

**T O D A Y**  
**Neh 8:2-6. 8-10 ; 1 Cor 12:12-30**  
**Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21**

**Psalm Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia ! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!**

**Servers**  
 27 Jan Paul Harris  
 3 Feb Michelle Davis

**Readers**  
 27 Jan 1st Reader David Buckley  
 2nd Reader Christa Buckley  
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
 3 Feb 1st Reader Breda Seamons  
 2nd Reader Barbara Grieves  
 Intercessions John Woodward

**Communion**  
 27 Jan Mary Roberts & Pat Wicks  
 3 Feb Elizabeth Doolan & Grahame Adams

**Counters**  
 27 Jan Robyn & Adrian Carroll  
 3 Feb Barbara Grieves

**Morning Tea**  
 27 Jan Sue Newbury  
 3 Feb Christine O'Grady

**Church Care**  
 25 Jan Marilyn Rowe and Noeleen Cliff

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

**Entrance Ant: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

**Communion Ant: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

**Feast Days of the Week (20th to 26th Jan)**

28 St Thomas Aquinas priest, doctor  
 29 St. Aquilinus bishop, martyr  
 30 St. Felician African martyr  
 31 St John Bosco priest  
 1 St. Brigid of Ireland virgin & foundress  
 2 The Presentation of the Lord



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**27.1.19**

*As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is up-front in what we are called to do. Our programme is explicit. We are called to be companions to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore and to boldly proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favour.*

*As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world..© Richard Leonard SJ.*

**Next Week:**  
**Jer 1:4-5. 17-19 : 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 : Lk 4:21-30**

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your little ones.

# 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.*

<b>Blackheath</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
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
<b>Mount Victoria</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>

**Administrator: Father Bob Sheridan**      **Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540  
**Parish House:** 0455 104 994.  
**Parish Mobile:** 0417 355 479      **Office hours:** **Wed** 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
 (Emergency only)      **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm  
**E-mail:** blackheath@parracatholic.org      **Fri** 12.00 - 3.00pm

**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 [blackheath@parracatholic.org](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org)

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**JAN ROBERTS' UNEXPECTED PASSING:** While we were sharing Mass this time last Sunday, Jan's waiting time in this life came to an end when she left this world to be once more united with her beloved Barry whose funeral we held here less than fifteen months ago, on November 2, 2017. I believe that Jan never got over Barry's death and the remarkable togetherness they had enjoyed for those many years together. Without Barry in her life, it seems to me that this life lost a lot of its meaning for Jan who passed away peacefully sitting in a lounge chair waiting for her family to take her out for a picnic – the picnic that can now never be! Jan was a long term 'giant' among our volunteer workforce here at Sacred Heart. During my ten years in this parish, Jan carried out numerous tasks including that of Altar Server, Special Minister of the Eucharist, flower coordinator/arranger, special activities cook and organiser, leader of a number of ecumenical functions involving other local Christian denominations such as the 'World Day of Prayer' and, more generally, was involved in just about everything else that was going on in the parish at any given time. Jan (and husband Barry) did much to shape the heart of the Sacred Heart Parish we enjoy today.

Our final farewell to Jan and the celebration of her life will take place here at Sacred Heart Church via a Requiem Mass to be held this coming Wednesday, 30th January 2019, from 11.30am. Given that the committal of Jan's remains will form part of this Service, there will be no entourage from here to Pinegrove Crematorium after the service. However, everyone is invited to the Blackheath Golf Club immediately following the Mass where the 'wake' will be shared with each other.

VALE JAN! You are much loved, and will be sorely missed by all in the years ahead!

**AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS:** Yesterday was Australia Day (26th January) during which we celebrated a special Mass from 9,00am in recognition of our togetherness as one huge diverse national community – a coming together, to live together, and to support one another on our journey through life in this great Commonwealth. How good is that?

Tomorrow is the annual parish picnic day and, weather permitting, we will have a 'ball' socialising and picnicking in the Mount Victoria Park following the 9.30am Mass here at Blackheath. You will need to bring with you all the eats and drinks you plan to consume during the day, although several shops are within easy walking distance should you so desire. Vehicle parking is available in the park at the rear entry to that facility. If you plan to be there, would you kindly let us know today so that we might have at least some idea of possible numbers. Many thanks! By-the-way, have a great day irrespective of what you decide to do!

**MONSTER GARAGE SALE:** While we already have lots of goods for sale, we need a whole lot more good quality items for sale that will be a boost to parish income for this year. We also need more volunteers to help set-up on Friday (1st Feb), and sell on Saturday (2nd Feb) and Sunday (3rd Feb). There is a volunteer sheet on the notice board. Not only does the Garage Sale help the parish financially, but it is also fun, so come and get involved!

**SCHOOL'S IN:** Quite extraordinary how quickly the six-week Christmas school holidays have passed, just vanished into the ether, or so it sometimes seems to me. Left behind, of course, are plenty of great memories for us upon which to reflect. Now, it's back to the grind – another year for our young students (and us) as they (and we) negotiate all the challenges that this year has in store for them (and us).

God Bless! Fr. Bob

**GARAGE SALE (2nd-3rd Feb)~** Looking for set up volunteers next Tuesday from 11am and on Friday. Hope you can help for any day/time. - it's a really big job! Also help needed for weekend to sell items (list on notice board) Please contact Marilyn 0414536601 for any questions or contributions. Thank you for your generosity.

**Coming Events for the Plenary Council 2020**

Final Parish Forum: Topics:

1. Clericalism and Lay Pastoral Ministry
2. The Church as a welcoming Community

When: After Mass at 11.00am on Sunday, 17th February.

Where: Parish Hall

Public Forum: Topic: What is Your Experience of the Catholic Church Today?

When: 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm, Sunday 24th February

Where: Mavis Wood Hall Mid-Mountains Centre (3-7 new Street, Lawson)

This Public Forum is hosted by the Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council. Please put this date in your diary, and come and listen to what our fellow Blue Mountain neighbours have to say.



**JAN ROBERTS FUNERAL ~** We will be providing the flowers for Jan's funeral on Wednesday January 30. Her favourite flower colours were yellow and white. If you have any you could contribute please let Christa or David Buckley know this morning at Mass. Let's give her a beautiful send off, with all our love.



**COFFEE CAPERS** will start off the New Year with a new venue –

Ben Roberts Cafe 10 Benang Street, Lawson (behind the pub) on Wednesday 6 February. Meet at 12noon.

Call Elizabeth on 47875537 to RSVP and or arrange a lift. ALL WELCOME



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**

30th January Jeremy Lillis



**IN MEMORY**

28th Jean Walsh

31st Trevor Drummond (father of Pat)



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

The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 will take place 15 January to 1 February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember to pray for the pilgrims. Follow the pilgrim's progress online at [parrawyd.org](http://parrawyd.org)

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains: will be celebrating a special Spanish Mass on Sunday 10 February. The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments.

All welcome.