

Today Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 ; Mk 1:29-39
Next week Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Servers
 7 Feb Server Grahame Adams
 14 Feb Server Paul Harris

Readers
 7 Feb 1st reader Monica Bright
 2nd reader Brian Bright
 Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks
 14 Feb 1st reader Pat Wicks
 2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp
 Welcome/Intercessions Adrian Carroll

Counters
 7 Feb Marilyn Rowe
 14 Feb Laurie Noyes

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: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
Communion Ant: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Happy Anniversary!
 9th Joe and Diana Landsberg 

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



**5th Sun in Ord Time Yr B
 7 Feb 2021**

While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament. There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life. Small and large-scale miracles are happening everyday. Today's Gospel reminds us that they do not happen for show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith. Taking Peter's mother-in-law as our model we are healed and strengthened so that we can witness to God's saving power, serve the Kingdom of God in any way we can, and continue to wait on the Lord.
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Happy Birthday!
 8th **Joe Landsberg**
 8th **Freya McNair** 
 11th **Kenya Burke**

Rest In Peace!
 10th Frank Farsaci 

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
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

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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

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In reading the whole of Chapter 9 of 1 Corinthians, we see that St Paul offers his hearers (and us) some basic principles for Christian Living.

1. We have received various gifts
2. We *must* use them for others (ministry)
3. If we are to stay the distance in ministry, then we need
 - # basic sustenance for our spiritual life
 - # time out for prayer and reflection
 - # support structures that aid us in our ministry

Thus, discernment is a constant requirement of the spiritual life. Asking questions of ourselves helps us discern our gifts, our use of our talents, and those things which support us and keep us serving God's people.

Paul's words continue to challenge us:

"I make myself all things to all people in order to save some at any cost; and ... I do this, for the sake of the Gospel, to have a share in its blessing".

PLEASE NOTE

1. Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath, is having its major fundraising activity this 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. Next Sunday, Sacred Heart Parish will be having its first Pastoral Council meeting for 2021. And I hope to discern a way forward this year for the establishment of a Pastoral Council for the UBM Parish, according to the statutes of the Diocese. The Deanery Pastoral Council will be meeting at Lawson on Sunday from 2:30pm.

3. Also on Second Friday evenings at Blackheath, there will be a time of Reflection followed by a shared meal... please book in for this *FRIDAY FIESTA*.

Finally... we say 'Farewell' to **Mary Gale** who has more than ably fulfilled her responsibilities as Parish Secretary for Mary MacKillop Parish over the past few years. We wish Mary all the best with her university course in the future. And we thank Mary for her continuing ministry as SRE and Sacramental Coordinator for the parish.

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 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



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...

One of the numbers used for the text messages is 0488 875 092. THIS IS A FALSE ACCOUNT. DO NOT respond to text messages you receive from this number. 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 with the subject title: PARISH SECRETARY APPLICATION

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