

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 5.00pm

MEGALONG VALLEY MASS

4pm (every third Friday of the month).

Next mass: 15 July 2022

16 July at 11.30 Baptism

BLACKHEATH MASSES

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

SAT: 9:00am (No Mass)

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: 10:00am Katoomba

Sun: 5:00pm Leura

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish
Office on Tuesdays 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.

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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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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

26 June 2022.

Our Call & Response

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Discipleship of the lord is the highest Christian perfection to which every Christian is called. The readings today shed light into different aspects of our response to God's calling to be the workers in the vineyard of the lord or to be Jesus' emissaries for the kingdom of God.

This Sunday's first reading is taken from I Kings chapter 19 where we see Elijah calling Elisha, by throwing his cloak on him. But Elisha requests permission of Elijah to bid farewell to his parents. Elijah allows Elisha the permission in an indirect way. And Elisha kills his oxen and breaks his yoke and uses it as firewood for cooking the meat and shares it with the people and comes and follows Elijah.

The second reading, this Sunday is taken from the letter of St Paul to Galatians where Paul says that we were called for freedom to serve one another through love. And he underlines the need to be guided by the spirit to be Jesus' disciples who are not under law.

The gospel reading for this Sunday is taken from Luke chapter 9. It also focuses on the different aspects of discipleship which Jesus is stressing. It narrates someone addressing Jesus says that he would follow Jesus wherever he goes. For this Jesus the master says, "foxes have dens, birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has nowhere to rest his head." To another Jesus Says, "follow me" But the one who is called requests the master permission to go and bury his father. But Jesus the master was not lenient to his request. He tells him to go and proclaim the kingdom of God. Another tells Jesus, he would follow him but requests permission to go and bid farewell to his family. Here also, Jesus answers rather negatively. "No one who sets a hand to plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

All these readings speak of the need of proper dispositions of response to be the disciple of Jesus or what should be the dispositions of the disciple and response to belong to Jesus' fraternity. 'The call of the Lord to be his disciple' is that which requires an immediate, and sure response. The aged parents and their care, or bidding farewell to family members or settling family issues are not things that should become our priority for the response to god's call to his discipleship. The one who is called is invited to make an immediate and decisive response to the lord's bidding to be his disciple to preach the kingdom of God. This response to his call is the primary priority for the disciples of Jesus.

Fraternally in the Lord,

Fr (Dr) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Asst Priest at Upper Blue mountains and Blackheath Parishes.

This Weeks Readers : 26. 6 .2022

1 St Reader: David Buckley

2 nd Reader: Christa Buckley

Welcome/Intercession:

Frank Portelli

COUNTERS: 26.6. 2022

Marilyn Rowe

SERVERS: 26.6. 2022

Alan Skofic

CHURCH CARE:

Noeleen Cliff and Marilyn Rowe

FLOWERS:

David Buckley

NEXT WEEK READERS; 3. 07. 2022

1 St Reader: Connie Adams

2 nd Reader: Frances Huckstepp

Welcome/ Intercession

Adrian Carroll

Server: Grahame Adams

Mt Victoria 25.06.2022

1 St Reader: Mary Ryan

2 nd Reader: Clive Kanes

Praying with Pope Francis during June

Universal Intention Families
We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Change of Mass times at Blackheath:

There will be no morning mass on Saturday's at Blackheath until Fr John comes back from holidays.

Please note from 17 July Sunday mass will be at 9.15 am.

Katoomba Perpetual Adoration Chapel:

Open weekly Monday 10am through to Friday 6pm. If you would like a rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Catherine on 0420 337 033 to register your details.

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:

- + receive communion only in the hand (parish decision)
- + keep windows and doors open to assist with ventilation (health guideline)
- + you are encouraged to wear a mask indoors (parish decision)
- ++ Please note: these conditions are subject to change without notice ++

Soup that warms the Heart Pt 1

You are invited to lunch
on the LAST and FIRST MONDAY of the month
from 11:00- 12:30
commencing June 27
at the Uniting Church Hall
Govett's Leap Rd Blackheath
home-made soup will be served on Monday June 27
July 4 & 25 and August 1 & 29
For winter warming soup & great company- see you for lunch!
ALL WELCOME

Soup that warms the Heart Pt 2

This is an ecumenical venture with Sacred Heart parish and Blackheath Uniting Church.

To contribute to the lunch table we would like to offer 3 pots of soup for each of the Mondays. So we are asking for volunteers to make one pot of soup (crockpot, saucepan etc) for one of the soup lunches. If you are able to contribute a pot of soup please let Karen Hayward, 0419 123 744 or Margaret Groeneweg, 0414 788 796 (Uniting Church) know the date you can cook for. The Uniting Church kitchen will be open at 10:00 for setting up and heating soup for serving from 11am. If you are not able to attend on a Monday but would like to offer soup, arrangements for early drop off could be made with Margaret. Thank you!

2023

The Holy Land Experience

12 NIGHTS / 15 DAYS. DEPARTS SAT 7TH JANUARY 2023

Dead Sea (2 nights) • Sea of Galilee (4) • Haifa • Mt Carmel • Mt Tabor
• Cana • Nazareth • Mt Beatitudes • Jerusalem (6) • Masada • Bethlehem
Optional 2 night Wonders of Petra Extension

For further information about this pilgrimage with our PP Fr John please contact the parish office for a copy of full brochure including booking details, pricing and itinerary. Email: bluemountains@parracatholic.org



Accompanied by
FR JOHN MCSWEENEY
And Harvest Rep
MONICA MANSOUR

15
DAYS

Feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday June 24): In this 120th anniversary year of the Sacred Heart community, let us pray in thanksgiving for the generations of parishioners who have preceded us and pray for our present community. We are blessed to have a vibrant parish community, and on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I thank all parishioners for your contribution to this vibrancy through their service, support of parish activities and financial support of the parish and other fundraising initiatives. May we always be aware of being held in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Happy Feast Day! Paul Harris, Chair.



FESTIVAL GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL

Meditation Seat Donation: Would you like to donate our third seat for the grounds (approx \$350)? Or would you like to make a \$59 contribution towards another seat?

Please talk to Brian Bright or call him on 0401 768 688

Australian Women Preach:

This week's guest is **Dr Jill Gowdie**. Jill is known across Australia and overseas as a speaker, writer, facilitator, educator and system leader with wide and deep experience in Catholic education, mission and formation. Jill and husband Geoff have four adult children and have belonged to St Anne's Catholic Community in Brisbane. www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

Happy Birthday

26th Marion Crowley

28th Louise Noyes



Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers:

Joe Blansjaar, Elizabeth Curran, Fred Paton, Andrew Krawczyk, Patricia Dee, Barbara Grieves, Pat McCauley, Ray Wood, John & Marion Crowley, Maria Johnson, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli,

REST IN PEACE: 13th Irene Peacock, 1st Cy Schreiber (d 2013), 7th Mignon Spessot (2017), 8th Leonard Kirkham, 11th Eric Noble, 16th Norma Ward, 22nd Eusebio Dizon (d 2011), 23rd Frank Mackrell (2019)



****Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be whole-hearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.**

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

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Peter's Pence collection this weekend 26 June 2022:

The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the time of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and the 2022 collection will take place on 26 June. This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

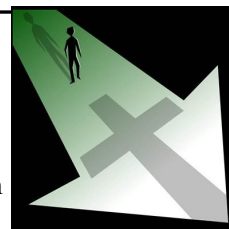
NB: This will be a leaving collection only.

Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit seminarians thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our future good shepherds and priests.

This will help our Holy Spirit Seminary to support the faithful men who have answered God's call to become priests and beacons of Christ's light.

For anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



13th Sunday in ordinary time C

ENTRANCE

All peoples, clap your hands to God with shouts of joy.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Kings (I Kings 19:16,19-21)

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant

RESPONSE

You are my inheritance, O Lord..

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Galatians (Gal 5:1. 13-18)

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers and sisters, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 9:51-62)

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.