

# 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.*

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Parish Facebook:** [Sacred Heart Parish](#)

[Community Blackheath](#)

## **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: 19 August 2022**

## **BLACKHEATH MASSES**

**SUN: 9:15am.**

**WED: 6:30pm.**

## **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: 10.30am Katoomba**

**Sun: 5.00pm Leura**

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Please contact the Parish  
Office on Tuesdays 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.

**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)

## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**31 July 2022.**

**Tied to and Tied by the Worldly Wealth.**

In the Old Testament wealth is considered to be the blessing of God and poverty is looked down upon as curse and punishment by God. And even today people consider abundance as something very positive and poverty as a disgrace. Today's readings speak about the need of a life that is richer in the lord than the material wealth.

Today's gospel story starts with a brother complaining about another about not sharing the paternal property with him. And he asks Jesus to mediate his case with his brother. And taking the greed of the brother who was not willing to share the property with the sibling, Jesus presents the theme of true richness. He tells them that one's life does not consist of possessions. And life becomes richer when one is richer in those things that matters to God. And to explain this he presents the parable of the rich man.

'We the wise and the fool will leave their wealth to others when we die' says the psalmist (49/10). 'Money never made man happy, nor it will. The more one has the more he/she wants. Instead of filling a vacuum, it makes it even greater', says Benjamin Franklin. Still, we continue with our struggle to get richer and richer and at the end we go with the sense vacuum and never learns the right way.

And Jesus through the parable of the rich man asks the young man to have the right attitude and right living than having the greed for riches. And Jesus is inviting the listeners to opt for correct living with right attitudes than going after riches.

Through the first reading, we are invited to a simple living than going after vanity. It says that if according to vanity one starts living, there is no greater misfortune than his/her life; because all his/her days are filled with sorrow, grief, and restlessness. Even at night it is vanity that leads him/her.

In the second reading Paul in the letter to the Colossians invites the believers to put to death those parts that are earthly or worldly and put on new self which would help him or her become the image of the creator.

Wealth is good, in so far as it helps one to grow towards the ultimate goal that is to reach God. So instead of amassing riches endlessly, the right attitude will be to create and use the riches maximum for the benefit of maximum people which will become a helping tool for my final journey. And the understanding that "wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having fewer wants" will help us to create right approach to wealth which will help us to utilise it in the way Jesus desires of it. May God bless us.

Fr (Dr) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Asst. Priest @ Upper Blue mountains & Blackheath Parishes.

**This Weeks Readers :** 31.07.2022

**1 St Reader:** Brian Bright

**2 nd Reader:** Monica bright

**Welcome/Intercession:**

John Tweedie

**COUNTERS:** 31.07. 2022

Marilyn Rowe

**SERVERS:** 31.07 2022

Grahame Adams

**CHURCH CARE:**

Phil and Pat Wicks

**FLOWERS:**

Cate Mitchell

**NEXT WEEK READERS;** 7. 08. 2022

**1 St Reader:** Eve McDonnell

**2 nd Reader:** Frances Huckstepp

**Welcome/ Intercession**

Paul Harris

**Server:** Pat Wicks

**Mt Victoria** 30.07.2022

**1 St Reader:** Peter McAuley

**2 nd Reader:** Carla Eden

“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:**

Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Blackheath now commences at 9:15am

**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 ++

**CALLING FOR SOUP.**

Members of our Parish are contributing to a soup kitchen operated by the Uniting Church, Govett's Leap Road, Blackheath.

Originally the kitchen was intended to operate 2 Mondays a month from 11am to 12 noon, during winter. Demand has been so great that it will now operate every Monday until the end of August.

Our Parishioners' contribution has been 2 soups each Monday. If you can contribute a soup or soups please contact Karen Hayward ph.0419123744, Pamela Nash 0417485592 or Margaret Groenwegean (UC) 0414788796.

Delivery by 10am to Uniting Church Hall unless you require an alternative pick up.

You are also welcome to stay, come help or just enjoy the hospitality

**Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?**

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#).

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. **The stories will inspire**

2023

*The Holy Land Experience*

**12 NIGHTS / 15 DAYS. DEPARTS SAT 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bluemountains@parracatholic.org)



Accompanied by  
**FR JOHN MCSWEENEY**  
And Harvest Rep  
**MONICA MANSOUR**

15  
DAYS

### Bishop Vincent's Plenary Council Reflection:

Don't miss our Bishop's reflection on the Plenary Council which appeared in Catholic Outlook on July 17. This can be located by googling "Bishop Vincents Homily 17 July 2022" or the [LINK HERE](#).

### Short Course offerings from the Diocese Mission Enhancement Team (MET):

August: Scripture with Dr Laurie Woods.

September: Evangelisation with Maddy Forde.

October: Sacraments with Sr Mary Louise Walsh.

October: Marriage and Natural Fertility with Karin Abrams and Catherine Bourne.

For more details contact the MET at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

### Popes message to Grandparents and the Elderly:

The Pope has written a wonderful message for all to read about grandparents and the elderly. Google "Pope's message to grandparents 2022" or the [LINK HERE](#)

**Season of Creation, September 1- October 4;** a collection of activities will be available for parishioners to participate in over the month; some will be specifically for our Sacred Heart parish, others will be open to all parishes on the mountains and Emu Plains. Some activities will be a repeat of what we have offered over the past few years, others will be new. Members of other churches in our Blackheath/Mt Vic local community will be invited to participate. Stay tuned

**Vinnies Food Pantry:** Parishioners are invited help stock our Vinnies food pantry by placing non-perishable items in the basket by the main door of each of our Churches. The items are distributed by our Vinnies team to those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

### Australian Women Preach:

This week's guest is **Kate O'Brien**. Kate is a mother, a professor and an engineer. In her life and in her work, she is deeply influenced and inspired by Ignatian spirituality. Kate is passionate about translating the insights and wisdom of Ignatian spirituality into secular language, to share with a diverse audience. [www.australianwomenpreach.com.au](http://www.australianwomenpreach.com.au)

### Happy Birthday

31st Ingeborg Caplice (David's wife)



**\*\*Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!**

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

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"MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE" (LK 1:39)

**22 DAYS JULY 21 – AUGUST 11**

Register now: [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org)

**Maintenance Volunteers Needed:** Are you able to spare a couple of hours a month to help assist with the maintenance of our church buildings and grounds? Please contact John Tweedie 0407 288 957

### 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), 20 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





## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### ENTRANCE

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay .

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23)

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity

### RESPONSE

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge .

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Col 3:1-5, 9-11)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 12:13-21)

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

### COMMUNION

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;  
whoever comes to me will not hunger

## *"Soup to Warm the Heart."*

*The Uniting Church, Blackheath  
(Govetts Leap Road)*

*Each Monday between  
11.00 and 12.30*

*Join us and enjoy a bowl (or two) of soup and  
fellowship and chat with friends in our  
community.*

*A joint enterprise between Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church and Blackheath Uniting  
Church with support from other churches in  
our community.*



*All are most welcome!*