

**Today** Dt 18:15-20 ; 1 Cor 7:32-35;  
Mk 1:21-28  
**Next week** Jb 7:1-4. 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23 ;  
Mk 1:29-39

**Psalm Response:** If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia!**



**4th Sun in Ord Time Yr B  
31 Jan 2021**

All of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them. The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'. © Fr Chris Hope

**Servers**  
31 Jan Server Pat Wicks  
7 Feb Server Grahame Adams  
**Readers**  
31 Jan 1st reader Connie Adams  
2nd reader Mary Roberts  
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris  
7 Feb 1st reader Monica Bright  
2nd reader Brian Bright  
Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks  
**Counters**  
31 Jan Barbara Grieves  
7 Feb Marilyn Rowe  
**Church Care**  
5 Feb Jim & Cathy McNamara  
**Flowers**  
Jan Cate Mitchell  
**We need more volunteers to look after the flowers PLEASE**

**St Paul's Mt Victoria**  
**Entrance Ant: Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.**

**Communion Ant: Let your face shine on  
your servant. Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I  
call on you.**

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick and their carers: Pat McCauley, Ray Wood, John & Marion Crowley, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Doug Ford

**Happy Birthday !**  
30th Jeremy Lillis  
3 Feb Beryl Cornish



Rest In Peace !  
31st Trevor Drummond



# 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

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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/>  
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Whenever we read the first chapters of Mark's Gospel we are struck by the many people that

sought out Jesus... to hear his words, to witness his actions.

As Paul reminds us: as Christian Church, we are The Body of Christ. As such, we are the face of

Christ to our world.

So... Do people want to be here with us, as they wanted to be with the Lord?

Do people see in you and me the embodiment of Truth / Faith / Goodness that they saw in Jesus?

Do they see a willingness to live our lives in total Obedience to God's Will, even unto Death?

My friends, we need to make certain that we listen to God in prayer; that we reflect on the

Scriptures and the Living Tradition of our Church; that we act with courage and conviction in

implementing those strategies that will bring about the Kingdom.

In the week ahead, let's strive to LISTEN, REFLECT, and ACT so that we will be enabled by God's

grace to be the face of Jesus to our world!

### PLEASE NOTE

1. Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath, will be having its major fundraising activity next weekend

(6-7 Feb): the annual Garage Sale will be held in the Blackheath Parish Hall. Please come

along and support this important endeavour.

2. Commencing this Friday (5th Feb), UBM parish will - from now on - be celebrating First Friday Midday Mass with a following period of Adoration, Confessions and Benediction.

3. Also on First Friday evenings at Blackheath, there will be a time of Reflection and Adoration

Due to COVID19 there will not be a pancake CARITAS money raiser this year.

Instead, on Sunday 14th February after Mass you are invited to the hall for homemade piklets

with tea or coffee at a cost of a gold coin donation. All monies collected going to CARITAS.



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## 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 BLACKHEATH EVENTS:

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

### EMAIL SCAM

**Many priests emails have been compromised by scammers, and any request for gift cards is not a valid message from me, but a scam...**

**Please report any occurrence to the police.**

**God Bless**

**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](mailto:John.McSweeney@parracatholic.org) with the subject title: PARISH SECRETARY APPLICATION

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