

# 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.*

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## VIGIL MASS Saturday 5:30pm:

Fr Abraham will be celebrating the Vigil  
Mass via Zoom for the month of October.  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87683900980?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87683900980?pwd=UXlpYkhKUSt5Qy81N2FpM05PS0RmQT09)  
[pwd=UXlpYkhKUSt5Qy81N2FpM05PS0](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87683900980?pwd=UXlpYkhKUSt5Qy81N2FpM05PS0RmQT09)  
[RmQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87683900980?pwd=UXlpYkhKUSt5Qy81N2FpM05PS0RmQT09)

Meeting ID: 876 8390 0980

Passcode: 294515

The 10am Katoomba Sunday Mass will be  
live streamed on YouTube. Click the link  
below or search "St Canice's Katoomba  
Live YouTube" in your internet search  
engine.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ)

or alternate Live stream Masses head to the  
Diocesan Webpage.

**SACRED HEART CARE GROUP:** Helping  
parishioners in times of need. Monica Bright  
0420 937 690.

**BLACKHEATH VINNIES Support:** 0490 709 547

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** If you would like  
an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to  
either Paul Harris (Chair)  
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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

**17 October 2021.**

### FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Today's Gospel is a challenge to all of us, for it demands that we imitate  
the Lord in his suffering rather than in his glory!

The brothers, James and John, wanted to lord it over the other disciples - to  
sit at the right and left hand of the Lord in his Glory.

And they end up being called to imitate the Lord in his Suffering: "Can you  
drink the cup which I must drink?"

How, then, do we treat others?

Do we fail to be of service and prefer to 'lord it over' others we may deem  
to be 'below us' in some kind of hierarchical structure?

Such 'clericalist' thinking is not Christian; and I note that such thinking is  
not restricted to the ordained among us!!

Rather, the Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth calls us to imitate the Suffering  
Servant (Christ) and be the servant of all.

If we do this to the best of our ability, then we will be true disciples of the  
Lord who 'did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a  
ransom for many'.

Our churches will reopen for prayer once the State of NSW has reached the  
80% double vaccination target.

Masses will resume on the Sunday after that!

Given the unknown date of reopening at the time of the printing of this  
bulletin, I cannot be certain that we will have masses before the Sunday  
after 80%.

Mr Perrottet has caused some confusion, I believe....

Please note the message in the bulletin about the way we will be receiving  
communion for the foreseeable future once masses recommence.

God bless you all in these difficult times

Fr John



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Sunday 11am -Virtual Cuppa and  
Sunday Gospel Sharing: Via Zoom**

**Wednesday Parish Social Circle:  
4.30-5.10 pm Via Zoom**

### READERS:

10 Sept: 1 St Reader

N/A

2 nd Reader

N/A

Welcome/Intercession:

N/A

### NEXT WEEK READERS:

17 Sept: 1 St Reader

N/A

2 nd Reader

N/A

Welcome/ Intercession

N/A

### CHURCH CARE:

### FLOWERS:

### COUNTERS:

### SERVERS:

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we will help you get started. Email:  
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## Bpoint - A new way to contribute to the Parish using your credit card.

During these long days of lockdown, the Parish really needs your support to allow us to continue to pay its ongoing bills. With the closure of all churches, we currently have no cash collections. Fortunately many of our parishioners use the Direct Bank Transfer option for our 2nd Collection. The funds raised continue to support our Parish during these difficult times.

For those who do not use Direct Bank Transfer, you will now have the opportunity to make contributions by credit card using Bpoint.

Bpoint is a new and easy way to contribute to both our 2nd collection (as noted above - funds raised are for our Parish) and also our 1st collection (funds raised are for the clergy of the Diocese). You will need a credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) and a mobile phone number.

Please follow this link and make your choice of option. You will be asked to show your name and mobile phone number: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICPARISHOFSACREDHEARTBLACKHEATH>

As an alternative to following the link, you can also use the attached QR Code, or you can click on the red 'Make a Payment' button on the first page of the Parish website.

And for those of you who do already contribute to the 2nd collection for the Parish using the Direct Transfer option, Bpoint now gives you a way of making a

1st collection contribution for the remuneration of the clergy.



## Receiving Communion.

Given the very infectious nature of the Delta variant, Fr Abraham and I have decided that we will not be giving communion on the tongue for the foreseeable future once masses resume.

This will avoid the possibility of aerosol droplets remaining on our hands as we take another host from the ciborium and give to the next communicant.

In addition, those receiving communion on the hand will need to keep their mask on until they have received the host from the minister, then take a few steps to one side, remove their mask, and then consume the host.

Again, this will lessen the danger of any COVID-19 transfer.

## Alive in the Spirit Symposium

November 6 from 10am-3pm.

This is a day of prayerful and practical action offering a fresh heart and fresh hope for our renewed communities to be Alive in the Spirit. If you would like to participate in this inspiring symposium contact Paul Harris for the registration link and password.

## October IS World Mission Month

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai\*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most. Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world. Please come with an open and generous heart.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity Freecall: 1800257296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand



### Virtual Cuppa and Sunday Gospel Sharing:

Connect with your fellow parishioners for a laugh and shared thoughts. This Sunday 11-11:30am. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87683900980?pwd=UXlpYkhKUST5Qy81N2FpM05PS0RmQT09>

### Parish Social Circle:

All are invited to join your hosts Pat D and Frances H for conversation, storytelling and FUN. Bring a glass of wine, coffee, tea, nibbles. **Wednesday 4:30 – 5:10pm.** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72349729252?pwd=cEFGckJYbzBmb3V2N00zenpLNnU5Zz09>

### Vinnie's Christmas Cards

Vinnie's Christmas cards will be available for purchase during November. Cards are in packs of 10 with a variety of images in each pack.

Cost is \$8 per pack.

### Aussie Backyard Bird Count 18-24 October

<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

The annual **Aussie Bird Count** is a great way to connect with the birds in your backyard, our local parks, patches of forest or the main street of our town. You can count as many times as you like over the week but each count needs to be completed over a 20 minute period. The data collected assists BirdLife Australia in understanding more about the birds that live where people live.

Celebrate *National Bird Week* by registering for the bird count with family and friends. *Caring for Creation*.

### Returning to our Churches:

Dear friends, as restrictions ease, we are looking forward to gathering together soon, although we do not have a definite date. Our 'Covid plan', a plan mandated by the Government, will again be in place. This will mean booking in for Mass (as our numbers will be restricted), signing in via the QR codes and maintaining social distancing. We have done this before and we can do it again! The music team have been warming up at our Saturday Vigil Mass, and Frs Abraham and John are eager to see you all, as we all are for each other. Please continue to pray for our community, especially the front line workers. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Paul Harris

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

21st Maria Slater 50 in 2016

23rd Rasa Blansjaar (1943)



### Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers:

Andrew Krawczyk, Rae Freckelton, Patricia Dee, John Hanna, Barbara Grieves, Pat McCauley, Ray Wood, John & Marion Crowley, Maria Slater, Maria Johnson, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Alfred Milani.

**REST IN PEACE:** Patrick Burke, 1<sup>st</sup> Lily Hanna 2010, 3<sup>rd</sup> Philomena Drummond (d 1991 - Pat Drummond's mother) 5<sup>th</sup> Bernie Tierney (d 2007 - Father of Sue Gracey) 20<sup>th</sup> Jaroslav Zeeman (d 1999) - Betty's husband, Jerry) 25<sup>th</sup> Leslie Dee (d 2015) 25<sup>th</sup> Edna Bentick (d 2010), 26<sup>th</sup> Patricia Davies (d 2013 - Barbara Grieves sister), 26<sup>th</sup> Barry Roberts (2017) 27<sup>th</sup> Brenda Pateman (d 2013 - wife of Fred for nearly 49 years)

**\*\*When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?**



Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

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### Australian Women Preach:

This week's guest is **Erica Bernard**, a Yawuru, Kidja woman from the Kimberley. Erica works for the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia in the Broome Regional Office, as the Community Liaison Officer.

[www.australianwomenpreach.com.au](http://www.australianwomenpreach.com.au)

### Sharing Wisdom:

This week we will hear about **Dorothy Day**. Register to watch a documentary (2pm) and then chat with others (3-4pm) about what these saints and saintly people have to share in our world today. Free registration Register at <https://tinyurl.com/DorothyDay1710>

### ANNIVERSARIES:

21st Mark and Maria Slater (m 2006)

22nd Jennifer and Wayne Kelly (m 1983)

28th Andrew Harris

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### ENTRANCE

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as  
the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your  
wings protect me.

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased  
to crush his servant with suffering.  
If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over,  
he shall see the light and be content.  
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.

### RESPONSE

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### **Second Reading**

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme  
high priest who has gone through to the highest heav-  
en, we must never let go of the faith that we have pro-  
fessed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was  
incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we  
have one who has been tempted in every way that we  
are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident,  
then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall  
have mercy from him and find grace when we are in  
need of help.

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

### THE GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Je-  
sus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a  
favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to  
do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at  
your right hand and the other at your left in your glo-  
ry.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said  
to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or  
be baptised with the baptism with which I must be  
baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them,  
'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with  
the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall  
be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my  
left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those  
to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel in-  
dignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to  
him and said to them, 'You know that among the pa-  
gans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their  
great men make their authority felt. This is not to hap-  
pen among you. No; anyone who wants to become  
great among you must be your servant, and anyone  
who wants to be first among you must be slave to all.  
For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served  
but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for  
many.'

### COMMUNION

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear  
him; who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their  
souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**