

**Today** Lv 13:1-2. 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45  
**Next week** Gen 9:8-15 ; 1 Pt 3:18-22 ; Mk 1:12-15

**Psalm Response:** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!**



**Servers**  
 14 Feb Server Paul Harris  
 21 Feb Server Pat Wicks


**Readers**  
 14 Feb 1st reader Pat Wicks  
 2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp  
 Welcome/Intercessions Adrian Carroll  
 21 Feb 1st Reader Connie Adams  
 2nd Reader Mary Roberts  
 Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris

**Counters**  
 14 Feb Pam & John  
 21 Feb Diane Stewart

**Church Care**  
 5 Feb **Jim & Cathy McNamara**

**Flowers**  
 Feb Rosemary Kenny & Mary Batty  
**We need more volunteers to look after the flowers PLEASE**

**St Paul's Mt Victoria**  
**Entrance Ant: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**  
**Communion Ant: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what**


*Happy Anniversary!*  
 17th Peter and Kate Grbanac 


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

**6th Sun in Ord Time Yr B**  
**14 Feb 2021**

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.  
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**Happy Birthday!**  
 14th **Betty Zeman (b 1927)**  
 14th **Fr Abraham**  
 16th **Monica Bright** 

**Rest In Peace!**  
 15th Sarah Frazer (2012)  
 16th Gladys Gronlund (  
 16th Nancy Etccl   
 17th Charles Edward Hodgkinson

# 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.*

**MASSSES:** 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**  
**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

AH Emergency Number: 0428 878 810 Calls only; no texts please. For all <b>Office</b> matters, please call 0247878540	<b>E-mail:</b> blackheath@parracatholic.org john.mcsweeney@parracatholic.org abraham.kunnatholy@parracatholic.org
Parish Priest: Fr John McSweeney Assistant Priest: Fr Abraham Kunnatholy <b>Priest-on-call phone number: 0428 878 810</b>	<b>Office hours</b> 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**

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B  
**REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Jesus' healing of the man with leprosy went beyond the physical miracle - He healed him of all that divided the man from his fellow human beings. And this experience enabled the man to proclaim the Good News to all.

There are many in our world who continue to suffer spiritual illness, and others who are estranged from the Christian community, even people who do not know the love of God or who don't want to know God. All of these suffer from a kind of spiritual leprosy, and sometimes an exclusion from their brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We need to examine our attitudes and actions, both individually and as Church - and see whether or not we are imitating the Master and welcoming everyone: even the contemporary 'prostitutes' and 'tax collectors' of our world.

How do we WELCOME those whom we may not understand and those whom we may feel do not 'measure up'?

How do we make those who suffer from spiritual or social leprosy today feel WELCOME in our community and in our lives?

“If you want to, you can cure me’. ‘Of course I want to: be cured!’”

**PLEASE NOTE**

1. ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES (17 Feb): 8:30am Wentworth Falls, 10:00am Blackheath, 12 Midday Katoomba, 6:30pm Blackheath. Please remember that this is a Day of Fast and Abstinence for those aged between 18-60.

2. Although we no longer HAVE to wear masks at Mass, I still think it is a wise thing to do. I intend to continue to wear a mask while giving out Communion. After all, the 2 square metre rule allows more people into our churches, but sometimes this conflicts with the 1.5m social distancing rule. We need to do our best to remain safe.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL THIS WEEK!

Fr John

**From the Finance Committee – Second Collection for our Parish**

Thanks to all those parishioners who give so generously in their second collection contributions each week. We now have a number of ways for you to make your second collection parish contribution. These are:

Direct Transfer from your bank account. If you have internet banking this is the simplest way to contribute each week. Please contact John Tweedie after Mass to find out how, or you can contact him via the parish email [blackheath@parracatholic.org](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org) or on 0407 288 957.

Tap and go machine at the door – We have now set this to receive contributions of \$10 (or multiples of \$10). We started out programming it with \$5, but many parishioners were swiping twice and this delayed people exiting the church.

Contributions via the traditional Envelopes.

Cash contributions.

Thanks John

**GARAGE SALE** ~ Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to or worked on our 2021 Garage Sale. Under the leadership of Marilyn Rowe people collected, sorted and priced donated items for weeks before the date. Then on the weekend many people served in so many ways. It has been our most successful Garage Sale ever.

**UPCOMING BLACKHEATH EVENTS:**

Friday Feb 12: Friday Fiesta 6:30pm

Sunday Feb 14: Morning Tea and PPC meeting

Wed Feb 17: Ash Wednesday

Fri Feb 19: Lenten Discussion Group

**EPIPHANY PILGRIMS**

Read about the pilgrims in the mountains

<https://catholicoutlook.org/strangers-become-friends-on-epiphany-pilgrimage/>

*Strangers become friends on Epiphany Pilgrimage*

By Mary Brazell on Feb 05, 2021  
07:00 am

**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...

One of the numbers used for the text messages is 0488 875 092. THIS IS A FALSE ACCOUNT. DO NOT respond to text mes-

**WORKING BEE**

**Saturday February 20**

**At 8:00am**

**Please come and make our grounds look great**

**EVERYONE**

**WELCOME**



"**Betty Zeman**, arguably the oldest parishioner in Sacred Heart Parish, will not be at Mass on (14th February) today the day of her 94th birthday. Four of her six sons are coming up to see her and take her out to lunch. Betty has asked to reassure everybody that she is not ill and God Willing will be at Mass on 21 February. She is looking forward to the next morning tea on 28 February,"

**Happy Birthday Betty.**

**Laudato Si' Online Conference  
15-17 March 2021**

In celebrating the journey since the launch of Laudato Si', the Vatican's Dicastery of Integral Human Development has launched the special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year and the seven-year challenge of the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea, in partnership with the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at ACU and the CRA Ecology Alliance Committee, invite you to join us as we explore this call.

All the details of the conference are on this site

<https://institute.mercy.org.au/opportunity/laudato-si-conference/>

**Fairtrade Fortnight 2021** will take place from **22 February to 7 March**

Copies of *Comfort* the reflection book for Lent will be available for purchase at Mt Victoria Mass on Saturday evening and Blackheath Mass on Sunday morning. This prayerful resource is produced by the Wollongong Diocese and is \$7 a copy.