

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: 16 June 2023 at 4.00pm

BLACKHEATH MASSES

SUN: 9:30am.

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SUN MASSES

SAT: 5:00pm Leura (Vigil)

SUN: 8:00am Wentworth Falls

SUN: 10.00am Katoomba

Sun: 5.00pm Leura

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Corpus Christi Year A

11 June 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

As we celebrate the Solemnity of The Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) this weekend, I felt the need to offer some instructions on the correct way to receive the Eucharist at mass. As Parish Priest, it is my responsibility to encourage everyone to follow the guidelines of our Church with regard to the Reception of the Lord in Holy Communion.

Please be aware that the Australian Bishops' Conference a number of years ago has asked us not to genuflect before receiving Communion, but to bow. Although genuflection is part of western Christianity's Tradition (flowing from the obeisance offered the Emperor in Rome and adopted for the Liturgy), WH&S needs demand that we simply bow, so as to avoid tripping the person behind us. Furthermore, kneeling to receive communion is a similar difficulty, being a major trip hazard.

When you receive communion, please place your main hand under your other hand, and allow the Priest or Minister to place the host there, before you 'Take and Eat' with your main hand. Do not attempt to grab the host; nor put your finger on it before the minister has withdrawn his/her fingers - both actions can create hygiene issues.

If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please stick your tongue out and allow the Priest or Minister to place it on your tongue. It is preferable that you close your eyes and not lunge towards the host; this can result in the minister's hand being licked - a more serious hygiene issue.

Of course, when the minister says 'The Body of Christ', you must say "AMEN"; in so doing you are declaring that you believe in Christ's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

I offer all these comments for everyone's reflection, so that the receiving of the Eucharist is faithful to the living Tradition of our Church, as adapted to contemporary needs.

Fr John

1. I will be in Adelaide for the coming week, joining with all members of my Ordination Class in celebrating our 40th Anniversary of Ordination.

Please mute your mobile at Mass.

Thank-you for your courtesy.



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 10 June

Mass 5.00pm Mt Victoria.

SUNDAY 11 June

Corpus Christi

9.30 am Blackheath

MONDAY 12 June

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 13 June

Confession 4.45 - 5.00pm Leura

Mass 5.15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 14 June

Mass 9.30am Wentworth Falls

Cuppa's together: 9.30 - 12.00pm

Blackheath Community Kitchen-Garden 10-12pm

THURSDAY 15 June

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 16 June

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 17 June

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Blackheath Community Kitchen-Garden 11-1pm

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

Mass 5.00pm Mt Victoria

Please note:

Saturday Vigil Mass at Mt Vic will go back to 5pm from Saturday 3 June through to September.

Mt Victoria 10.06.2023

1 St Reader: Peter McAuley

2 nd Reader: Carla Eden

Sunday 11.6.2023

1 St Reader: Christa Buckley

2 nd Reader: David Buckley

Welcome/Intercession: Frank Portelli

Server: Paul Harris

Church Care: Marilyn and Paul Rowe

Counters: Laurie Noyes

Flowers: Kate Mitchell

Morning Tea: Pamela and Marlne

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.



Morning tea on Wednesday -all welcome!

Warm up on these colder mornings with a good coffee, good company and good cakes from 9:30am until 12 noon in our parish hall.

Sharing our warm hospitality and welcoming parish community through Cuppa's Together!

Our church is open from 9:00-1:00pm on a Wednesday morning for private prayer, with access through the side door facing the hall.



SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au

Refugee Week event,

"Finding Freedom: Raising our Voices."

Join us for an inspiring event featuring participants of the JRS Australia Leadership Program reflecting on this year's Refugee Week theme: 'Finding Freedom'. **Experience a creative showcase including speeches, poetry, short film and art.**

When: 6pm, Friday 16 June 2023

Where: Cloister Room, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. Parking available onsite.

RSVP: [here](#)

A beautiful Persian dinner will be provided prepared by JRS clientele. Donations on the night are appreciated to help cover the cost of your meal and to support the important work of the JRS Leadership Program.

Please reach out if you have any questions and share widely. This is an event not to be missed!

Sunday: 18.06.2023

1 St Reader: Frances Huckstepp

2 nd Reader: Mary Roberts

Welcome/Intercession: Adrian Carroll

Server: Dianne Stewart

Morning Tea: Christa and David Buckley

Corpus Christi

Exposition of the blessed Sacrament will be held at Sacred Heart, Blackheath on Sunday 11 June, the Feast of Corpus Christi. (the Body and Blood of Christ) between 11.30 and 12.30 pm. Please come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 10/11 June

What if your Mum, Grandma or Sister became homeless?

Older Women are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates.

Please donate to our **Sacred Heart Parish Vinnies Winter Appeal**

on 10 and 11 June 2023 and help provide immediate support and long term assistance for women who are facing homelessness.

There will be donation envelopes on the pews – please place your donation

in either the first or second collection basket.

Thanks for your generous support.

John Tweedie. President

Blackheath St Vincent de Paul



***This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

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WEEKDAY MASS TIME FROM 3RD JULY

After discussions with members of the Parish Councils of both parishes of which I am Parish Priest, as well as with a number of other frequent weekday mass goers, it has been decided that the weekday times and places will be as follows from Monday 3rd July: Monday-Thursday & Saturday... 9am; Friday... Midday.

Mondays: St Canice's, Katoomba - 9.00am

Tuesdays: St Bonaventure's, Leura - 9.00am

Wednesdays: Sacred Heart, Blackheath - 9.00am

Thursdays: St Francis Xavier's, Wentworth Falls - 9.00am

Fridays: St Canice's, Katoomba - Midday

Saturdays: St Canice's, Katoomba - 9.00am

Although this will impact on some, it is hoped that this will be easier for most.

It will be in place for a 6 months trial period, after which feedback will be welcomed.

God Bless you all. Fr John

Next Nosh and Natter Night

Friday June 30

6-8pm in our church hall

bring a meal, savory or sweet, to share

Mass in the Valley on Friday 16 June at 4pm

Mass this month coincides with the **Feast Day of the Sacred Heart** so come along to share the Eucharist,

Honour our parish Name, enjoy a cuppa with fellow parishioners all in the Glorious Megalong Valley!

The road condition has improved greatly although there are still some stop and go signs. When parking at our church please ensure the gate into the property of Euroka is kept clear- thank you!

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning

Saturday June 17

"History, Religion, Myth: The Hope for the Re-Sacralisation of Earth" Pt.1

presented by **JONATHAN DREW**

Santa Maria Hall, Lawson 9:30am-12:30pm

Parking at: Lawson Catholic Church (Enter by Somers St) or Kitchener St Lawson

Tea/Coffee provided. Entry by donation

Praying with Pope Francis for the month of June

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Happy Birthday June:

14th Helen Burke

16th Colette Lillis



Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers: David Buckley, Duncan Hayward, John Barclay, Leashy Dowling, Noeleen Cliff, Sue Gracey, Joe Blansjaar, Elizabeth Curran, Andrew Krawczyk, Patricia Dee, Pat McCauley, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli,

REST IN PEACE June : 1st Cy Schreiber (d 2013), 7th Mignon Spessot (2017), 8th Leonard Kirkham, 11th Eric Noble,

13th Irene Peacock, 16th Norma Ward, 22nd Eusebio Dizon (d 2011), 23rd Frank Mackrell (2019).



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

ENTRANCE

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (Dt 8:2-3, 14-16)
Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.

RESPONSE

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 10:16-17)

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 6:51-58)
Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood

lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

COMMUNION

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.