

Ecumenical Activities

Prayer: World Day of Prayer is an international laywomen's initiative and is hosted by one of the Blackheath churches each year and attended by members from all the churches. For the specially prepared theme for the current year: <https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org>
Contact Diane Stewart 0401 269 956

Soup Kitchen: A joint initiative of the Uniting Church and Sacred Heart Parish, offers hospitality and friendship over a cuppa or a bowl of soup each Monday morning at the Uniting Church from 11am. Contact Pamela on 0417 485 592 or Margaret on 0414 788 796.

Biggest Morning Tea: An all churches in Blackheath event held in May, this is a fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Come along to the Blackheath-Mount Victoria RSL sub-branch in Blackheath or help organise this event by contacting Frances on 0474 774 009.

Combined Churches Flower Festival: Held as part of the Rhododendron Festival in November. If you would like further information. contact our Flower Group coordinator, David, on 0400 208 707.

Annual Events

Garage Sale Fundraiser: Held in the parish hall, donated goods are accepted during January for sale in **February**, with proceeds going to the parish to fund the maintenance of its buildings and grounds.
Contact Marilyn on 0414 536 601.

Parish Dinner: Held at the end of June, near the feast day of the Sacred Heart, this is a celebration of the parish's establishment.
Further information from the Parish Office on 4787 8540.

Epiphany Pilgrimage: A seven-day group event held in January around the feast of the Epiphany, it starts at Emu Plains and ends at Bell. The group stays overnight in Blackheath on the sixth day, prior to the final leg of the journey to Bell. Registration to join the Epiphany Pilgrimage and Fiesta is at the [Epiphany Registrations](#) page.



Sacred Heart Parish

Blackheath - Mt Victoria - Megalong Valley

Parishioners are invited to be active members of our welcoming parish community, situated in the lands of the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land. The Blackheath Parish site contains a small forest area, a church, a hall for community use, an organic vegetable garden as well as other garden areas and parking spaces.

The parish hall is available for a variety of community activities, including conferences, seminars, workshops, and meditation days as well as some regular groups listed below. As well as our Blackheath site, we have the historic church of **St Joseph's** in the Megalong Valley and **St Paul's** in Mt Victoria. These are available for weddings and other family occasions. Enquiries re the availability and booking for the hall and churches is through the parish office on 4787 8540.



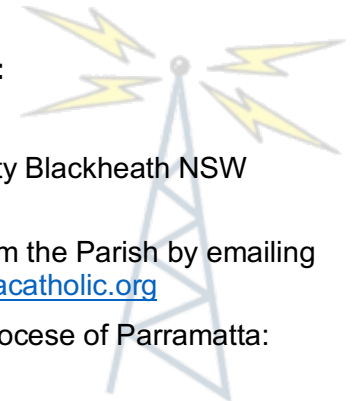
For the latest news:

Website: sacredheartblackheath.org.au

Facebook Page: Sacred Heart Parish Community Blackheath NSW Australia

Parish Bulletin Online: Receive weekly news from the Parish by emailing your request to receive this to blackheath@parracatholic.org

Catholic Outlook: Subscribe to news from the Diocese of Parramatta: <https://catholicoutlook.org/subscribe/>



Liturgy and Worship

Our Liturgy and Worship is centred on the Mass, which is a Memorial of Christ's salvific Death on the Cross. Join our parish community in prayer, reflection on the scriptures and communion:

Blackheath:

Sunday Mass:	9.30am, followed by morning tea
Wednesday Mass:	9.00am, followed by morning tea
Lenten reflection	followed by morning tea
Advent reflection	followed by morning tea

Mt Victoria:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	5.00pm (June-August) 6.00pm (September-May)
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Megalong Valley:

3rd Friday Mass:	4.00pm
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Would you like to participate more fully in our liturgies by sharing your skills? Contact the parish office during office hours on 4787 8540 or email blackheath@parracatholic.org to express your interest in serving, reading, counting collections, church care or serving morning tea after Sunday mass.

Music Ministry: Join a group of musicians and singers providing music for the liturgy throughout the year. Email: shbmusiccoordinator@gmail.com

Sacramental Life

Signs and gifts of God's Grace, the Gift of the Holy Spirit to all God's Faithful, we celebrate 7 Sacraments: Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick) and Vocation (Marriage and Ordination).

Baptisms, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Weddings are celebrated upon request in our Parish.

Dedicated teams in the Upper Mountains parishes help prepare children for full initiation into the Church (Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation).

Please contact our Parish Office on 4787 8540 for more details.

Social Justice / Evangelisation / Pastoral Care

Take an active part in ministry to members of your local community by helping in any of these activities as a volunteer or simply enjoy taking part in any of them.

Cuppas Together: On Wednesday mornings, come along and enjoy the garden, share morning tea, a game of chess or scrabble, and meet some new people. Drop in anytime between 9.30am and 12pm.

Vinnies Assistance, Street Plant Library, Swap Table, Library and Recycling Services are also available here at this time. To help with Cuppas, call Julie on 0413 119 649.



Community Kitchen Garden: Answering the 'cry of the earth' and the 'cry of the poor'. Growing organic produce for those in need. Produce is shared with volunteers and those in need in our community, and sold to raise funds for the garden activities. Gardening times for volunteers: 1st and 3rd Saturdays 11am-1pm, and every Wednesday 10am-12pm. Contact Brian 0401 768 688

Vinnies Assistance: Talk to the Vinnies group about helping to provide assistance – practical support and emergency help including food hampers, food vouchers, medical script assistance. Call 0490 709 547.

Special Religious Education – Blackheath Public School (Thursday morning) or at Mt Victoria Public School (Wednesday afternoon): Join the SRE team and share your faith with the students as an educator or as an assistant. Contact Pat on 0407 891 466 or by email at patdrummond281@gmail.com

Care Ministry: Helping parishioners in times of need. Contact Monica on 0420 937 690

Flower-Arranging Team: If you have an interest in arranging flowers in vases for display in the SH church, call David on 0400 208 707.



Grounds and Buildings Maintenance Team Working Bees: Held once a month, no special skills are required, with all contributions appreciated. Join the team for a cuppa and chat after the morning's work. Call Lance on 4787 8096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information.

Bridge Club at the Hall: Make new friends, enjoy a great retirement hobby and have a lot of fun while enjoying the most popular mind sport in the world. If you are a bridge player you are welcome to come to the Church Hall at 9am for a morning of bridge, we will do our best to find a partner for you. To learn to play bridge at the "friendly club at the top of the mountains" email or call Sandy on 4010 312 827 or admin@bluemountainsbridge.com.au