

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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MT VICTORIA VIGIL MASS

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

MEGALONG VALLEY MASS

4pm (every third Friday of the month).

21 Jan mass 4.00pm

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 blackheath@parracatholic.org

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)

(pauls_harris@hotmail.com) or Julie O'Keeffe

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 January 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

With the commencement of Ordinary Time we remember and celebrate the Public Ministry of Jesus. Let's always walk in the Lord's footsteps, never stopping proclaiming publicly the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.

I will be offering a three-day Retreat on the Book of Revelation for the Poor Clare nuns at North Richmond this week. Mass on Wednesday morning will be cancelled, but there will still be daily mass at Blackheath at 6:30pm.

God bless you all.

Fr John

Sacred Heart Church 120th Anniversary:

In the best interests of our parish community, the anniversary Mass on Wednesday January 26th will go ahead as planned at 11:30am, however the picnic lunch will be postponed to a later date. Please come as we celebrate this significant milestone. An anniversary cake will be cut, and some special guests have been invited. Many thanks to the organising team.

This Weeks Readers : 16.1.2022

1 St Reader: Connie Adams

2 nd Reader: Frances Huckstepp

Welcome/Intercession:

Pat Wicks

COUNTERS: 16.1.2022

Pamela and John

SERVERS: 16.1.2022

Paul Harris

CHURCH CARE:

Noeleen Cliff and Marilyn Rowe

FLOWERS:

Rosemary Kenny & Mary Batty

NEXT WEEK READERS: 23.1.2022

1 St Reader: Eve O'Donnell

2 nd Reader: Mary Roberts

Welcome/ Intercession

Paul Harris

Server: Michelle Davis

Mt Victoria (TBA)

1 St Reader:

2 nd Reader:

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)

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:

+ QR sign in

+ receive communion only in the hand

+ keep windows and doors open to assist with ventilation

+ wear a mask indoors when social distancing is not possible

++ Please note: these conditions are subject to change without notice ++

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service

During the **month of January** we will undertake a *toiletries, food and cleaning products* drive for the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). The following items are required as they best support the people assisted by the JRS:

- **Basmati Rice (1, 2 and 5kg bags)**
- **Cooking Oil (750ml, 1L, 2L)**
- **Longlife Milk (1L)**
- **Snacks: biscuits and muesli bars (particularly snacks for school lunches)**
- **Toiletries: toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant**
- **Nappies: sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 are most needed right now**
- **Dishwashing liquid**

Washing/laundry powder

Thank you in advance for your generous support of this urgent collection of **food** and **toiletries** items. Boxes will be available at the weekend Masses to collect your donations.

Parish Annual General Meeting: Presently, we are still planning on holding the AGM on Sunday February 13 after Mass at 1030am(ish). If you have an item for General Business, please email myself (Chair) or hand a notice to Adrian Carroll (Secretary) by Friday Jan 21. My email is pauls_harris@hotmail.com. Thank you. Paul Harris

WORKING BEE

Saturday 22nd January 2022 commencing from 8am. Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information, or just turn up on the day



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>

Australian Women Preach:

This week's guest is **Liz Mackinlay**. Liz has over 20 years' experience in the NFP sector, she is a founder and Board Chair of a community run and funded domestic violence Refuge in Sydney, Mary's House. www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

Historic Celebration Calendar 1902-2022

To order calendar copies phone Julie Hodgkinson on **4787 8096** and arrange local delivery or postage. Share this slice of our parish history with family, friends and others in our community who may have an interest or connection. **Please help us sell our beautiful calendars!**

St Joseph's Megalong Valley Mass:

The next Mass will be Friday January 21st at 4pm .

During this difficult times.

Please lookout 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.

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: 11th Gerard Johnston, 14th Joyce Malkin (d 2012), 19th Roma Ziolkowski (2018),

20th Jan Roberts (2019), 20th Henry Columbine, 22nd Bridget Chan (d 2011), 28th Jean Walsh,

31st Trevor Drummond (d 2016 -father of Pat

****The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.**



One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

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GARAGE SALE 2022

We are postponing our annual garage sale from February until 2nd & 3rd April. The main reason is because of the increase of Covid throughout NSW.

With that in mind we feel it is impossible to expect workers and patrons to come together for the sale.

We will be having the event on the dates listed above and because of the new dates we are asking our wonderful parishioners to hold off on bringing donations to the hall at this stage.

Thank you for your contributions so far and please continue to clean out those cupboards, we will let you know when to resume bringing items to the parish hall.

Social Committee



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

ENTRANCE

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSE

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

COMMUNION

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.