

Today Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

Next week Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Psalm Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Servers
 27 June Server Alan Skofic
 4 July Server Grahame Adams

Readers
 27 June 1st Reader Mary Roberts
 2nd Reader Pat Wicks
 Welcome/Intercessions: John Tweedie
 4 July 1st Reader Brian Bright
 2nd Reader Monica Bright
 Welcome/Intercessions: David Buckley

Counters
 27 June Barbara Grieves
 4 July Diane Stewart

Church Care
 Lance and Julie Hodgkinson

Flowers
 June Rosemary Kenny & Mary Batty

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Readers: 1st Reader Mary Ryan
 2nd Reader Clive Kanen

Entrance Ant: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Communion Ant:
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all within me, his holy name.



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
 27 June 2021**

This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark).

His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

By Greg Sunter

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: No booking required for Sunday Mass. However you will still, need to sign on when you arrive and observe social distancing requirements.

MT VIC VIGIL MASS AT 5.30pm
MEGALONG MASS : Friday 21st May @4.00pm (Mass every 3rd Friday of month)
BLACKHEATH MASSES / SUNDAY 9:30AM / Tues 6.30pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 9.00am, 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

Masks are currently required to be worn at all indoor venues including places of worship. We are again restricted to the 4sqm rule!

AH Emergency Number: 0490814284
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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**

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Reflection

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

At the end of the Gospel for this Sunday the Lord says the words 'talitha, qum' - meaning, 'little girl, arise'.

Having brought the girl to new life after death, she is then given food and drink to nourish and strengthen her.

There are sacramental overtones here: Baptism is a dying to finite existence and a rising to New Life in Christ.

But our new life cannot be maintained without nourishment, and so the Eucharist is food for our Christian Journey.

Furthermore, we need strengthening so that we can last the distance - and the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is just this: the grace of God to help and support us throughout life.

Let us thank our loving God for the marvellous gifts that are given to us through these three sacraments of Initiation.

May we always treasure them; and never stop receiving the Bread of Life, our pledge of life eternal!

* Please make sure you sign in on every occasion when you come to mass or pay a visit. We are also required to wear masks until at least Thursday this week. Let us pray that the current lockdowns in Sydney are not extended spatially or temporally.

* There will be a funeral for Peggy Somerville on Friday 2nd July at 1:00pm at St Canice's. Please keep her in your prayers; and also her grieving family at this time.

* The Mass of Induction of a new Parish Priest will be held on Saturday 24th July at St Canice's at 5:30pm and on 25th July in Blackheath at 9.30am.

God bless you all!

Fr John

SAVE THE DATE(s)

His Lordship the **Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Long** OFM will be celebrating a Pontifical High Mass at Katoomba St Canice's church at 5.30pm vigil on Sat 24 July 2021. This mass is the formal installation of **Fr John** as parish priest and will feature the full Schola Cantorum and incense, as this is a high mass. This mass replaces the 5pm vigil mass at St Bonaventure's Leura. There will be no 5pm vigil at Leura on that day.

All parishioners are welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

Our Blackheath Parish raised \$549.05 for Project Compassion this year.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to this collection. As always our Parish family is most generous

CAFÉ SACRÉ COEUR YUM CHA BRUNCH

It was a great success – Thank You! Last Sunday's Yum Cha Brunch was a great way for both Blackheath and Katoomba parishes to celebrate World Refugee Day, Refugee Week and the commencement of a 14-week 'reboot' of the Diocesan Journey ... Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection - – concluding on Migrant and Refugee Sunday on 26 September.

Altogether \$1710 was raised! This money will go towards helping refugees and people seeking asylum in western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Thank you to all who attended from both parishes – unfortunately, limited to 45 due to covid restrictions for the hall. We could have sold more tickets! Apologies to those we had to deny a ticket ☐.

Vinnies Winter Appeal Thanks

The Blackheath St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank our parishioners for their generosity in contributing to our annual Parish Winter Appeal. The amount raised in the Parish appeal was the magnificent sum of \$4,136.50.

Thanks also to all those who supported and assisted at our very successful Soup Kitchen on the evening of 12 June, which helped to raise additional funds for Vinnies. The money raised through the Winter Appeal will be put to good use helping the people we assist.

ART & FASHION SALE

Your Social Committee is once again holding a FUNDRAISER. We are asking for donations of ART that you may no longer want. To make this event a success we really need these donations.

Please deliver to the Parish Hall on Sundays or if preferred ring Marilyn for pick up. Marilyn's mobile 0414536601

Thank you.

Australian Women Preach:

This is a new podcast series by Christian women from across all denominations preaching the gospel with theological insight and relevance to our daily lives.

Patricia Gemmill, a parishioner for 37 years at St Leonards, Naremburn, grandmother, and semi-retired teacher of French, Latin and Italian preaches on this week's gospel. Find the series at: www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

Happy Birthday!

26th Marion Crowley
28th Louise Noyes



Rest in Peace!

22nd Eusebio Dizon (d 2011)
23rd Frank Mackrell (2019)



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



Morning Tea:

Stay after Mass on for a warm cuppa, a cake and friendly conversation. Many thanks to our volunteer bakers and servers (often one and the same people!).

We continue building community by returning to weekly morning tea after Mass in the parish hall from July 11. If you are able to volunteer to help serve or bake, please see Connie



Friday Fiesta July 9th 630pm:

Contemplative prayer and meditation on the Gospel reading is the style of prayer for our Friday Fiesta.

You are warmly welcome! Our Fiesta meal is having a siesta during these colder months, but a hot cuppa and friendly chat will be on offer.

Alive in the Spirit:

Virtual conference – July 8-10. For anyone who wants to be Alive in the Spirit. Numerous speakers from our Paramatta Diocese.

By registering you have access to the recorded workshops for 6 months. Visit www.aliveinthespirit.com.au

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/