

Today 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23 ;Eph 2:4-10 ; Jn 3:14-21
Next week Jer 31:31-34 .Heb 5:7-9 :Jn 12:20-33

Psalm Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Servers
 14 March Server Pat Wicks
 21 March Server Alan Skofic

Readers
 14 March 1st Reader Connie Adams
 2nd Reader Christa Buckley
 Intercessions/Welcomes: David Burkley
 21 March 1st Reader Frances Huckstepp
 2nd Reader Claire Maguire
 Welcome/Intercessions: Adrian Carroll

Counters
 14 March Pamela & John
 21 March Barbara Grieves

Church Care
 19 March Phil and Pat Wicks

Flowers
 March David Buckley

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Communion Ant: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Invitation from Blackheath Baptist church
 A few years ago we joined with Blackheath Baptist Church in celebrating a special dawn Easter service. They have extended the invitation again this year. The service will take place at 5.45am at Govett's Leap on Easter Sunday. The invitation also extends to a breakfast held afterwards in the Baptist Church Hall at 6 Bundarra St. Please feel free to call our office or Ps Andy on 47878243 .



Fourth Sunday in Lent Yr B
14 March 2021

The Gospel reminds us that if we feel condemned for what we have done and said, then it's because we have condemned ourselves, not because God condemns us. John tells us that even when we find ourselves lost in the darkness of our most destructive behaviour, the saving love of Christ is always available to us, inviting us to come out of the darkness into his light.

May this Lenten Eucharist enable us to let go of the desire to condemn others and ourselves, and to receive again the compassionate, just and humble gift of right judgment that helps us to see the darkness for what it is, and keeps us walking in the light of Christ.
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Morning Tea at Café Sacre Coeur is in the hall after Mass this week on Sunday, 14th March
 Bringing your own cup reduces our waste. Thank you!

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. 10.00am , 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
 Sunday 5pm Mass St Bonaventure's Church Leura

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| 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 Thu 10.am - 3.00pm |

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/

From Pastors Desk:

Dear Sister's and Brothers in Christ,

The second reading from the letter to the Ephesians contains a line which encourages us to keep on keeping on, no matter how difficult elements of our lives can become. Whenever we feel down in the dumps, whenever life seems depressing and everything we do seems a complete waste of time, whenever people hurt us intentionally or otherwise, whenever we doubt the direction of our lives, whenever troubles seem insurmountable- then let us remember the words of today's liturgy:

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the Good life, as from the beginning God had meant us to live it'

Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan – Funeral Arrangements
The Mass of Christian Burial for Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan will take place at the Parish of Baulkham Hills (St Michael's Church) on Wednesday 17 March at 11am. Bishop Vincent will be the principal celebrant.
The following article on Fr Mick appeared on the *Catholic Outlook* website late last week: catholicoutlook.org/vale-fr-michael-mick-ocallaghan.

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| 28 March | 9.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |
| 30 March | 7.30pm Chrism Mass (Parramatta) (Where we collect the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year) |
| 1 April | 7.00pm Holy Thursday _ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm) |
| 2 April | Good Friday ✠ 10.00am - Stations of the Cross (Sacred Heart Blackheath) ✠ 11.00am -Ecumenical Service at St. Joseph's Megalong Valley (social activities to follow) ✠ 3.00pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Sacred Heart Blackheath) ✠ 5.30pm - Sunset Liturgy at Mt. Blackheath (departs Sacred Heart Blackheath at 5:00pm) |
| 3 April | Holy Saturday ✠1.00pm To Walls Cave and collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass ✠6.30pm The Easter Vigil Mass and associated Liturgy |
| 4 April | Easter Sunday ✠ 5.30am Sunrise Liturgy at George Phillips Lookout, Govetts Leap ✠ 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart, Blackheath |

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal next Sunday 13/14 March

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Catholic Foundation - Supporting CatholicCare Chaplains in the Blue Mountains and Western Sydney

Just as the Good Samaritan came to the aid of the man left half-dead by the side of the road and gave him comfort and a place to recover, CatholicCare chaplains help people in their time of need. In hospitals and prisons throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, CatholicCare chaplains minister to people facing serious or life-threatening health conditions – and those in need of prayer, companionship and a listening ear. We can all be Good Samaritans by supporting CatholicCare chaplains to bring comfort, faith and hope to the isolated, the elderly, the sick, and the dying. Please give with a generous heart to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal this weekend. Appeal Envelopes will be available in the Church. Thank you.

Lenten Reflective Space

The story being told in our Lenten reflective space is that whilst locally we suffered through drought, fire, regenerating rains (which brought with it floods) and finally the pandemic, in the wider world, people still board leaky boats to escape famine, poor conditions, war and persecution, only to arrive here to be imprisoned like criminals. Our indigenous people suffer discrimination and a lack of hope. However, there are Christ like people willing to assist those in need, and we can help through our Lenten prayer, penance and almsgiving and in doing so, move closer to Christ.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices Positions Vacant:

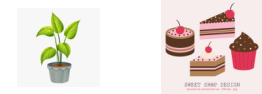
St Patrick's Gift Shop Manaer – St Patrick's Cathedrall / Parramatta Diocese of Parramatta Receptionist – Bethany Centre, Parramatta – Applications close 14 March 2021
The Blackheath Public School SRE (Special Religious Education) 4, 5 and 6 classes

St Joseph's Day Mass Megalong Valley

Friday 19th March at 4pm
Please join our Megalong Valley parishioners in celebrating St Joseph's Day with Mass at St Joseph's Church in Megalong Valley, next Friday 19th March at 4pm.
This will be the first Mass held at our beautiful little Church in the Valley in over 12 months. Whilst all are most welcome, the church is small so would you please book by calling Brian Bright on 0401 768 688 or emailing him on bright45@bigpond.com.

PLANT CAKES AND CRAFT STALL EASTER

SUNDAY. All contributions of potted plants, Cakes, and craft items gratefully accepted. Please make this a fundraising bonanza



Anniversaries !

13th Pope Francis (Became Pope in 2013)

Happy Birthday !

16th Fr Bob Sheridan (b 1933)
23rd Oliver Burke (b 2005)
28th Ray Wood



Rest In Peace !

14th Pete Juhas



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

