

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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[Community Blackheath](#)

MT VICTORIA VIGIL MASS

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

MEGALONG VALLEY MASS

4pm (every third Friday of the month).

BLACKHEATH MASSES

SUN: 9:30am. WED: 6:30pm.

SAT: 9:00am

FIRST FRIDAY

Mass, Adoration and Reflection: 10 am.

SECOND FRIDAY

Friday Fiesta: (Will recommence in 2022).

CONFESSION

WED: 6:15pm before 6.30 mass

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SUN MASSES

SAT: 9:00am Katoomba.

SAT: 5:00pm Leura (Vigil)

SUN: 8:00am Wentworth Falls

SUN: 10am Katoomba

Sun: 5.00pm Leura

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish

Office on Wednesday or Thursday during

office hours on 4787 8540 or email black-

heath@parracatholic.org

SACRED HEART CARE GROUP: Helping

parishioners in times of need. Monica Bright

0420 937 690.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: If you would like

an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to

either Paul Harris (Chair)

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

21 November 2021

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

We have arrived at the end of our Church's Liturgical Year and we celebrate once again the great Feast of Christ as Ruler of the Universe. This ancient Feast declares Christ to be Lord of all, the One who leads all creation to fulfilment and salvation.

As always, our Readings for this last week of our Year remind us that we need to be ready at all times to stand before the Judgment Seat of God. And our eternal future will be decided upon our response to God's Grace and favour... whether or not we have imitated our loving Triune God and have loved unconditionally in imitation of Jesus Christ.

Next week we commence our preparation for Christmas with the Season of Advent. In the week ahead, let's examine our year just passed, asking for the Lord to forgive our failings, but also requesting strength from the Holy Spirit to renew our commitment to the Gospel!

Furthermore, let's reflect on what our 'new (liturgical) year's resolution(s) will be... how are we going to be more loving and faithful in the year ahead.

God bless you all

Fr John

This Weeks Readers : 21 Nov 2021

1 St Reader: Connie Adams

2 nd Reader: Eve O'Donnell

Welcome/Intercession:

Pat Wicks

COUNTERS: 21 Nov 2021

Julie and Lance Hodgkinson

SERVERS: 21 Nov 2021

Grahame Adams

CHURCH CARE:

Jim and Cathy McNamara

FLOWERS:

David Buckley

NEXT WEEK READERS; 28 Nov 2021

1 St Reader: Pat Wicks

2 nd Reader: Marilyn Rowe

Welcome/ Intercession

John Tweedie

Mt Victoria (TBA)

1 St Reader:

2 nd Reader:

MERRY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

Tickets are now available after mass for this fantastic raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 19th December after Mass at Sacred Heart Blackheath.

Bpoint - Parish contributions using your credit card.

Bpoint is an easy way to contribute to both our 2nd collection (funds raised are for our Parish) and 1st collection (funds raised are for the clergy of the Diocese). You 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.



Being a Covid Safe Parish:

We are following NSW Health mandates, Paramatta diocesan directions and our own parish decisions to keep our community safe and welcoming for all. Please remember to:

+ wear a mask

+ QR sign in

+ approach communion wearing your mask - receive the Host on your hand – step to the side – remove your mask to consume the Host – return to your seat.

+ maintain social distancing

+ lip-sync singing! (thank you to our music ministry)

“Stand Up” World Youth Day – Parramatta, on Sunday 21 November in St Mark’s Square on the grounds of St Mark’s Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens for a spectacular outdoor mass with Bishop Vincent. The mass will include a commissioning of young people for leadership in the Church during 2022. Gates open at 5pm, allowing plenty of time to COVID check in, before Adoration and Reconciliation is available from 5.15pm. Mass with Bishop Vincent begins at 6pm.

BECOME A CATECHIST, A SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER!

Recruiting to begin Term 1, 2022. Special Religious Educators (SREs) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who: ** Teach and share the Catholic faith with children of their parish who attend government schools. ** Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people. ** Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people. ** Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved. In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into two state primary schools during school hours. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and can start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 4787 8540 or your SRE Parish Co-ordinator, Claire Maguire 0400 786 639

Bishop’s Christmas Appeal

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. Next weekend, our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation’s Bishop’s Christmas Appeal. Funds raised will enable CatholicCare’s Houses to Homes project to support vulnerable young pregnant women who are facing hardship, abuse and homelessness – so that they and their children can face the future with hope, safety and security.

We invite you in this Year of the Family, to show your Christian kindness to vulnerable women and their children in need, by supporting the Bishop’s Christmas Appeal.

Please give generously next weekend via the giving envelopes which will be available on the pews. Or you can give online at your.catholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you.

The Good Ol' Gospel Gasbag Gathering:

You are warmly invited to join an online gathering of parishioners for 30 minutes of prayer and sharing on the forthcoming Sunday Gospel reading, and a little bit of gasbagging too!

THURSDAY evenings from 7:30pm. Many have found the sharing and listening to be quite a gift. Join with the zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71997958918?pwd=aUdBMFMzSHIHQlN6ZVc5Qkx5BbWtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 719 9795 8918 Passcode: 8hFnYH

November Masses:

You are invited to bring the written names of deceased people you would like the community to pray for during the month of November and placing these names in the basket at the base of the altar.

NO NEED to Book in for Mass: As the 2 square metre density rule currently applies booking in for Mass is NOT required.

The 10am Katoomba Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed Click the link below or search "St Canice's Katoomba Live YouTube" in your internet search engine. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>

Celebrating 120 years of our Sacred Heart Church **January 26 1902-2022**

A 2022 calendar to mark this auspicious occasion has been produced and is available for purchase at both St Paul's and Sacred Heart at the weekend masses. The calendar includes historical images, information about the growth and changes over time in our parish and treasured items contributed and made by our parishioners over many decades. This hot off the press limited edition, must have memento costs \$20, making a wonderful keepsake and Christmas gift! Payment in cash would be most appreciated- thank you! The calendar will be available at the Megalong Mass on Friday December 17 at 4pm

Save the date!

Celebrating the blessing and opening of our church on
Wednesday January 26 from 11:00am

St Joseph's Megalong Valley Mass:

The next Mass will be Friday December 17th at 4pm. Booking is essential as numbers are very limited

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

19th Brian Bright (b 1945)



Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers:

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

REST IN PEACE: 7th Lewis Hodgkinson (d 2004), 9th Melanie Hinklemann, 14th Fr Jim Dooley (d 2007), 21st Craig Charles Huckstepp (d 2014 - Francesca Huckstepp's husband), 25th Jason Bentley, 27th Iris Jones

**Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.



Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

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Readers for Mass:

Proclaiming the Word to the community is an essential ministry that forms an important part of the liturgy. God is present in the scripture readings that we hear. If you feel called to contribute in this way and join our reading roster, please speak to Pat Wicks (0411 488 990)

Australian Women Preach:

This week's guest is **Reverend Di Langham** a priest in the Diocese of Newcastle for the past 21 years, the first Aboriginal woman in this Diocese to be ordained and a chaplain in Corrective Services NSW for the past 20 years.
www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

Prayer request:

Please pray for Betty Zeman and her family, and for the repose of her son Andrew who passed away unexpectedly last week. May eternal rest give unto him O Lord, may he rest in peace. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES:

19th Colette and Sean Lillis (m 1994)

21st Tony and Maree Crawford (m 1981)



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

ENTRANCE

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever

First Reading

Dn 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

RESPONSE

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading

Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace