

Today Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26.
28; Mt 25:31-46
Next week Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!



Servers
22 Nov Diane Stewart
29 Nov Grahame Adams
Readers
22 Nov 1st Reader Claire Maguire
2nd Reader Connie Adams
Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks
29 Nov 1st Reader Monica Bright
2nd Reader Brian Bright
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris
Counters
22 Nov Laurie Noyes
29 Nov Diane Stewart
Church Care
Nov Jim & Cathy McNamara
Flowers
Nov David Buckley

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
Communion Ant: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 22 Nov 2020
Jesus pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.
That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live. To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.
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SAINTS OF THE DAY (23 Nov to 28 Nov)
23 Nov Pope St. Clement I pope
24 Nov St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions Vietnamese martyrs
25 Nov St. Catherine of Alexandria martyr
26 Nov St. Leonard of Port Maurice Franciscan patron of Missions
27 Nov Bl. Anthony Kimura Japanese martyr
28 Nov St. Catherine Labouré visionary, founder of the Miraculous medal

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 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

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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

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POPE FRANCIS AND PRAYER: November 4, 2020 By Devin Watkins

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis says Jesus shows us that we must pray early, often, and in silence, and urges everyone to pray for those who are ill with Covid-19 and the medical personnel working to treat them. Pope Francis began his Wednesday General Audience noting that the event must “unfortunately” be held once again in the library of the Apostolic Palace without the presence of the faithful. He called it a reminder of the importance of respecting the directives laid out by political and health authorities. He also invited everyone to pray for those who are ill with Covid-19 and for the medical personnel working hard to treat them. “Let us offer the Lord this distance between us, for the good of all,” he said. “And let us think often about the ill, those who are already considered left behind. Let us think about doctors, nurses, volunteers, and the many people who are working with the sick right now, who risk their lives but do it out of love, their vocation, and love for their neighbor. Let us pray for them.”

Mysterious reality: The Pope then continued his catechesis on Jesus’ example of prayer.

“Jesus’ prayer is a mysterious reality, of which we intuit only something, but which allows us to interpret His entire mission from the right perspective.” Jesus, added the Pope, immersed Himself often in intimacy with God the Father, “in the Love that every soul thirsts for.”

Rudder that guides His course: Pope Francis focused his reflections on a passage in the Gospel of Mark (1:32,34-38), in which Jesus heals many sick people late one evening before rising early to pray in a deserted place alone. “Prayer is the rudder that guides Jesus’ course.”

This, said the Pope, means that Jesus lets God guide His path, and not the desires and adulation of others. He went on to draw four lessons from Jesus’ witness of prayer.

Dawning of the Day: Jesus, said Pope Francis, teaches us above all that prayer should be “the first desire of the day.” “A day lived without prayer risks transforming into a bothersome or tedious experience: all that happens to us could turn into a badly endured and blind fate.”

However, Jesus demonstrates the need to be obedient and to listen, since prayer is first of all “an encounter with God.” “The problems of everyday life, then, do not become obstacles, but appeals from God Himself to listen to and encounter those who are in front of us.”

Persistence: Secondly, said the Pope, Jesus teaches us that prayer is an art that must be practiced “with insistence.” Though anyone can pray sporadically, Jesus reminds us that prayer requires discipline, practice, and constant effort. “Consistent prayer produces a progressive transformation, makes us strong in times of tribulation, gives us the grace to be supported by Him who loves us and always protects us.”

Solitary and silent: Thirdly, Jesus’ prayer is always solitary. “Those who pray do not escape from the world, but prefer deserted places.” In the silence of prayer, said Pope Francis, our innermost desires and truths emerge into the light. But most importantly, he added, silence is where God speaks. “Every person needs a space for him- or herself, to be able to cultivate the inner life, where actions find meaning.”

To and fro in God: Finally, Pope Francis said, prayer as taught by Jesus is the place where we find that “everything comes from God and returns to Him.” He noted that prayer helps us to rediscover “the right dimension in our relationship with God, our Father, and with all creation.” Peace and joy, concluded the Pope, is what we will find if we follow Jesus’ example of prayer.

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

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.

FRIDAY FIESTA: An opportunity for prayer in the Church and a meal in the hall, please see the poster included for further detail. Anyone who would like to assist in the cooking or setting up on 11th December at 2pm, please see or email Fr Abraham.

YOUTH SHOE-BOX PROJECT: Christmas gifts for Refugee Children
Thank you to all who have donated items for this project. This will close on Sunday

PARISH CALENDAR:

Sunday 22nd Morning Tea in the Hall after Mass

Sunday 29th November Parish AGM at 11.00am

Diocesan Christmas appeal

Sunday 6th December Morning Tea in the Hall after Mass

Friday 11th December Friday Fiesta 6.30pm Parish Hall

**Blackheath Mass times for the weeks
Fr John is away
There will be no mass at Mt Victoria on
the 21st of November**

Monday 23.11	No mass
Tuesday 24.11	9:00am
Wednesday 25.11	6:30pm
Thursday 26.11	6:30pm
Friday 27.11	6:30pm
Saturday 28.11	No mass
Sunday 29.11	9:30am

VINNIES CHRISTMAS CHURCH APPEAL 2020 - Saturday 28 November, Sunday 29 November.

At the 6:00 pm Mass at St. Paul’s Mt. Victoria on Saturday 28 November and Sacred Heart on Sunday 29 November envelopes will be handed out for you to donate to Vinnies Christmas Appeal. In this time of Covid we have not been allowed to hold our usual Winter and Christmas Street Appeals in Govetts Leap Road. In 2020 we are relying solely on our Parishioners.

We thank you for your past generosity and hope you can support our Christmas Appeal 2020.

For more information contact



Rest in Peace!

- 21st Craig Charles Huckstepp
- 25th Jason Bentley
- 27th Iris Jones



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



**WORKING BEE
Saturday November 28
At 8:00am**

Please come and make our grounds look great for Christmas. EVERYONE WELCOME

