

Today Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 2:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Next week Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Eph 1:17-18

Psalm Response: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Servers

4 July	Server	N/A
11 July	Server	Pat Wicks

Readers

4 July	1st Reader	N/A
	2nd Reader	N/A
	Welcome/Intercessions: N/A	
11 July	1st Reader	Connie Adams
	2nd Reader	Frances Huckstepp
	Welcome/Intercessions: Adrian Carroll	

Counters

4 July	N/A
11 July	Diane Stewart

Church Care
 Lance and Julie Hodgkinson

Flowers
 July David Buckley

St Paul's Mt Victoria

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

Entrance Ant: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Ant:
 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
 Time Year B
 4 July 2021**

This week's gospel sees Jesus returning to his home town of Nazareth. He is well and truly into his public ministry at this point in the gospel and his reputation is obviously growing as a healer and teacher. When he goes to Nazareth the locals are quick to 'put him in his place'. They remember the boy, the teenager, the young man apprenticed to his father's craft. He's a nobody as far as they are concerned; just young Yeshua (Jesus) who grew up here. It is much the same within families and local communities today. No matter how successful and authoritative a young woman or man may have become, a trip home will quickly remind them that in the eyes of those they grew up with nothing has changed. They try to force Jesus back into the mould of the person with whom they were previously familiar and comfortable.

We do this to one another all the time. We have certain expectations about the way a friend normally acts or thinks and when they behave differently we react in a way that lets them know that they are not 'being themselves'. In doing this, we are looking to maintain our own comfort zone. We take away the freedom of the other person to grow and change. Many people seem to enter into relationships thinking that neither of them will ever change. This, of course, is an unsustainable assumption. Surely, if we want the best for those we love and care for, we want them to be constantly growing and becoming all that they can be?

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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.

Sunday Mass Live Streamed from Katoomba:

If you would like to join the Sunday Mass live-stream from St Canice's Katoomba at 10am, please follow the link: [facebook.com/bluemountaincatholic](https://www.facebook.com/bluemountaincatholic)

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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Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

God calls us to see Him in the weak... people like Paul of Tarsus – a sinner, a weak and fragile human being, whose weakness became strength through the power of God. Jesus of Nazareth – the God man from an ordinary town, but the one sent by the Father for the salvation of all.

What the texts of Scripture for this weekend tell us is that: God is very present to the weak person, because that person is not proud (puffed up, full of themselves), but dependent on God's grace.

God works through ordinary people and events to achieve God's will for the world. And so, we must throw away our pride and surrender ultimate control of our lives to the Loving Father, and not categorise people, but see God's presence in them, in their ordinariness!

And if we do all these things?

Then we will be following in the footsteps of St. Paul, and all those other holy men and women throughout the centuries (like the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta) who see Jesus present in;

the guest,
the neighbour,
the sick person,
the stranger,
the unlovable,

And in this way, we will truly be followers of Jesus, the carpenter, rejected by His own kind... we will truly be disciples of the Lord!

God bless you all!
Fr John

SAVE THE DATE(s)

Sunday 25th July, 9.30am. Bishop Vincent will be here for the induction of Fr John as Parish Priest of Blackheath.

Dom Helder Camara Lecture:

Read Bishop Vincent's address, 'My hope for the Plenary Council', for the Dom Helder Lecture at Newman College, Victoria, on June 30.
<https://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-my-hope-for-the-plenary-council/>

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:

Sr Catherine McCahill is a member of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and currently serves on the leadership team. She preaches on this Sunday's Gospel. www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

Happy Birthday!

2nd Philia Portelli
5th Kate Forbes (b 1960)



Rest in Peace!

1st James Keith Johnston
5th Matthew Gregan



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:

Weekly morning tea will return after Mass in the parish hall from July 11 (covid willing!). Stay after Mass for a warm cuppa, a cake and friendly conversation.



Friday Fiesta:

Due to the 'stay at home orders', there will be no Friday Fiesta Prayer on July 9th. Join us for contemplative prayer and meditation on the Gospel of the day next month Aug 13th.

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/fantheblade/