

# 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: 21 Oct 2022

## BLACKHEATH MASSES

SUN: 9:15am.  
WED: 6:30pm.

## FIRST FRIDAY

Mass, Adoration and Reflection: 10 am.

## CONFESSION

WED: 6:15pm before 6.30 mass

## UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SUN MASSES

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 [blackheath@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:pauls_harris@hotmail.com)) or Julie O'Keeffe  
([julesongodson@bigpond.com](mailto:julesongodson@bigpond.com))

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 23 October 2022.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In Luke's Gospel for this 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C), Jesus offers us a parable of extremes: the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector.

To be honest, the Pharisee is a good person: he offers up a prayer of thanks to God; he asks nothing for himself; he is not a hypocrite - what he says, he does. The problem is that he listens to himself when he prays: he is too preoccupied with himself and his actions that he has no time to listen to God. Furthermore, he judges others: "I am not like this tax-collector here..."

On the other hand, the Tax-Collector offers no prayer of thanks, but confesses his sins and calls upon God's Mercy. The emphasis in his prayer is on God's love and mercy, not on himself. He realises the great truth which the Pharisee overlooked: that everything flows from God's Grace, and we cannot achieve anything all by ourselves!

We can see ourselves in both the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector: but the Lord Jesus invites us to grow and develop in our Faith and Practice, learning the lesson of the text from Ecclesiasticus and the lessons Paul learnt in his service of the Gospel: we must all become poor-in-spirit, totally open to the action of God's Spirit in our lives.

1. We welcome Zena Mason in our church today as she receives the Sacraments of Initiation during the 10:30am Mass at Katoomba. Let us pray for her at this special time of grace in her life.
2. There is a PPC meeting this coming Thursday evening for Sacred Heart Parish; and a PPC Formation day on Saturday.
3. We also welcome Matilda Wooldridge, Elsie Wooldridge and Jonathan Cherry into the church this Sunday at 12.00pm, as they are baptised by Fr Peter Carroll who is Adrian's brother. We pray for them and their parents on this most important of days.

God Bless you all

Fr John



## WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY 23 October

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Baptism 12.00pm b/Heath

### MONDAY 24 October

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 25 October

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura  
Mass 5:15pm Leura

### WEDNESDAY 26 October

Cuppa's together: 9.30 - 12.00pm  
Mass 6.30pm B/Heath  
Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

### THURSDAY 27 October

Mass 5.15pm Leura

### FRIDAY 28 October

Mass 12pm Katoomba  
Adoration, confession

### SATURDAY 29 October

Mass 9am Katoomba  
Confession 9:30am Katoomba  
Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura  
Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria

### **Change of Mass times at Blackheath:**

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

### **Change of mass Times Mt Vic.**

From 3rd Sept -6.00pm

Mt Victoria 22 .10.2022

1 St Reader: Peter Mc Auley

2 nd Reader: Carla Edan

This Weeks Readers : 23.10.2022

1 St Reader: Eve McDonnell

2 nd Reader: Frances Huckstepp

Welcome/Intercession: Adrian Carroll

Server: Alan Skofic

Church Care: Jim and Cathy McNamara

Counters: Pamela & John

Flowers: David Buckley

Morning Tea:

### 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 ++

Nespresso Coffee and a Cuppa every Sunday after mass at the Hall

We now have a coffee machine for the price of a gold coin, sit and enjoy our made to order coffee. Espresso, De cafe, Cappuccino and Flat white.



Sit and enjoy a chat after mass every week with a cup of Tea/Coffee

**Cuppa's Together** every Wednesday in our hall from 9:30- 12:00. Come along for a shared morning tea and good company. Enjoy excellent plunger coffee and delicious home-made cakes. Daily newspapers are available for a read. Bring a neighbour and drop in for a cuppa on Wednesday morning!



### **Community Kitchen-Garden:**

We have started harvesting the radish and are looking forward to cooking up something tasty with them. The Men's Shed is just getting our picnic table for the garden underway. So far we have received donations totalling \$150 towards the cost of \$700 for the picnic table. If you would like to contribute \$50 towards this it would be very much appreciated. Or if you would like to donate any of the following items towards the garden, they would also be really welcome: wheel barrow, maddock, hand trowels, straw, mulch, manure of any kind. Working bees are on Wednesdays at 10am or 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 11am.

Contact: Brian 0401 768 688

Next Weeks Readers : 30 .10.2022

1 St Reader: Connie Adams

2 nd Reader: Mary Roberts

Welcome/Intercession: Paul Harris

Server: Grahame Adams

Morning Tea:

### **Parish Pastoral Council Formation Session:**

With the release of the new Handbook for Parish Pastoral Councils, Alison from the Diocese *Mission Enhancement Team (MET)*, will lead a session to break open this document for all parishioners interested in or involved with the PPC. Saturday **October 29** at 2-4pmpm. Further information from Paul or Julie.

**Annual Parish Assembly (Annual General Meeting):**  
To be held after Sunday morning Mass on **November 27**.  
Could all ministry leaders submit their report to the Secretary (Adrian Carroll) by 1 Nov.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND 22&23 OCT 2022**

Every year on World Mission Sunday weekend we hold our Catholic Mission Appeal. Envelopes are available on the pews to contribute towards the leaving collection for this appeal. This year the appeal focus is the Church in Ethiopia, by reaching to support those in most need, like many families in Emdibir who are farmers and by addressing critical issues such as malnutrition. Donations can also be made online

[catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia) or Freecall: 1800 257 296

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

**Australian Women Preach:** This week's guest is **Natalie Ray**. Natalie is a Senior Assistant Minister at NorthLight Anglican Church. She is an ordained Anglican minister in the Diocese of Sydney. Natalie is passionate about helping people to understand and love the Bible, and to know the Lord Jesus who is revealed therein. . [www.australianwomenpreach.com.au](http://www.australianwomenpreach.com.au)

**Thanks From Blackheath Vinnies**

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to those generous parishioners who each week stock up the food bin we place near the door of the church. The items donated go to stock up our food pantry so that we can better assist the needy in our community. Thanks so much for your generosity. Thanks also for the cash deposits made through the Church Charity boxes.

John Tweedie ( President)

Blackheath Conference. St Vincent De Paul Society

**Mass at St Joseph's in the Megalong Valley this Friday 21 October at 4pm**

Share the celebration of the Eucharist in this very special place and enjoy great company and glorious surrounds over a cuppa after Mass. Allow 30 minutes for the drive into the Valley as road works are underway and there may be delays. When parking at the church, please ensure the road to the entrance gate of Euroka is kept clear. Thank you.

Expressions of Interest -

Carers for Noeleen: Companionship & practical support for 80 year old, in Blackheath in her lovely home. Starting date: approx. 7 November 2022. Female carers only - 2 to 3 casual carers required Monday to Friday. Shifts and hours: Morning shift 7am – 1pm, Afternoon-Evening shift 1pm – 8pm. For further information contact her daughter Jane: [chmude@gmail.com](mailto:chmude@gmail.com) or text 0409 155 124

**Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers:**

Leashy Dowling, Noeleen Cliff, Sue Gracey, Joe Blansjaar, Elizabeth Curran, Fred Paton, Andrew Krawczyk, Patricia Dee, Pat McCauley, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli,

**REST IN PEACE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ced Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lal Nott Mark, 6<sup>th</sup> George Cora, 8<sup>th</sup> Vera Noble, 11<sup>th</sup> Michael Cooper (d 2016), 16<sup>th</sup> Eileen Smith (d 2007), 18<sup>th</sup> Ron Drummond (d 2003 – Pat's brother), 20<sup>th</sup> Jaroslav Zeeman (d 1999) – Betty's husband, Jerry), 25<sup>th</sup> Leslie Dee (d 2015), 25<sup>th</sup> Edna Bentick (d 2010), 26<sup>th</sup> Patricia Davies (d 2013 - Barbara Grieves sister), 26<sup>th</sup> Barry Roberts(2017), 27<sup>th</sup> Brenda Pateman (d 2013 - wife of Fred for nearly 49 years),

**\*\*It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavors to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.**

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

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**The Letter**

On the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October, the Laudato Si' Movement released a full length film entitled The Letter. Top leaders from around the world travelled to Rome to speak with Pope Francis about Laudato Si and present how the climate crisis impacts on their own lives and that of their communities. This is an historic and exciting moment for the entire Laudato Si Movement and with your help, this film will touch many hearts and open new horizons in our Church's ecological conversion. Share the link, watch the film with family and friends.

You can watch the full movie here: <https://theletterfilm.org/>

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

21st Mark and Maria Slater (m 2006)

22<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer and Wayne Kelly (m 1983)

25<sup>th</sup> Joseph and Rasa Blansjaar (m 1968)



**Happy Birthday**

21st Maria Slater

23rd Rasa Blansjaar

24th Patricia Dee



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### ENTRANCE

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sir 35:12-14, 16-18)

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

Those who with their whole heart serve God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble people's prayer pierces the clouds,  
until it arrives they are inconsolable

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,  
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,

nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

### RESPONSE

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

### Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18)

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 18:9-14)

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of humankind and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

### COMMUNION

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,  
as a fragrant offering to God.

**Vinnies Christmas Cards** are available for purchase from this weekend at our churches.

**\$8 for a pack of 10 cards.**

### **FUND RAISER FOR BLUE MOUNTAINS REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP**

Special Concert – Phillips Hall, Blackheath Community Centre

Sunday 6 November – 2pm to 4:30pm

- **Starring** popular, award winning, hilarious songsterws and vaudeville entertainers **Mic Conway and Robbie Long**
- **Special Guest – Kenya Wilkins** – original composer and singer – including interview with Meg Benson about Kenya's recent collaboration with imprisoned refugees
- **Accompanied by The Heathens** – Blackheath's own talented choir.

Tickets available through Humanitix - <https://events.humanitix.com/mic-conway-fundraiser>