



Today Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6 ;
 Next week Mt 25:14-30
 Ez 34:11-12. 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26.
 28; Mt 25:31-46

Psalm Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Servers
 15 Nov Pat Wicks
 22 Nov Diane Stewart
Readers
 15 Nov 1st Reader Christa Buckley
 2nd Reader Monica Bright
 Welcome/Intercessions Brian bright
 22 Nov 1st Reader Claire Maguire
 2nd Reader Connie Adams
 Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks
Counters
 15 Nov Marilyn Rowe
 22 Nov Laurie Noyes
Church Care
 Nov Jim & Cathy McNamara
Flowers
 Nov David Buckley

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Communion Ant: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

SAINTS OF THE DAY (16 Nov to 21 Nov)
 16 Nov St. Gertrude virgin
 17 Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary religious
 18 Nov St. Leonard Kimura Japanese martyr
 19 Nov St. Mechtildis of Helfta Benedictine nun
 20 Nov St. Edmund Rich archbishop
 21 Nov Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 15th November**
 It is almost possible that Jesus had women in mind when he shared the parable of the talents in today's Gospel. What can often get lost in the debates about who should be ordained in today's Church, is that women have always and still 'lead' the Church in powerful and long-lasting ways. From the extraordinary abilities of religious and lay women in Catholic welfare, education, healthcare, overseas missions and theological reflections, to wives and mothers whose daily witness to the fidelity and goodness of God, this all reveals in innumerable ways the power of the parable of the talents. The reality is that if it were not for women's leadership, commitment and faith, it would be hard to see how the Church could survive. We would not be able to continue almost all of our ministries. May we find ways to use everyone's talents for the building up of the Kingdom of God, and may we see that everyone's contribution, irrespective of gender, is precious and worthy of praise. © 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 Julie O'Keefe (julesongodson@bigpond.com) Or phone/text: 0401 768 688 (Brian)
MT VIC VIGIL NO MASS on Nov 14 or Nov 21
BLACKHEATH MASSES
 SUNDAY 9:30AM
 Tues 9:00am , Wed, Thurs, Fri. 6:30pm, NO MASS ON SATURDAY
RECONCILIATION at 6.15pm Wed
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 Julie O'Keefe (julesongodson@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/

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN: The review of Version 1 will now go ahead as part of our AGM Agenda, there being insufficient numbers at the meeting last Sunday. Our plan seeks to promote the inclusion in our faith community of all the baptised, as well as reaching out to evangelise those open to hearing the Good News of Jesus. An inclusive Christian community, Kevin Treston writes in Emergence for Life, encourages people to experience their faith lives across a whole spectrum of beliefs. It supports its members to respond to God in a plethora of ways such as prayer, meditation, Scripture readings, liturgy, picketing as a protest against coal seam gas exploration, teaching, devotions, charitable works, caring for the homeless, soup kitchens, prisoner visitations, participation in justice projects, honesty in work, family living and so on. There are many ways in which we can come to know God, as there is no monopoly of the Holy Spirit. According to Jesus, The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit (John 3:8).

PARISH AGM: We encourage as many as possible to attend the AGM. To attend the AGM in person you will need to book in by 5pm on Friday 27th November, to ensure we stay within the 47 people allowed in the Church, under current Covid restrictions. Book by email, phone or text message (bbright45@bigpond.com - 0401 768 688). Parishioners may also attend via Zoom video conferencing and for this they will need to book in by Wednesday 25th November, to allow for sending of the Zoom link and checking for successful video & audio access to the meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Sr Mary-Louise Walsh is coming to Katoomba for our first training session on Saturday 14 November from 10am till 12.00 noon. This is for current ministers as well as anyone wanting to learn more about helping in this capacity. Call Katoomba Parish Office to book your spot on this course - 4782 2804.

PARISH OFFICE STAFFING: We are looking for someone to fill in at the Parish Office on Thursday mornings when staff leave is taken. If you are interested to assist as a casual replacement please call the Office and register your interest.

PARISH CALENDAR:

Saturday 14th November Course for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 10-12pm at Katoomba - register your name at Katoomba Parish Office
 Sunday 29th November Parish AGM at 11.00am

Blackheath Mass times for the weeks Fr John is away

Monday 9.11	No mass
Tuesday 10.11	9:00am
Wednesday 11.11	6:30pm
Thursday 12.11	6:30pm
Friday 13.11	6:30pm
Saturday 14.11	No mass
Sunday 14.11	9:30am

There will be no mass at Mt Victoria on the 14th or the 21st of November

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

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION 2020

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MEMBERSHIP, TERM OF OFFICE and SELECTION

(i) The Parish Pastoral Council will consist of the Parish Priest (ex-officio), any Assistant Priest (ex-officio), the Nominee of the Parish Finance Committee (ex-officio) and up to seven (7) members the majority of whom shall be chosen by the parishioners.

5. COUNCIL PROCEDURES

There will be a minimum of ten monthly meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council each year.

Each Council meeting will last for not more than 2 hours, unless the Council decides on an extension of time.

The Parish Priest, any Assistant Priest and the Finance Committee Nominee, together with office-bearers, will form the Executive of the Council. The office-bearers, chosen by the Council members, will be Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson(s) and Secretary. The number of Deputy Chairpersons (not exceeding two) will be determined with a view to obtaining gender balance on the Executive.

The Executive Committee's duties will include the arranging and chairing of meetings, keeping minutes and records, receiving, ordering and distributing agenda items and reports, informing parishioners of the Council's activities, liaising with the Finance Committee and other bodies, where this is appropriate. The Executive will also arrange formation opportunities for Councillors outside regular meetings.

The Executive Committee will cause minutes to be taken at each Council meeting and will require that these minutes be confirmed at the subsequent meeting.

A report of the Council proceedings will be made to the parishioners at least every three months.

The Council will have power to appoint committees at such times and for such purposes as it deems fit. The Council will have the power to co-opt members other than Council members to serve on such committees.

Council members may, with the approval of the Council, be reimbursed from Parish funds for any expense incurred while on Council business.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers: Barbara Grieves, Peter Gale, John & Marion Crowley, Maria Slat-ter, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, John Hanna and , Doug Ford.



REACHING BEYOND 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

Rest in Peace!

21st Craig Charles Huckstepp



Happy Anniversary!

19th Colette and Sean Lillis
 21st Tony and Maree Crawford



Happy Birthday!

19th Brian Bright



The diocese has promised to support, in different ways, anyone interested in becoming involved in this project.