

Today 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Next week Ex 16:2-4. 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Psalm Response:
The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs

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

Servers

18 July	Server	N/A
25 July	Server	N/A

Readers

18 July	1st Reader	N/A
	2nd Reader	N/A
	Welcome/Intercessions: N/A	
25 July	1st Reader	N/A
	2nd Reader	N/A
	Welcome/Intercessions: N/A	

Counters

18 July	N/A
25 July	N/A

Church Care
Phil and Pat Wicks

Flowers
July David Buckley

St Paul's Mt Victoria

Readers: 1st Reader N/A
2nd Reader N/A

Entrance Ant:
God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people .

Communion Ant:
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B
25 July 2021**

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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.

From this week Sunday 25 July 2021
Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube not Facebook. The reason being that you need to have a Facebook account to watch the masses through Facebook, whereas YouTube is available to anyone with internet and either a phone or computer.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>

During this difficult time:

Please look out for each other and place a phone call to check in with someone who might need to hear a friendly voice. If you are feeling uncertain or worried, please reach out to someone.

You are not alone in feeling this way and there are people willing to listen and help where they can. Let us continue to pray for one another, the covid situation of our country and our world

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Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) Monica Bright 0420 937 690

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Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

In our Second Reading for this Sunday the author of the Letter to the Ephesians writes: "I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation".

What the author means by this is that every Christian has a primary vocation: to be faithful to the Gospel, and to witness to Christ in our world.

Often we ask ourselves: How can we live this basic vocation well?
How can we be faithful to this baptismal mission?

The blueprint is spelt out in the Second Reading:

"Bear with one another charitably,
in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.
Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit
by the peace that binds you together".

Thus the Word of God encourages us to

- put others before ourselves - to be **selfless**
- rid ourselves of anger and self-righteousness - to be **gentle**
- to accept people and situations as they, not getting frustrated because they're not what we'd like them to be - to be **patient**

Furthermore, the Scriptures encourage us to foster **unity** in our families, in our communities...

And to strive for a **peaceful** approach to life!

We need to examine our consciences this week, my friends, and see how we can renew our commitment to the high ideals of the Word of God.

Let us pray that - in this further week of Lockdown - we can witness to Christ and His Gospel to the best of our ability in our families, in our community, in our world at large...

Friends, obviously the two masses of Induction for myself have been postponed; a new date has not yet been determined.

We will do our best to continue the Sacramental programmes as this school term unfolds, but delays may be needed.

SRE can be accessed online at this time as well. Please check the Diocesan Website.

May God bless you all in these times of Lockdown.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr John

Gospel Gathering and Cuppa:

This Sunday at 11am, you are invited to a parish Zoom session to reflect upon the Sunday Gospel and to share fellowship with a cuppa! This is a first for the parish to stay connected during this lock-down time. Hope to see you there.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72154076606?pwd=SG1qeSt0Nko2K0ZPOWdLWVB6cWppdz09>

Meeting ID: 721 5407 6606
Passcode: x0dsab

Australian Women Preach:

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

This week, 25 July Jn 6:1-15 Scarcity and Abundance: Dr Teresa Brown is a Melbourne-based teacher and researcher in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at Australian Catholic University.
www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

The Well:

A place to find spiritual nourishment.. to be inspired, enriched and connected with a community on mission with Jesus Christ. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. <https://thewell.org.au/categories/spiritual-nourishment/>

Happy Birthday!

27th Laurie Noyes (Lawrence)

28th Ron O'Brien

31st Ingeborg Caplice (David's wife)



Social Justice Statement 2021/22:

You are invited to join the online launch of the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", Thursday August 5 530-630pm. Free registration at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/event/sjs-launch-21-22/>

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' (Mark 6:30-34).

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of dadirri (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear.

(Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Rose Foundation).
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Connie & Grahame Adams and family for the loss of their son-in-law, Doug Ford who died early this week. Please keep them in your prayers at this sad time.

Rest in Peace!

19th John Briggs (d 2006)

20th Monica van Horen (d 2014)

22nd Nikola Sandor

23rd Bert Carlon

24th David Ridoutt (d 2009)

25th Jean Pye

28th Eric Perriam (d 2007 – Tony Perriam's

father



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, Alfred Milani

