-SAFE personnel will be counting people in and out and ensuring social distancing for everyone's safety.

**WORLD MISSION MONTH** is just around the corner. We focus on Catholic Mission and the life-changing work of the **Church in Cambodia's Battambang Province.**

The Arrupe Centre, established by **Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez SJ** in 2001, is home for children with a disability, providing them with the support and opportunities to live a flourishing life. Bishop Kike created a unique place for children, reminding us that "...we are here for the common good; to be a more inclusive society and to bring the joy of life everywhere...we look with a positive vision, hope, joy and happiness".

To hear more about this Catholic Mission project, the community in Cambodia and be inspired by stories from the residents of The Arrupe Centre, please register for the webinars via these links:

**Thurs 8th Oct at 6pm -**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Q15BetkkTtmmadDIHw3\\_Tg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q15BetkkTtmmadDIHw3_Tg)

**Fri 9th Oct at 1pm -**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vhUkeOmpSjakDdBNnY26nw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vhUkeOmpSjakDdBNnY26nw)

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

Wed, 28th October: PPC Zoom Meeting at 4.30pm

Sunday 29th November Parish AGM at 11.00am

### 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 Birthday!

8th Pat Wicks



### Happy Anniversary!

4th Christine and Dominic Burke

9th Fr Bob Sheridan's ordination 2004

### Rest in Peace!

6th George Cora

8th Vera Noble



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.

### WELCOME TO THE WELL

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

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 - Connie and Graham's son-in-law



### 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](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or JRS [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)