

TODAY
Is 35:4-7
Jas 2:1-5 ; Mk 7:31-37

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Servers
9 Sept Grahame Adams
16 Sept Grahame Adams

Readers
9 Sept 1st Reader John Woodward
2nd reader Barbara Grieves
Intercessions David Buckley
16 Sept 1st Reader Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reader Claire Maguire
Intercessions Christa Buckley

Communion
9 Sept Monica & Brian Bright
16 Sept Pat Wicks, Mary Roberts

Counters
9 Sept Carla & Neal Endean
16 Sept Pamela Nash and John Tweedie

Morning Tea
9 Sept Jan Roberts
16 Sept Pamela Nash


Church Care
7 Sept Marilyn Rowe & Noleen Cliff



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
9th September 2018

The healing that Jesus works in this passage is one of the most 'physical' of his healing actions. He puts his fingers in the man's ears and places spittle on his tongue. It is an intimate contact with a complete stranger and someone regarded as outcast and unclean because of his disabilities. When Jesus speaks the word of healing, Ephphatha ('Be opened'), he appears to be speaking not only to the man but to all those listening. Be open to the possibility of embracing those you have cast out; be open to a different understanding of Messiah. © Greg Sunter

Next Week:
Is 50:5-9 ; Jas 2:14-18 ;
Mk 8:27-35

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 12th Ron Walsh

PARENTS' ROOM:
The Sacristy is available for parents to use when young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your littlies.

St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Ant: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Communion Ant: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Feast Days of the Week (10September to 15 September)

10th St. Salvius of Albi Bishop
11th St. Vincent of Leon Abbot and martyr
12th The Most Holy Name of Mary
13th St John Chrysostom Priest and preacher
14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15th Our Lady of Sorrows

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, including those who may be with us today.

Blackheath	Sunday Mass	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturdays	9.30am
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
Mount Victoria	Vigil Mass (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	6.00pm
Megalong Valley	Vigil Mass (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	6.00pm

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(Emergency only) **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
E-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com **Fri** 9.00am - 12.00pm

Parish House: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. 2785
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.
St Paul's Church: 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.
St Joseph's Church: 1270 Megalong Road, Megalong Valley.

For Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, please contact the Parish House.

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 4th Sunday of each month.
If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob; Diana Landsberg (Chair); John Barclay (Deputy Chair) or Patricia Dee (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) call Monica Bright 4757 3943.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

Website: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>

 Find us on facebook www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Community-Blackheath-NSW-Australia-153850768029631/

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY: Last Sunday (Father's Day) was the proper day for the raising of funds from our community to be used for the benefit of our retired and sick clergy in the coming year.

Unfortunately, the special fund-raiser envelopes did not arrive in time for a full collection to be made that day. A neighbouring parish gave us a small number of the needed envelopes which we dutifully used with limited fund-raising success. Today, however, you will find sufficient envelopes available in each pew to cater for everyone to make a contribution should you so desire.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000. The Foundation thanks you for this contribution and, as well, for your support this year to raise another similar amount - \$200,000. While on that subject, would you please place the completed envelopes on the second collection?

Many thanks!

If you wish, you can make on-line contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference to your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so we can send a receipt. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2019. Again, thank you for your generosity.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY: Once again, today concludes that special week set aside for us each year to again highlight the need for us to focus particular attention towards the protection and safety of children and other vulnerable youth and adults within our community. I recall when, as a child, I used to wander the streets, paddocks and playgrounds in complete safety. Perhaps at times I and my mates were a bit of a nuisance to the adults in our local area, particularly when our billy carts took over the street to race. I remember collecting manure from nearby paddocks in the same billy carts and selling them door-to-door around the district. However, never was our safety ever at risk! Not so today! Children, whether ours or someone else's, are precious to everyone, and they are so innocent and so vulnerable! Whoever they belong to, we need to be ever aware of any risky things that children may get themselves into, and to take remedial steps wherever we can. We all carry that responsibility!

In 2016, following a proposal from the Pontifical Commission for the protection of Minors, the Holy Father established a "Day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse, and to ask God for a greater awareness of the responsibility of the members of the Church towards the underage people entrusted to them". Here in Australia, this second stated purpose is already a focus of Child Protection Sunday on the second Sunday of September each year. This decision was taken by the Australian College of Bishops' Conference as the day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse.

CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY: While it will only have been three weeks since Bishop Vincent spent that memorable overnight weekend with us, he will none-the-

less return next weekend (16/9) to confirm into full Catholic faith five of our young people – Alicia MALIFANT, Rachele Kate BISHOP-JONES, Lucas TARANTO, Natalia TARANTO and Sophia SHEERE. Co-ordinated by Michelle DAVIS, with guided instruction by Chantelle BURKE and team, all five aspirants have been well prepared for this most significant day in their lives through their receipt of this last of the four Sacraments of Initiation – Confirmation! Please pray for each of these young persons and their families! Let's also thank Michelle, Chantelle and her team for the wonderful results accorded these children for the greater glory of God!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

VINNIES DROUGHT APPEAL ~ In response to the many generous and concerned communities hearing the call to reach out in the current drought crisis, especially to rural and farming communities, St Vincent de Paul have launched a drought appeal. Donations can be made on-line here - <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate#> . Donations are also accepted at the Vinnies shop in Waratah Street Katoomba.

WORKING BEE - WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER at 8am

We still have some more green waste to get rid of. It's been a big job and we hope to have it finished this coming Wednesday. Please come along to help and bring your gardening gloves, secateurs and loppers.

If you can help, please contact:

Lance Hodgkinson (47878096) or David Buckley (0400208707)

Fr Eric Burton, Emeritus Parish Priest of Christ the King, North Rocks died on Tuesday afternoon at Rosary Village, Yennora aged 92. Funeral details will be announced in due course.

HOME MASS will be celebrated by Father Isaac Koi at the home of Louise an Laurie Noyes, 8 Days Crescent, Blackheath Wednesday, 12th September at 7.30pm.

In Memoriam

10th Mary Kingston
(d 2016)

15th Elsie Carroll (d 2010
Adrian's mother)



Please pray for the sick and their carers: Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank McKrell, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli.

Plenary 2020 Training Sessions

Thursday, 20 September -7.00 pm to 9.30 pm - Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta)

Saturday, 29 September - 10.00 am to 12.30 pm - St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood)

Saturday, 29 September - 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm - Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street, Emu Plains)

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