

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 December 2023 at 4.00pm

BLACKHEATH MASSES

SUN: 9:30am.

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SUNDAY

MASSES

SAT: 5:00pm Leura (Vigil)

SUN: 8:00am Wentworth Falls

SUN: 10.00am Katoomba

Sun: 5.00pm Leura

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish

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SACRED HEART CARE GROUP: Helping

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26h Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1 October 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The Psalm asks God to show us His ways and His paths.

The second reading calls us to have a common purpose and a common mind.

The two go together.

If we look at the Gospels the acceptance of the will of God is central to the
Incarnation and consequently salvation.

Mary at the annunciation said "let it be done according to your will"

Jesus in the agony in the garden said "not my will but your will be done"

Our lives must be singularly orientated towards doing the will of God. His will
becomes our common mind and His plan our common purpose.

Each of us responding to what God is calling us to do in our own ways. Because we
each have a unique role to play.

We are just like the two sons in the Gospel reading. We are asked to go and work in
the vineyard. To work in the Kingdom of God to help create and maintain the
environment for the Vine, which is Christ, to grow and flourish in this world.

Christ who is present in this world as the Church, and of which we are members of
His body.

But like the sons, we need to do the will of the Father, not just say we will and then
get on with whatever we want to do ourselves.

But we need to understand that this work in the vineyard is not something external to
our day to day lives. We work in the vineyard at home, with our families, at work, in
how we work and how we treat our work colleagues, on the street and at the shopping
centre.

Ultimately it comes down to our attitudes which are driven by our end goal. If our end
goal is to have God's will as the singular aim of everything we do and say then it will
change how we do everything.

It will also give new meaning depth and vitality to our prayers and contemplations. A
longing will grow in our hearts to know what God what's us to do and to do it, this
longing will grow, and God will take us on a journey through which we will grow
ever closer to Him, and His beauty will be seen in us, making us different, drawing
people to Him because of what they see in us.

This is how we get up and work in the vineyard.

Deacon Alan.

Please mute your mobile at Mass.

Thank-you for your courtesy.



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 30 September
Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria.

SUNDAY 1 October
9.30 am Blackheath

MONDAY 2 October
Mass 9:00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 3 October
Mass 9.00am Leura
Confession after mass

WEDNESDAY 4 October
Mass 9.00am Blackheath
Cuppa's together: 9.30 - 12.00pm
Blackheath Community Kitchen-Garden 10-12pm.

THURSDAY 5 October
Mass 9.00am Wentworth Falls

FRIDAY 6 October
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 7 October
Mass 9am Katoomba

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.



Mass and Morning tea

Wednesday

9am Mass is followed by morning tea from 9:30 until 12 noon in the parish hall. Join us for an uplifting morning of prayer, good company, conversation, and warming coffee.

All welcome!



NO MORNING TEA on SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER.

Instead join us in the Hall where we are having an Art and Fashion Sale.

Admission \$5 which includes a complimentary glass of champagne or orange juice and canapés.

There are many many bargains to be had.

Church Objects

I would ask people not to move objects in the church. Recently music stands and other objects have been moved after mass and placed in the storeroom and have been difficult to find. Please see me if you wish to move anything.

Thank you . Fr Peter Lamont

Pope's Prayer Intentions Sept 2023

Each month, Pope Francis asks us to pray as a global community. September 2023: For people living on the margins We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions: may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Mt Victoria 30 Sept 2023
1 St Reader: Mary Ryan
2 nd Reader: Clive Kanen

Sunday 1. 10.2023
1 St Reader: Eve McDonnell
2nd Reader: Frances Huckstepp

Welcome/Intercession: Frank Portelli
Server: Paul Harris
Church Care: Marilyn and Paul Rowe
Counters: Pamela and John
Flowers: David Buckley
Morning Tea: Karen and Margaret

PLANT, CAKES AND CRAFT STALL 1st OCT 2023.

All contributions of potted plants, Cakes, and craft items gratefully accepted. Please make this a fundraising bonanza



OPEN GARDEN 3 EASTER STREET LEURA

When: 14—15 October
Time: 10.00am—4.00pm
Entry Fee: 5.00

Morning/afternoon Tea: 5.00

There will be art and Craft Stall on the day.

If any one would like to contribute Cakes, Slices, Scones etc please contact Barbara on 0417 490 103.

Sunday: 8. 10.2023

1 St Reader: Christa Buckley
2 nd Reader: David Buckley

Welcome/Intercession: Adrian Carroll
Server: Ray Wood
Morning Tea: Pamela and Jennifer

Megalong Valley Mass

There will be no mass celebrated at Megalong Valley during the Months of October and November. Mass will resume in December 16.

ART & FASHION SALE 2023

When: October long weekend Saturday 30th Sept & Sunday 1st October

Time: Saturday 11am – 4pm

Sunday 9 am – 3 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall

165 Wentworth Street, Blackheath

Cost of entry: Saturday & Sunday \$5 per person

(which includes a glass of Champagne or Juice & nibbles)



***In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.



We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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Gathering of the people of God

Together is an ecumenical prayer vigil being held in Rome on 30 September to pray for the Synod on Synodality. Preparations for the prayer vigil are being led by the Taize community. Prayers will be held around the world and in Australia on the weekend of 29 September to October 1.

The Blue Mountains Taize community has offered to host this special vigil for our Catholic parishes in the mountains.

A specific prayer service has been organized for this vigil and will be used by all Taize communities around the world.

The vigil includes song, prayer, silence and readings and will be held on Sunday October 1 at 5pm at the Leura Uniting Church, corner of Grose and Megalong Streets, Leura. A cuppa will be available after the vigil.

If you wish to participate in this gathering please text your name and numbers attending to Julie from Sacred Heart Blackheath on 0413 119 649.

CARE FOR CREATION

Yarning and listening to First Nations and Celtic Voices

Tuesday 24 October, 6:00 to 8:00pm

At Junction 142, 142 Katoomba Street Katoomba

Free event but bookings essential:

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/CARE-FOR-CREATION-GEDUMBA-KATOOMBA](https://events.humanitix.com/care-for-creation-gedumba-katoomba)

Further Information – Church Notice Board or above web link

YOUR INVITED to join Blackheath Uniting Church in celebrating its Centenary on 15th October 2023 at 43-45 Govett's Leap Road, Blackheath.

10.30am. Divine Service,

12 noon. Lunch,

2pm. Musical Afternoon.

RSVP to: Margaret on 0414788796; Fay on 0402468780; or Janet on 47877904. Donations towards expenses gratefully received.

ANNIVERSARIES: OCT

4th Christine and Dominic Burke



Blackheath CKG -

Answering the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor: This week we moved into our shed, built largely by Tony Micalleff with a bit of help from some of our gardeners. We also started advertising our Mural Painting workshop on 22nd October, which will see a mural going on three sides of the Women's toilet block at the top of the garden. In the garden, you will be able to add your own touch to this garden-themed mural. At home, you can do your bit to protect the environment, God's gift to us all, by the way you deal with the disposal of your garbage, be it recycling used containers or composting your food scraps. As our Pope, Francis, writes: **The ecological crisis is a summons to profound interior conversion...Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Laudato si #217)**

Happy Birthday

30th September Chantelle Burke



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

Recently Deceased: Andrew Krawczyk 14th Sept 2023

REST IN PEACE September: 1st Ced Ward, 2nd Lal Nott Mark, 6th George Cora, 8th Vera Noble, 11th Michael Cooper (d 2016),

16th Eileen Smith (d 2007), 18th Ron Drummond (d 2003 – Pat's brother), 20th Jaroslav Zeeman (d 1999) – Betty's husband, Jerry), 25th Leslie Dee (d 2015), 25th Edna Bentick (d 2010), 26th Patricia Davies (d 2013 - Barbara Grieves sister)

26th Barry Roberts(2017), 27th Brenda Pateman (d 2013 - wife of Fred for nearly 49 years), 28th Andrew Harris



26th Sunday In Ordinary Time year A

ENTRANCE

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy .

First Reading.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 18:25-28)
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you
House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do
that is unjust? When the upright person renounces their
integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, they die
because of the evil that they themselves have committed.
When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and
honest, they deserves to live. They have chosen to re-
nounce all their previous sins; they shall certainly live; they
shall not die.'
my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSE

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading .

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
(Philippians 2:1-11)
If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade
at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness
and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in
your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is
the one thing which would make me completely happy. There
must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is
to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better
than yourself, so that nobody thinks of their own interests first
but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your
minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:
His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as we are;
and being as all people are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
(Matthew 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said
to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today."
He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it
and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the
second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of
the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to
them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are
making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John
came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not
believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even
after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in
him.'

COMMUNION

By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.