

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 Mass : 16 May 2025 at 4.00pm .

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish
Office on Thursday's during office hours on
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Community Blackheath

SACRED HEART CARE GROUP: Helping
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: If you would like
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Pentecost Sunday Year C

8.6 2025

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Today is the Birthday of the Church!

Today is the day - so long ago - when the dispirited disciples of Jesus were huddled together in a room, full of trepidation after the physical presence of the Risen Lord had departed for the heavenly sphere of existence.

Today is the day that the Father and the Son poured out their Spirit upon these same frightened individuals, and filled them with Power and Grace, so that they were immediately enabled to stand up in the sight of all in Jerusalem; and they preached the Good News of Jesus Christ with such strength and conviction that many were converted to the Lord that day!

And today is the day that we - the Lord's disciples in this time and place - similarly once again receive the Grace of the Holy Spirit, so that we, too, will be fearless in our proclamation of the salvation which is found in the Gospel of Christ.

Furthermore, today is the day that our brand new Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains celebrates our unity in diversity.

And despite any differences in theology, spirituality, and culture - we are ONE in our shared Faith in Jesus Christ; and in the Revelation from the Father that He lived and taught during His brief time on this earth.

Let's celebrate our 'new birth' in the Upper Blue Mountains this day.

Let's remain full of confidence in the God who loves us unconditionally, and who never deserts His flock.

Let's pray for each other - and for all Christians - that we will never stop telling of the great things that God has done and will do for all His creation.

Indeed, let us pray for unity and peace among us and in our world, so that the Reign of God will be all in all!

I will be on annual leave from 15/6-16/7. Fr Jessie will return from his annual leave on the 26/6. Fr Peter will be here for you! Fr Paul Slyney has generously offered to celebrate masses for us in my absence and Fr Jessie's absence. Deacon Alan will also help out on those occasions when all 9 weekend masses cannot be covered by the priests.

God Bless you all

Fr John

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 7 June

Mass 5.00pm Leura

Mass: 5.00pm Lawson

Mass 5.00pm Mt Victoria

SUNDAY 8 June Pentecost

8.am Wentworth Falls

8.30am Lawson

9.30 am Blackheath

10am Katoomba

5pm Leura

MONDAY 9 June

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 10 June

Mass at 9.00am Leura

Meditation 10am Blackheath

WEDNESDAY 11 June

Mass: 9.00am Blackheath

Cuppas together 9.30 – 12.00

THURSDAY 12 June

Mass: 9.00am Wentworth Falls

FRIDAY 13 June

Mass: 9.30am Lawson

Mass 12.00 noon Katoomba

SATURDAY 7 June

Mass 5.00pm Leura

Mass; 5pm Lawson

Mass 5.00pm Mt Victoria

Blackheath Community Kitchen Garden 11-1pm

Mt Victoria 31. 5.25

1 St Reader: Fran Leighton

2 nd Reader: Elizabeth Giddey

Sunday 8. 6.25

1 St Reader: Brian Bright

2nd Reader: Monica Bright

Welcome/Intercession: Shane Young

Server: Diane Stewart

Church Care: Pat and Phil Wicks

Counters: Pamela and John

Flowers: Julie Hodgkinson & David Buckley

Morning Tea: No Morning Tea

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.

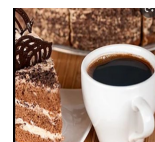


Cuppa's on Wednesday after 9am Mass

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 for more details.

Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians.

Bishop Vincent and our Holy Spirit Seminary, thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will support our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou or scan this QR code. Thank you.



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: 15.6.2025

1st Reader: Christa Buckley

2nd Reader: David Buckley

Welcome/Intercession: Francis Huckstepp

Server: Patricia Darvall/Pat Wicks

Morning Tea: Christine & Dom

Low Cost Counselling Services

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

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.

Mountains Primary Schools Offer Fee Discounts

To help more families access quality Catholic education, three
local schools are offering major fee discounts from 2026
(T&Cs apply). Our Lady of the Nativity Lawson and St
Thomas Aquinas Springwood will offer a **50% discount on**
Diocesan fees while St Canice's Katoomba will be **fee-**
free! Contact the schools or visit their websites to learn more

Pentecost Sunday Multicultural Feast at St Canice's:

In the spirit of the First Reading of Pentecost Sunday "...from
every nation under heaven" (Acts2:5), all are invited to St
Canice's hall for the annual celebration of diversity and culture
through the tasting of a wide variety of foods from all the vari-
ous backgrounds of our parishioners.

When: After the 10am St Canice's Mass on Pentecost Sunday
June 8th.

If you are able to contribute a dish for the meal or items for the
raffle/lucky door prizes, please contact Barbara Davidson on
0417 490 103. Entry by donation.

Car-pooling from Sacred Heart Church Blackheath: A number
of parishioners will be driving to St Canice's after the 930am
Sacred Heart Mass and can car-pool for those requiring
transport.

In order to give the opportunity for people to attend this gath-
ering, morning tea will not be available at Sacred Heart
Church on this day.

Happy Birthday June

14th Helen Burke

16th Colette Lillis



***We have been in the in-between time since
the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate
the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfil-
ment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and
the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the
Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitu-
late many themes that appeared throughout the Easter sea-
son: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repent-
ance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought to-
gether as we are brought together into the body of Christ.
The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion.
Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill
the earth with God's power. The world is charged with di-
vine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and
with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordi-
nary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic
constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human
habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened
hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole
world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for
another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations
and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them togeth-
er for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into
communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we
are reconciled to each other and then together we spend
ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the
community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious
yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

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Social Justice Presentation by Josephite Sister

On June 21, Sr. Susan Connelly rsj, will be giving a presen-
tation unpacking the Bishops' Social Justice statement of
2024/25 - **TRUTH & PEACE: A Gospel Word in a Vio-**
lent World. Sister Susan has extensive experience in Pri-
mary 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 vic-
tim 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



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ENTRANCE The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First Reading.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11)

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSE

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading .

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence:

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,

Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

The Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 20:19-23)

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

COMMUNION: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.