

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: 15 November 2024 at 4.00pm

BLACKHEATH MASSES

SUN: 9.30am.

WED: 9.00am

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SUNDAY

MASSES

SAT: 5:00pm Leura (Vigil)

SUN: 8:00am Wentworth Falls

SUN: 10.00am Katoomba

Sun: 5.00pm Leura

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SACRED HEART CARE GROUP: Helping

parishioners in times of need. Monica Bright

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: If you would like
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The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 27 October 2024

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Let's rejoice, let's realise that we are saved, freed, we no longer need to stand by the side of the road waiting and lost, our bus has arrived.

That's what this Sunday's readings are about.

The first reading tells us that God will take us back to where we belong, a place with streams of water.

The place we belong is not a physical place, it's a state of mind, a way of existence. It is the pasture lands that we belong in, where God looks after us, guides us and provides for us. Where we drink from the streams of water which symbolise the Holy Spirit, where we will fill ourselves with the Spirit and live.

This way of living is what we enter through Baptism. The Church teaches that we are ontologically changed through Baptism. Ontology means existence. Through baptism how we exist changes. We now exist in the pasture lands that are Christ and have free access to the Holy Spirit.

This rescue is what the Gospel talks about.

Bartimaeus is a blind beggar sitting by the side of the road. He is not moving along the road, he's going nowhere. He can't see the way forward and he can't provide for himself. These are all symbolic of us. We can't find the right way through life ourselves; we are spiritually blind without God and unable to find the right way to live our life, arrange our priorities or able to address our needs because we can't really see what they are.

But what we can do, is call out to Christ like Bartimaeus did. Christ will call us to Himself, He is already calling.

Then let's jump up throw our cloaks aside (The cloak is very important, it's the only thing a beggar had to keep himself warm, especially through the night). The cloaks are the securities of this world that we hang onto, we don't need to put our trust in them. We can push their importance aside and focus on Christ.

If we do this, we will see our lives, our world in a different way. We will be in a different form of existence, and we will be able to follow Christ down the road to life and love and freedom.

But notice Christ is central. He calls, He cures, He leads. All we need to do is turn to Him and let go of our attachments, perhaps physically but not necessarily, it's more about attitudes and values that we carry in our heart.

Deacon Alan.

Please mute your mobile at Mass. Thank-you for your courtesies.



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 26 October

Mass 5.00pm Leura

Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria.

SUNDAY 27 October

8.am Wentworth Falls

9.30 am Blackheath

10am Katoomba

MONDAY 28 October

Mass at 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 29 October

Mass at 9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 30 October

Mass 9.00am Blackheath

Cuppa's together: 9.30 - 12.00pm

Blackheath Community Kitchen-Garden 10-12pm.

THURSDAY 31 October

Mass 9.00am Wentworth Falls

FRIDAY 1 November

Mass 12.00 at Katoomba

SATURDAY 2 November

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession after Mass

Blackheath Community Kitchen Garden 11-1pm

Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria

From Bishop Vincent: Appeal for new members for the Interfaith Commission
If you would like to assist Bishop Vincent in growing interfaith relations in Western Sydney, please register your interest [in the form at the bottom of this page](https://parracatholic.org/contribute/governance/). Or <https://parracatholic.org/contribute/governance/>

Mt Victoria 26 .10.2024

1 St Reader: Diane Stewart

2 nd Reader:

Sunday 27. 10.2024

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2nd Reader: Frances Huckstepp

Welcome/Intercession:

Server: Pat Wicks

Church Care: Paul and Marilyn Rowe

Counters: Pamela and John

Flowers: David Buckley

Morning Tea: Christa and David Buckley

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



Cuppa's on Wednesday after 9am Mass

Pop into the hall for a cuppa and company on Wednesday morning's from 9:30am- 12:00. Vinnie's assistance is available during this time, operating from the meeting room, and our Community Kitchen garden offers plants from the Plant Library, fresh produce and a time for connecting with our life-giving Earth. Join us in our growing buzzy hub on.



CUPPAS Wednesday 30th October 2024 CANCELED.

Due to the unavailability of volunteers Cuppas has been cancelled on the 30th October 2024.

Collecting gifts for the BMRSB Christmas Shoebox Gift Appeal

What goes into the shoe boxes?

Something to love

eg teddy bear, blankey, soft toy

Something to play with

eg tennis ball, bouncy ball, wind- up toy, skipping rope, finger puppets, puzzles

Something to wear

eg t-shirt, beanie, cap, thongs, sandals, socks, scarf, football socks

Something for personal hygiene

e.g soap, toothbrush, hairbrush, hand-cream

Something for school

e.g. exercise books, sharpener and eraser, pencil case, coloured pencils, lead pencils, book to read

Something special

e.g carry bag, sunglasses, hair accessories, bracelets, stickers, craft kit

No breakables, food, sharp or melty items.

Age groups- shoeboxes are sorted into the following age groups 0-5; 6-12; 13-18; boys/girls and/or items suitable for all children

We will be collecting items for the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group for their Christmas Shoebox gifts at St Paul's and Sacred Heart on the weekends of November 2/3, 9/10 and 16/17. Baskets will be at each church for your gifts.

Sincere thank you for all contributions and for making a difference to the lives of children in refugee families in the Blue Mountains during this coming Christmas season.

Sunday: 3 .11.2024

1st Reader:

Brian Bright

2nd Reader:

Monica Bright

Welcome/Intercession:

Pat Wicks

Server: Ray Wood

Morning Tea:

Karen and Marlene

Parish Christmas Party 6th December 2024 Christmas is Coming...

Save the date for our parish Christmas party Friday evening December 6 from 6pm in our parish hall.

Bring a plate to share, savory or sweet, BYO.

More information soon!

Sacred Heart Parish Annual General Meeting:

In the Hall after Mass Sunday November 17. The draft Agenda has been circulated to the parish email list and is displayed on the Church notice boards. All are welcome.

***Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions.



We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

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St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

Blackheath Vinnies is very active in our Community, and we are looking for more volunteers to assist the needy in the Upper Blue Mountains.

If you are considering a transition to retirement in the coming year or two or just have a bit of spare time once a month or so, could you please contact John Tweedie on 0407 288 957 to discuss (I'll shout the coffee). Thanks, in anticipation on behalf of the Blackheath Vinnies Team.

John Tweedie (President)

St Vincent de Paul Society - Blackheath Conference

M: 0407 288 957



Information about the Sacramental Program for children :

Baptised children who are in **YEAR 3 OR ABOVE IN 2025**

will be invited to join the First Reconciliation

(First Confession) preparation program to be held in term 4 in 2025

Flyers are available in our church entrance

BCKG - Responding to the 'cry of the earth' and the 'cry of the poor': In the online Outlook bulletin this Wednesday, the Season of Creation celebration at Blackheath was featured.

This is the link:



<https://catholicoutlook.org/season-of-creation-celebrated-with-joyful-spring-mass-in-the-blue-mountains/>

The gardening session on Saturday 2nd November has been cancelled as our workers are otherwise engaged on this morning.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 9-10 November

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 9-11 November, with future dates in February and May 2025. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: parracatholic.org/streetfeast.

Anniversaries: Oct

22nd Jennifer and Wayne Kelly (m 1983)

25th Joseph and Rasa Blansjaar (m 1968)



Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers: Marie Bowrey, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Ray Wood, Paddy Dowling, Beverley Bateup, Anne Farindon, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Trennah Portelli,

Recently Died: Judith Buckley - sister of David Buckley, 16th Sept Connie Adams.

REST IN PEACE OCT: 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



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

ENTRANCE

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:7-9)
The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout!
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSE

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Second Reading.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 5:1-6)
Every high priest has been taken out of humankind and is appointed to act for people in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (Mark 10:46-52)

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

COMMUNION

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.