

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

Fr. John McSweeney (Parish Priest)

Fr. Abraham Kunnatholy CMI (Asst Priest)

Postal Address: PO Box 354, Blackheath NSW
2785.

Phone: (02) 4787 8540

Office Hours: 10pm-3pm Thursday

After Hours Emergency Number: 0490 814 284.

Calls only; no texts please.

For all Office matters, call (02) 4787 8540

Parish email address:

blackheath@parracatholic.org

Parish website:

sacredheartblackheath.org.au

Parish Facebook: [Sacred Heart Parish](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartParishCommunityBlackheath)

[Community Blackheath](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartParishCommunityBlackheath)

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: 20 Jan 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

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 Adrian Carroll (ajandra@bigpond.com)
or Julie O'Keeffe (julesongodson@bigpond.com)

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 15 2023

World Day of Prayer

Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting World Day of Prayer this year on
3rd of March .

As we are hosting it, there will be a meeting with the other Blackheath
churches on Wednesday 18th January at 2.30 pm at St. Pauls catholic
church Mt. Victoria. If you are able to attend would like some support.

Save the date- January 26 for our parish picnic

Father Abraham will celebrate Mass for us at 11:00am on January 26,
Australia Day along with the opening of our Sacred Heart Church 121
years ago! A long table BYO picnic lunch is proposed in our beautiful
pine forest following the Mass, weather dependent! May these sunny
days continue and shine brightly on us on January 26!

Mass at St Joseph's in the Valley

Join in the celebration of Mass this **Friday 20th January at 4pm** fol-
lowed by a cuppa and conversation. Revel in God's majestic Creation as
you drive into the valley to our church. Allow 30 minutes from Black-
heath as traffic lights are still in operation and the road after the tea
rooms is somewhat bumpy. When parking at the church please ensure the
road and gate area into the neighbouring property, Euroka, is kept clear-
thank you!

Ash Wednesday is February 22

Reflection books, *Triumph*, have been ordered from the Wollongong di-
ocese and will be available for purchase for \$5 per copy very soon at our
weekend Masses.

Triumph is an 88-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short
daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. 25 copies of
this supportive book during our Lenten journey are on their way to our
parish!



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 14.01.2023

Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

9.15am Year A

MONDAY 16 January

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 17 January

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 18 January

Cuppa's together: 9.30 - 12.00pm

Blackheath Community Kitchen-Garden 10-12pm

Mass 6.30pm Blackheath

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 19 January

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 20 January

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession

SATURDAY 21 January

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Blackheath Community Kitchen-Garden 11-1pm

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 Victoria

6.00pm Mass on Saturday this week.

Mt Victoria 21.1.2023

1 St Reader: Peter McAuley

2 nd Reader: Carla Edan

Sunday 22.1.2023

1 St Reader: Pat Wicks

2 nd Reader: Mary Roberts

Welcome/Intercession: Paul Harris

Server: Diane Stewart

Church Care: Jance & Julie Hodgkinson

Counters: Laurie Noyes

Flowers: Cate Mitchell

Morning Tea: Not until February 12 2023

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 ++

CUPPA'S goes ALFRESCO!

Wednesday's morning cup of tea will be held on the church veranda for two weeks on January 18 and 25 from 9:30-12:00.

There will be NO morning tea on Wednesday February 1.

Cuppa's Together will resume in the hall on Wednesday February 8.

Cuppa's Together!

Help us promote this opportunity for support and connection by telling your neighbours, new people into our town and anyone you know who would enjoy a chat. Thank you so much for the donation of teaspoons- we are most appreciative.



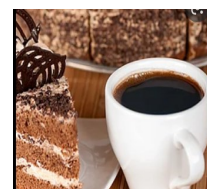
Sunday Morning Tea

Sunday's Morning Tea in the hall will resume after the garage sale.

Recommencing Sunday 12th February.

If you would like to be part of our fantastic team of volunteers in the new year and be put on a roster, please see me after Mass or contact me on 0419 651 947

Thank you for your support. Connie Adams



Youth Shoebox Project 2022

We have received a 'thank you' from Sue Campbell-Ross and Jackie Mayers, organisers of the project, for the generous collection of items our parish contributed to the record breaking total of 445 Christmas shoeboxes delivered to very happy children and families in December.

Sunday: 29 .1.2023

1 St Reader: Monica Bright

2 nd Reader: Brian Bright

Welcome/Intercession: Adrian Carroll

Server: Grahame Adams

Morning Tea: No morning tea until Feb 12th 2023

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.

Community Kitchen-Garden:

We still looking for rainwater tank for the garden. If you hear of one not being used, we would love to hear from you.

For anyone interested in helping, no prior experience is needed and families, couples or individuals are all welcome. Upcoming jobs on Wednesdays 9-12 and 1st & 3rd Saturdays 10-1pm: new paths and the building of our toolshed as well as the usual watering and harvesting of produce. Contact Brian: 0401768688

Calling for Soup.

The Soup Kitchen operating in the Uniting Church, Govett's Leap Road, Blackheath reopens on Monday 6th February 2023.

Since the inception of the Soup Kitchen in July 2022 our Parishioners have contributed 2 soups each week. (averaging 6 serves each).

The enforced isolation of Covid highlighted the importance of human contact and the benefits of coming together.

As is evident from the growing number of attendees, the Soup Kitchen provides a valuable place for people to meet and socialise.

If you can contribute one soup or more per month please contact

Karen Hayward ph 0419123744 or Pamela Nash ph 0417485592.

Delivery is either to the Uniting Church by 10am Monday or Sunday by arrangement with Karen or Pamela, if you require an earlier pick up. You are also most welcome to stay and enjoy the company of many interesting people.

Cake and Coffee on the Church veranda Saturday February 4

Coffee, tea and home-baked cakes will again be served on the church veranda on Saturday February 4 from **8am-3pm**. If you would like to contribute sweet treats or assist with serving the refreshments speak with Julie Hodgkinson. All cash only donations for a cuppa and cake will be contributed to the garage sale

ANNIVERSARIES:

23rd Louise and Laurie Noyes



Happy Birthday January: 1st Robyn Ann Bogart; 20th Connor Lillis; 22nd Grahame Adams (b 1947)
23rd Marjanna Gilchrist (b 1960); 25th Patricia Frazer - (b 1931); 30th Jeremy Lillis (b 2006)



Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers:

John Tweedie, 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: 11th Gerard Johnston; 14th Joyce Malkin (d 2012); 19th Roma Ziolkowski (2018); 20th Jan Roberts (2019); 20th Henry Columbine; 22nd Bridget Chan (d 2011); 28th Jean Walsh; 31st Trevor Drummond (d 2016 -father of Pat)



***Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.



There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

© Dianne Bergant CSA



GARAGE SALE ~ If you are doing a Spring Clean, please remember our Garage Sale on February 4 and 5, and donate your unwanted items (in good condition please) to our sale. The items can be delivered to the parish hall in the coming weeks.

We will also be looking for some volunteers to help with the setting up and selling on the days.

We need helpers for the 2 days of sale & every Friday from now till February to help sort items.

We will be working each Friday from 9.30 am till 2. If you can help please ring Marilyn 0414536601

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

ENTRANCE

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is 8:23 – 9:3)

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as people rejoice at harvest time,
as people are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSE

The Lord is my light and my salvation .

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 1:10-13, 17)

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers and sisters, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed .

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 4:12 -23)

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

COMMUNION

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Calling for Volunteers for CUPPAS.

Can you spare 3 hours on Wednesday 9am - 12 noon to be on a roster to assist with Cuppas?

Cuppas is a Parish initiative to give members of our community an opportunity to enjoy each other's company have a cup of tea, coffee and cake.

Julie O'Keeffe and Sigi Cervený have done a terrific job in establishing Cuppas and many people now rely upon it as an important weekly social gathering.

Unfortunately Julie and Sigi will be away from 28th January to 22nd March 2023 and we need volunteers to keep Cuppas going.

Please let me know if you can assist on any of the following Wednesdays?

8th, 15th, 22nd of February, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd of March 2023.

Thank you

Pamela Nash 0417485592.