

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 (June-August)
6.00pm (Sept-May)

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.

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
(julesongodson@bigpond.com)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

3 July 2022.

Mission, Missionary and Prayer

Dear sisters and brothers,

Jesus asked the seventy-two "say to the people that the kingdom of God is near to you" (Lk10/9). The most important duty of a missionary or a labourer in the vineyard of the lord is to teach people about love of God and his kingdom through his life and example than mere proselytising. The missionary is called to activities that would ensure the growth of the kingdom of God which was the mission of Jesus himself.

We can see two types of missionaries in the world. Short term missionaries and long-term missionaries. And yet another group is lifelong missionaries; this all of us are, by virtue of our calling to Christian discipleship. Some are committed/professed missionaries some are natural missionaries.

Today the lord says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pray therefore the lord of harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk10/2). The lord is inviting you and me to the vineyard of the Lord to be a labourer, to do the harvesting. More precisely he is asking our cooperation in the collecting of the harvest by our prayers for the labourers.

Are we ready to take up that challenge? Are we ready to extend our hands and hearts to the lord for the harvesting his yield? If you are ready to work or cooperate with the Lord, he asks us to keep ourselves vibrant in certain areas of our life. There are some positive attitudes that we should nurture as well as some negative qualities that we should avoid.

Among the negatives a good labourer should avoid at his work, include carrying the purse or money, carrying the bag or luggage, having comfort of sandals, saluting passers by on the road and moving from house to house or seeking comfort. It will be too lengthy if we are to meditate deeper on each of these.

Among the positives that Jesus looks in his labourers include the innocent disposition, being the men and women of peace, accepting the food what is given or served, concern for the welfare of the sick or their healing, readiness to preach the kingdom of God or having a sense of Justice and the readiness to work together as a team.

The avoidance or nurturance of these qualities are really challenging; but at the same time the success of the lord's mission depends on the quality of the labourers. We do not get too many according to the mindset of the lord. That is why the lord is asking us to pray to God to send labourers to his vineyard. So, from today onwards let us start the habit of praying for the labourers of the vineyard of the lord, the missionaries, the priests, religious and committed laity. The quality of the missionaries will tell how successful he or she is in the vineyard of the lord. And let us also learn to support the mission by extending our support to the missionary personnel in whatever way possible. May the good lord bless us.

Fr (Dr) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Asst Priest @ Upper Blue mountains and Blackheath Parishes.

This Weeks Readers : 3.07.2022

1 St Reader: Connie Adams

2 nd Reader: Frances Huckstepp

Welcome/Intercession:

Adrian Carroll

COUNTERS: 3.07. 2022

Laurie Noyes

SERVERS: 3.07 2022

Grahame Adams

CHURCH CARE:

Noeleen Cliff and Marilyn Rowe

FLOWERS:

Cate Mitchell

NEXT WEEK READERS; 10. 07. 2022

1 St Reader: Eve McDonnell

2 nd Reader: Mary Roberts

Welcome/ Intercession

Paul Harris

Server: Alan Skofic

Mt Victoria 2.07.2022

1 St Reader: Peter Mc Auley

2 nd Reader: Carla Edan

“The Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him the more intensely missionary we become.”
Henry Martyn

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 Groenewegan, 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

Parish Feast Days: Thank you to our organisers of the Parish 'Feast Day' Lunch at Hotel Etico at Mt Vic last Sunday. It was a lovely feast! We celebrated the Feast of St Paul (June 29) and note that whilst we commemorate the 120th anniversary of the Blackheath church, St Paul's Mt Vic celebrates 132 years and, I believe, the oldest Catholic Church in the Blue Mountains! What a special place we have. Paul Harris, Chair PPC.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday July 3:

We acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of First Nations people in the Catholic Church as we enter NAIDOC week which recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has information on their webpage www.natsicc.org.au

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: The Dioceses of Parramatta, Sydney and Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers to reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. When: Wed 20 July, 6-9pm. More details will follow in June!

2022 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 12 August

Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children" at the Faith in Marriage Seminar hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta's MET - Marriage team. The seminar will be held on Friday 12 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7.30pm. The event is free, but booking is required. Free parking is available in the lower ground car park and on neighbouring streets. Please register your attendance to (02) 8838 3460 or marriage@parracatholic.org

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 **Elizabeth Lee**. Elizabeth is a Spiritual Director, Retreat Facilitator and Professional / Pastoral Supervisor with a passion for being a listening presence among the fringes and fostering human connection through deep listening. She has had the privilege of offering pastoral care among those living with homelessness and life-giving ministry as a Prison Chaplain.

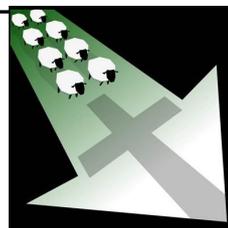
www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

Happy Birthday

- 2nd Philia Portelli
- 5th Kate Forbes (b 1960)
- 7th Christine Burke
- 7th Michelle Davis



**Although the gospel is a report of ministerial commissioning, it contains elements of discipleship in general. Most obvious is the disciples' dependence on Jesus. They are not independent missionaries; they are followers. Furthermore, there is a communal dimension of discipleship. While there is certainly a personal relationship between Jesus and each disciple, discipleship itself is not a singular privilege that one hugs to oneself to the exclusion of others.



Disciples minister to the needs of others, whatever those needs may be and with whatever abilities the disciple may possess. There are various kinds of healing: a friendly smile, a word of gratitude, a soothing touch. We can teach the lessons of life in classrooms, in playrooms, in kitchens, in boardrooms. There are many ways that we can cast out the demons that hold our world by the throat; demons of poverty and oppression, demons of addiction and slavery, demons of disdain and neglect, demons of hatred and violence. If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

The life of discipleship is not an unmixed blessing. Because disciples are marked by the sign of the cross, they must expect suffering. Because they do not live according to the standards of the world, disciples will be judged as fools. Some of them will be subjected to even greater suffering. Still, the disciple proclaims that true fulfilment is only found in God! In reality, it is the world that is upside down, not the life of discipleship. And it is the cross that sets things right.

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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

View the Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

All are invited to **VIEW** the online version of the synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

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: 1st James Keith Johnston, 5th Matthew Gregan, 6th Annie Cecilia Smith (Kate Forbes' grandmother), 8th Alma Birrell (d 2015), 9th Cecily O'Brien, 12th John Forster (d 2014 - aged 66), 18th Keith Malkin, 18th Fr Alex Sciberras, 18th Ray Lee (d 2014), 19th John Briggs (d 2006), 20th Monica van Horen (d 2014), 22nd Nikola Sandor, Bert Carlon, 24th David Ridoutt (d 2009), 25th Jean Pye, 28th Eric Perriam (d 2007 - Tony Perriam's father)

23rd



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ENTRANCE

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.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is 66:10-14)

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a child comforted by their mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

RESPONSE

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians (Gal 6:14-18)

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for all to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers and sisters. Amen.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a person of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on them; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves their wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

COMMUNION

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