

# 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

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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 February 2024 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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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

14 January 2024

**GARAGE SALE 2024** ~ If you are doing a Spring Clean,  
please remember our Garage Sale on February 3 and 4, and  
donate your unwanted items (in good condition please) to our  
sale. The items can be delivered to the parish hall from Tuesday  
16th January at 10.00am

We will also be looking for some volunteers to help with sorting  
and setting up from 16th January 10.00am



## WEDNESDAY MORNING'S CUPPA'S GOES ALFRESCO!

Due to the hall being set up for our upcoming Garage Sale, Wednesday morning  
Cuppa's will be held on the church verandah commencing at 9:30 following  
9:00am Mass. Alfresco Cuppa's will be on January 17, 24 and 31. Join us for  
enjoyable company, good coffee and whatever the weather!

## CAN YOU MAKE SOUP?

The Soup Kitchen operating in the Uniting Church, Govett's Leap Road,  
Blackheath reopens on Monday 5th February 2024.

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.

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 Pamela Nash ph  
0417485592 or Karen Hayward ph 0419123744.

Delivery is either to the Uniting Church by 10am Monday or if you require an  
earlier pick up, by arrangement with Karen or Pamela.

You are also most welcome to stay and enjoy the company of many interesting  
people.

## CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH IN BLACKHEATH ON 26 JANUARY.

Save the date for a long table brunch/picnic in our magnificent forest on  
Friday 26. Fr John will celebrate Mass at 11am and our picnic celebration will  
follow. BYO picnic food and beverages.

## **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://](https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/)

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As an alternative to following the link, you can also use the attached  
QR Code.



Please mute your mobile at Mass.

Thank-you for your courtesy.

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

### ENTRANCE.

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the first book of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:3-10.19)

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down.

Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

From this time onwards and for ever,  
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### RESPONSE

Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20)

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body.

Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God.

You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 1:35-42)

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus.

Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

### COMMUNION

We have come to know and to believe  
in the love that God has for us.