

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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The Most Holy Trinity Year A

4 June 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In the first reading and the Gospel God is revealed as a loving God.

In the Gospel Jesus explains to Nicodemus, that God so loves the world that He only wants it to be saved. He doesn't want to condemn anyone.

The Gospel points out that salvation comes from believing in the Son of God and this brings Eternal Life. In John 17:3 Jesus defines eternal life by saying: "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

There are two things here: belief and knowing.

From the Gospel we see that belief brings knowing. Belief in Christ means trust in Christ. Letting Him rule our hearts, our minds our wills. Submitting to His ways in our life. Letting His attitudes become our attitudes and in doing this we will come to understand the depths of love He has for us. Coming to appreciate, but it's more than just an appreciation, it's experience of that love, this is the birth in the Spirit which Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus just before the Gospel passage where He says: "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit[] gives birth to spirit. (John 3: 5-6).

What's this got to do with the Trinity? It's us being reanimated by the Spirit of God, through Christ so that we can become part of Christ and consequently united to the Trinity. God wants us to experience His love, but this means that we need to be embraced, engulfed in it. That's what unity with God means.

How do we gain this unity? Through the Spirit. By prayer, contemplation, and presence. These things open us to the Spirit. These things open us to espouse the attitudes of Christ.

Please consider presence. Let's be present to everything we think, say, do, eat and where we are. We will not only discover ourselves, but we will discover the beauty and love of God when we become present to all the wonderful moments, we experience every day. We will come to realise that in each of these moments God is waiting to embrace us.

May God bless you all. Deacon Alan.

Please mute your mobile at Mass.

Thank-you for your courtesy.



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 3 June

Mass 5.00pm Mt Victoria.

SUNDAY 4 June

Trinity

9.30 am Blackheath

MONDAY 5 June

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 6 June

Confession 4.45 - 5.00pm Leura

Mass 5.15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 7 June

Mass 9.30am Wentworth Falls

Cuppa's together: 9.30 - 12.00pm

Blackheath Community Kitchen-Garden 10-12pm

THURSDAY 8 June

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 9 June

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 10 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 3.06.2023

1 St Reader: Mary Ryan

2 nd Reader: Clive Kanes

Sunday 4.6.2023

1 St Reader: Monica Bright

2 nd Reader: Brian Bright

Welcome/Intercession: John Tweedie

Server: Ray Wood

Church Care: Marilyn and Paul Rowe

Counters: Marilyn Rowe

Flowers: Kate 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.



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: 11.06.2023

1 St Reader: Christa Buckley

2 nd Reader: David Buckley

Welcome/Intercession: Frank Portelli

Server: Paul Harris

Morning Tea: Pamela and Marlene

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

Australian Women Preach:

This week's guest is **Dr Teresa Brown**. Teresa teaches in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at Australian Catholic University. She has a PhD in Theology, a Master of Religious Education and a Master of Theological Studies. In her PhD, she explored the relationship between trinitarian faith and Christian life through the lens of a theology of interruption. She is particularly interested in the way in which we approach theology today, how this might inform and be informed by the experience of Christians within diverse contexts, and how this might, in turn, be reflected in the education of young people in Catholic schools.

www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

Invitation to Register for CPR Training: 5 June

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as FREE course to the Parishes of the Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Monday 5 June from 4pm. Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.

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:

3rd Carol Drummond (b 1952)



***The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.



The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.

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Biggest Morning Tea thank you!

With sincerest thanks to everyone who supported, in any way, our Combined Blackheath Churches Biggest Morning Tea, hosted last Thursday morning.

It was a resounding success and a very happy, buzzy morning tea was enjoyed by all who attended, with community spirit in abundance! A big thank you to

the Sacred Heart members of the organizing team, for your time in attending planning meetings, baking, advertising, hall set up and hosting last week- a blessing

to be part of this inaugural ecumenical event. If you missed our Biggest Morning Tea this year, save next year's date **Thursday May 23, 2024!**

World Environment Day

Monday June 5

World Environment Day, established by the United Nations, is celebrated annually on 5 June, and encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment. **This World Environment Day join us in the global effort to #BeatPlasticPollution.**

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 April: 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).



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ENTRANCE

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus (Ex 34:4-6. 8-9)
With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

RESPONSE

Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor 13:11-13)
Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 3:16-18)
Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

COMMUNION

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.