

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

# Sacred Heart Church

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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## CATHOLIC PARISH OF UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS SUNDAY MASSES

SAT: 5:00pm Leura

SAT: 5pm(June-Aug) 6pm(Sept-May) Mt Vic

SAT: 5pm Lawson

SUN: 8:00am Wentworth Falls

SUN: 8.30am Lawson

SUN: 9.30am Blackheath

SUN: 10.00am Katoomba

Sun: 5.00pm Leura

## MEGALONG VALLEY MASS

Mass: 3rd Friday of the month

Next Liturgy of the Word: 20 June 2025 at  
4.00pm .

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## The Most Holy Trinity Year C

15.6 2025

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The responsorial Psalm poses the question to us on this Solemnity of the Holy Trinity:

**“When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?”**

Well, the answer lies in the reading. We are important because we are part of God's plan for creation. Look at what the first reading says:

**“I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.”**

God's creative Spirit delighted to be with us. This presence of the Spirit, given to us through the Incarnation of Christ, is the grace that allows us to look forward to the glory of God.

The glory of God, the manifestation of God through all creation, when ultimately all of creation is united in Christ and a new Heaven and New Earth come into being. But this is still in progress, just as the Incarnation is still in progress because we are still growing into the Body of Christ, becoming one with Him, and through us all creation.

This is why we are so important. We are the link between the physical and the spiritual which brings the two together. Through humanity creation itself will be drawn into Christ and through Him into the Trinity.

But how is this accomplished?

The Mass.

Here we enter into the Eucharistic prayer which puts us in the garden of Gethsemane and the foot of the cross at Calvary, and here we join with Christ in saying; “Father, not my will, but your will be done in our lives”. We join ourselves to Christ as an offering to the Father. This unification which we consummate by receiving our Lord in Communion.

Here we start to adopt the will of God, the will which is common among the persons of the Trinity, the will which Jesus in His humanity adopted allowing the new and everlasting Covenant to be established through which we become the adopted children of God.

Why?

So, we can take Christ out into the world and renew the face of the earth.

Deacon Alan

Please mute your mobile at Mass. Let's turn off the technology and turn on to God!



## WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY 14 June

Mass 5.00pm Leura

Mass: 5.00pm Lawson

Mass 5.00pm Mt Victoria

### SUNDAY 15 June

8.am Wentworth Falls

8.30am Lawson

9.30 am Blackheath

10am Katoomba

5pm Leura

### MONDAY 16 June

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 17 June

Mass at 9.00am Leura

Meditation 10am Blackheath

### WEDNESDAY 18 June

Mass: 9.00am Blackheath

Cuppas together 9.30 – 12.00

### THURSDAY 19 June

Mass: 9.00am Wentworth Falls

### FRIDAY 20 June

Mass: 9.30am Lawson (**Cancelled**)

Mass 12.00 noon Katoomba

### SATURDAY 21 June

Mass 5.00pm Leura

Mass; 5pm Lawson

Mass 5.00pm Mt Victoria

Blackheath Community Kitchen Garden 11-1pm

Mt Victoria 14. 6.25

1 St Reader: Peter McAuley

2 nd Reader: Carla Edan

Sunday 15. 6.25

1 St Reader: Christa Buckley

2nd Reader: David Buckley

Welcome/Intercession: Francis Huckstepp

Server: Patricia Darvall/Pat Wicks

Church Care: Pat and Phil Wicks

Counters: Laurie Noyes

Flowers: Julie Hodgkinson & David Buckley

Morning Tea: Christine & Dom

### 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.

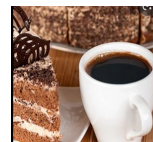


### **Cuppa's on Wednesday after 9am Mass**

Cuppa's is on in the hall every Wednesday morning from 9:30. Join us for a warming coffee and fun conversation from 9:30-12:00.

Vinnies assistance is available during this time in the meeting room.

All welcome on Wednesdays!



### **Volunteers needed: NAIDOC Week Event – Whalan Reserve – 10 July**

On 10 July 2025, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We're seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit [parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025](http://parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025) for more details.

### **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening – 25 June (Register by 18 June)**

You are invited to an engaging panel conversation with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Sr Susan Connelly and Fr Patrick McNerney about the Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", paired with a delicious meal and good company. This free event is co-hosted by the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay and the Archdiocese of Sydney and will be held on 25 June (6:00pm – 9:00pm) at St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Please register by 18 June at [parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan](http://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan)

**OPEN DAY & FUND RAISER – GANYA SHED - *Warami*** - all Welcome Local Indigenous Elder, Uncle Lex Dadd, has organised an Open Day and Fund-raiser in support of the Ganya Shed, 13 Plantation Street Wentworth Falls (behind the shops), on Saturday 14th June. Garage Sale starts at 7am - Main Event – 11am to 4pm.

The Ganya Shed is a place for young mob – 'shadow rangers' – to learn skills such as woodwork, building and cooking - in a safe and welcoming space where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people help each other.

(Full details on Notice Board)

Sunday: 22.6.2025

1st Reader: N/A

2nd Reader: N/A

Welcome/Intercession:

Server: N/A

Morning Tea: Pamela Nash/Kristan

### **Taize Prayer & Song:**

Leura Uniting Church this Sunday 15th June at 5pm. Our theme is "Bless the Lord, my soul". Supper is provided at the end of the service.

All are welcome at Taize Prayer & Song for prayer, singing and meditation. Please feel free to bring a friend along.

## SACRED HEART PARISH LUNCH 2025

The venue for this year will be:  
Blackheath Golf & Community Club



**When: Sunday 29th June -12pm**  
**Cost: \$35 a head for a 2 course lunch**

**Mains:** Please nominate if you would like a Vegetarian Meal  
Tickets for the lunch will be available either Saturday night or Sunday after Mass from 24st May.  
Please see a social club member for your tickets either Pamela or Marilyn (Sunday) or Diane on Saturday night.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

### No One Chooses to be Homeless

More than 35,000 people in NSW are experiencing homelessness – the most in any State or Territory in Australia. There is no one face of homelessness and people of all ages and backgrounds are susceptible. It's never a choice but sometimes it's the only option. As many of you will know, we have homeless people in our own local community. Homelessness can also occur quite suddenly, as evidenced by the many people affected by the recent flood disaster in the mid North Coast.

At Blackheath Vinnies, we regularly work with people experiencing and at risk of homelessness, providing individual assistance with such things as food, clothing, utility bills and accommodation. And one of our members was recently able to assist as a Vinnies volunteer at a recovery centre in Maitland for people affected by the recent flood disaster.

We are able to make an impact with people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, because of the generosity and goodwill shown by you as supporters of our Vinnies Appeals. We thank you sincerely for that generosity.

Our Vinnies Winter Appeal 2025 will be held on the weekend on 21/22 June when you will find Vinnies giving envelopes on the seats at both Mt Victoria and Blackheath.

John Tweedie

President

Blackheath Conference

\*\*\*Both the first reading and the psalm response celebrate the marvels of creation and the marvelous creator who brought them into being. Proverbs states that God created all of these things through Wisdom. While later theology will identify Wisdom with both the Word of God, the second person of the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit, the third person, the reading itself does not suggest this.



Paul credits God with our justification through faith. Justification or salvation is accomplished by God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Paul does not clearly state that the love of God that we receive through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, but one could certainly understand it in this way.

John's theology resembles very closely that of Paul. In it, Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit. The Spirit continues the mission of Jesus, neither adding anything to his teaching nor omitting anything from it.

While this is a feast that glorifies the central mystery of our faith, a mystery that is based on the way the three divine persons relate to each other, the readings all address ways that God relates to us. If we concentrate, as the texts for today suggest that we do, on all of the ways that our Triune God has blessed us, we may be more inclined to cry out with the psalmist: 'O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!'

Dianne Bergant CSA

### Social Justice Presentation by Josephite Sister

On June 21, Sr. Susan Connelly rsj, will be giving a presentation unpacking the Bishops' Social Justice statement of 2024/25 - **TRUTH & PEACE: A Gospel Word in a Violent World**. Sister Susan has extensive experience in Primary School education and teaching scripture in public schools.

This Statement by the bishops "scrutinises the signs of the times.....sees the violence and asks why the world is as it is and what is needed for there to be peace". The Statement notes the erosion of truth is contributing to the violence, and the part that social media plays towards this erosion.

This may be a timely presentation to inform us how we might play a part in challenging where truth is being a victim of disinformation and misinformation to which the Statement makes an extensive reference.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 21

**TIME:** 9:30am (feel free to attend EITHER up to morning tea OR further til 12:30)

**WHERE:** Santa Maria Hall

You are invited, Carol & Len Teodori-Blahut

**Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers:** Betty Zeman, Bern McPhee, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Beverley Bateup, Anne Farindon, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Trennah Portelli.

**REST IN PEACE June:** 1st Cy Schreiber (d 2013), 7th Mignon Spessot (2017), 8th Leonard Kirkham, 11th Eric Noble  
13th Irene Peacock, 15th Rasa Blansjaar, 16th Norma Ward, 22nd Eusebio Dizon (d 2011), 23rd Frank Mackrell (2019), 29th David Harris



## **The Holy Trinity Sunday Year C**

**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.

### **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!

### **First Reading.**

A reading from the book of Proverbs (Proverbs 8:22-31)

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;

before he made the earth, the countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,

when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,

when he assigned the sea its boundaries  
- and the waters will not invade the shore -

when he laid down the foundations of the earth,

I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,

ever at play in his presence,

at play everywhere in his world,

delighting to be with the children of humanity.

### **The Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 16:12-15)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me

since all he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;

that is why I said:

All he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.'

**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.

### **RESPONSE**

O Lord, our God,

how wonderful your name in all the earth!.

### **Second Reading .**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged  
righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and  
through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in  
which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.

But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about  
our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we  
know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance  
brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the  
love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy  
Spirit which has been given us.