

# 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: 18 Nov 2022 at 4.00pm

## 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  
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**SACRED HEART CARE GROUP:** Helping  
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## 32th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 6 November 2022.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Both our First Reading and our Gospel today speak to us of Resurrection.

The seven brothers who were tortured to death rather than go against the faith of their ancestors had the typical Pharisaic belief in the Resurrection of the dead at the end of time. Losing limb or life now is nothing compared to the glorious eternal life to come.

In his Teaching and in his own personal Resurrection after his Passion and Death, Jesus builds upon this belief. In his interaction with the Sadducees, who denied that there was anything after this present existence, we see the Lord making clear that our future existence is different from the present finite life we are living.

Both texts are appropriate for our traditional November prayers for the dead. Apart from the Hope that these texts give us, they also encourage us to keep those who have died in the forefront of our thoughts and prayers at times.

And so, as we commence this month of November let us devote more time than usual to pray for the eternal repose of those who have gone before us.

At the same time, let's pray for one another in our families and parish church communities, so that the prayer of St Paul in our second reading may become a reality for us all:

'May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ'.

1. There will be a Funeral Service at St Francis Xavier's Church, Wentworth Falls, on Tuesday 8th November at 11am for Frances Makinson. We pray for her eternal rest and for her grieving family at this time.

2. The Deanery Pastoral Council will have its final meeting for the year at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Blackheath this coming Saturday.

God Bless you all

Fr John



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

### SUNDAY 6 November

32 Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MONDAY 7 November

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 8 November

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

### WEDNESDAY 9 November

Cuppa's together: 9.30 - 12.00pm

Mass 6.30pm Blackheath

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

### THURSDAY 10 November

Mass 5.15pm Leura

### FRIDAY 11 November

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession

### SATURDAY 12 November

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 5.11.2022

1 St Reader: Diane Stewart

2 nd Reader: Maria

### This Weeks Readers : 6.11.2022

1 St Reader: Pamela Nash

2 nd Reader: John Tweedie

Welcome/Intercession: Frank Portelli

Server: Pat Wicks

Church Care: Marilyn and Paul Rowe

Counters: Marilyn Rowe

Flowers: Cate Mitchell

Morning Tea: Karen and Margaret

### 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!



### Fridays at 125!

This Friday evening, November 5 from 5pm-7pm

125 Wentworth St

Everyone is welcome! Free pizza! games, music, dancing and family fun!

A BANC initiative supported by the St Vincent de Paul Society.

- Vinnies Christmas Cards can be purchased at our weekend Masses \$8 per pack of 10 cards
- Advent and Christmas prayer and reflection book, *Incarnate*, is available for \$5
- Soup for lunch is on Mondays from 11-1pm, up until and including Monday December 19. All Welcome!
- Vinnies assistance is available in the meeting room beside our hall on a Wednesday morning from 9:30-12:00
- Fresh eggs raffle from Father John's wonderful hens- \$1 per ticket when eggs are plentiful

### Next Weeks Readers : 13.11.2022

1 St Reader: Brian Bright

2 nd Reader: Monica Bright

Welcome/Intercession: Pat Wicks

Server: Paul Harris

Morning Tea: Monica and Pamela

**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.

### Collecting items for Christmas In a Shoebox

Supporting refugee children at Christmas time

What goes into the shoe boxes?

Something to love e.g. teddy bear, blankey, soft toy

Something to play with e.g. tennis ball, bouncy ball, wind-up toy, skipping rope, finger puppets, puzzles

Something to wear e.g. t-shirt, beanie, cap, thongs, sandals, socks, scarf, football socks

Something for personal hygiene e.g. soap, toothbrush, hair-brush, hand-cream

Something for school e.g. exercise books, sharpener and eraser, pencil case, coloured pencils, lead pencils, book to read

Something special e.g. carry bag, sunglasses, hair accessories, bracelets, stickers, craft kit

NO breakables, food, sharp or melty items.

Age groups for the boxes are 0-5; 6-12 and 13-18

Items do not need to be wrapped or boxed

**Australian Women Preach:** This week's guest is **Dr Julie Trinidad**. Julie is a lecturer in Catholic Studies at the University of South Australia. She also works as part of the Catholic Identity and Mission Team at Catholic Education SA. Julie completed her Masters degree at the Catholic University of Leuven with a study of the theological work of Elizabeth Johnson. Her PhD, awarded by ACU, focussed on the theology of the Holy Spirit in the work of German theologian Walter Kasper and its implications for the growth of lay ecclesial ministries in the Catholic Church today..

[www.australianwomenpreach.com.au](http://www.australianwomenpreach.com.au)

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Due to conclusion of their term on the Parish Pastoral Council at the November AGM, vacancies exist on the PPC. If you are interested in serving our community in this capacity, please complete a nomination form (available from the office or the sacristy) and submit to the Secretary, Adrian Carroll.

**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.

### 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:** 7<sup>th</sup> Lewis Hodgkinson (d 2004), 9<sup>th</sup> Melanie Hinklemann, 14<sup>th</sup> Fr Jim Dooley (d 2007), 21<sup>st</sup> Craig Charles Huckstepp (d 2014 - Francesca Huckstepp's husband), 25<sup>th</sup> Jason Bentley, 27<sup>th</sup> Iris Jones

**\*\*Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'**

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

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### URGENT CALL FOR FLOWER PEOPLE

Our small band of floral arrangers need some urgent help ... please!



One does not have to be an experienced 'floral artist'! All we are asking you to do is to enhance God's Garden in our small Church - with the wonderful array of flowers, leaves, ferns and branches we have here in the Upper Blue Mountains.

And the task is not gender specific – boys just as welcome as girls!

The alternative ... if we cannot recruit some additional helpers – we will be forced to go to the dark side – resort to artificial flowers all the time!

If you want to help, please contact Julie Hodgkinson 47878096 or David Buckley (47875105)

We are sad to hear of the passing of Elaine Giddey a past parishioner. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter Elizabeth and the family at this time.

### Happy Birthday

2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Perriam

3<sup>rd</sup> John Paul Lillis



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### ENTRANCE

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the second book of Maccabees (2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14)

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at human hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

### RESPONSE

Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.

### Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5)

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers and sisters pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 20:27-38)

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are children of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

### COMMUNION

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

### 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>