

Today Jon 3:1-5. 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20
Next week Dt 18:15-20 ; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Psalm Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord .

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Servers
24 Jan Server Paul Harris
31 Jan Server Pat Wicks
Readers
24 Jan 1st Reader Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reader Pat Wicks
Intercessions/Welcome Adrian Carroll
31 Jan 1st reader Connie Adams
2nd reader Mary Roberts
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris
Counters
24 Jan Pamela & John
31 Jan Barbara Grieves
Church Care
22 Jan Phil & Pat Wicks
Flowers
Jan Pamela Scott

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Communion Ant: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



3rd Sun in Ord Time Yr B
24 Jan 2021

Christian conversion can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle. All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion. Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's US-and-God-IN-the-world.
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WORKING BEE
Saturday January 23
At 8:00am
Please come and make our grounds look great
EVERYONE WELCOME

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'Keeffe (julesongodson@bigpond.com) Or phone/text: 0401 768 688 (Brian)
MT VIC VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM (every week for the time being)
BLACKHEATH MASSES
SUNDAY 9:30AM
Tues 6.30pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri. 6.30pm , Sat 9.00am
1st Friday Mass, Adoration & reflection 6.30pm
2nd Friday: Friday Fiesta Contemplative prayer and meal (booking is essential)
RECONCILIATION at 6.15pm Wed
PPER 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

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

Parish Pastoral Council: If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Paul Harris (Chair) (pauls_harris@hotmail.com) or Julie O'Keeffe (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/

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

As with Jonah, so with us! We are sometime afraid to follow God's Call and what it demands of us.

As with the Corinthians, so with us! We can run away from the lifestyle God demands of us and try to hide from our faith commitments

Discipleship is a process; it is a state of 'becoming'. We are continually 'coming from' and 'going to'. We live in a state of tension, battling our fears and restrictive tendencies, striving to open ourselves to a responsive trust in God.

We must try to imitate the Apostles, and be willing to follow the Lord's call always...

As Christians, we are asked to recognise God's Call in our daily lives and activities; and having recognised this Call, to listen to our God;

and having listened, not to run away like Jonah

but to respond in faith and trust like the Apostles;

to strive for the Ideal that we are all called to live.

This ideal, this following of God's Call may involve a real or metaphorical leaving all behind us.

Let us do all we can to proclaim Jesus Christ and the Good News for all people in our world.

God bless you all. Fr John

Parish Secretary – 20 hours per week Position Vacant- Parish Secretary, Casual

The parishes of Upper Blue Mountains (Katoomba) and Sacred Heart (Blackheath) invite applications for the position of joint Parish Secretary for the two parishes. The role will report to Fr John McSweeney, Parish Priest of both parishes.

The role of Parish Secretary will entail providing secretarial and administrative support to the Parish Priest. The Parish Secretary will be responsible for processing correspondence, emails, telephone calls, meeting and greeting visitors, managing diaries, ordering of office supplies, as well as preparing the weekly Parish newsletters, maintaining documentation for the Sacraments, providing assistance to enquiries regarding the Sacraments, carrying out the bookkeeping functions for the Upper Blue Mountains parish and maintaining and updating the Parish websites.

The successful applicant would need to:

- * demonstrate an ability to relate to a variety of people and develop sound working relationships with other members of the Parish teams;
- * have a strong commitment to the Catholic faith;
- * have a professional manner and excellent people skills;
- * have high level computer skills, attention to detail and a well ordered approach to work
- * have sound knowledge of Microsoft Office and MYOB
- * have the right to work within Australia and undertake a national police and working with children check.

Applications must include a cover letter, resume and names and contact details of at least two referees, one of whom includes your parish priest.

Closing date for applications is: Friday 12 February 2021

Please send your application, resume and full referee details

to: John.McSweeney@parracatholic.org with the subject title: PARISH SECRETARY APPLICATION

For more information, please contact us at the above email.



MONSTER GARAGE SALE

Sacred Heart Parish Hall,

167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.

Saturday 6 th February 2021 between 8am and 4pm

Sunday 7 th February 2021 between 9.30am and 2pm

Bag A Bargain! CDs, DVDs, Books, Bric-A-Brac, Clothing, Furniture And Lots More. We also invite you to bring along your own shopping bag.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat Jan 23: Working Bee 8am

Tues Jan 26: St Canice Mass 10am **Backheath** Parish Foundation Day Mass and

Thurs Jan 28 PFC meeting

Brunch 11am

Friday Feb 5: Mass and Adoration 6:30pm

Sat 6 and Sun 7: Garage Sale

Friday Feb 12: Friday Fiesta 6:30pm

Sunday Feb 14: Morning Tea and PPC meeting

Wed Feb 17: Ash Wednesday

Fri Feb 20: Lenten Discussion Group commences

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. It is currently mandatory that masks be worn to Mass and other services. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

Happy Birthday !

20th Connor Lillis

22nd Grahame Adams

23rd Marjanna Gilchrist

25th Patricia Frazer

30th Jeremy Lillis



Rest In Peace !

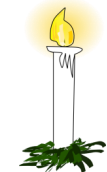
19th Roma Ziolkowski

20th Jan Roberts

20th Henry Columbine

22nd Bridget Chan

28th Jean Walsh



Anniversaries !

23rd Louise and Laurie

Noyes



Parish Foundation Day Brunch – Tuesday January 26th

To celebrate our parish Foundation Day, you are invited to Mass at 11am followed by a BYO brunch in the forest at Sacred Heart. Tea/coffee will be provided. In keeping with the Holy Father's call to be environmentally aware, you are encouraged to bring reusable plates/utensils/cups etc. If you have any photos or parish memorabilia, please bring along for our 'photo board'. As per our Covid19 plan, please book by contacting Brian at bbright45@bigpond.com or 0401 768 688

Friday Fiesta

The next Friday Fiesta is on February 12 6:30 pm. Food for the Soul and Food for the Body! Bookings are open www.trybooking.com/BMVXR or see Julie or Paul.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick and

their carers: Pat McCauley, Ray

Wood, John & Marion Crowley, Pat

Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli,

Doug Ford

