

TODAY
 Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11
 Lk 5:1-11

Psalm Response: In the sight of the angels,
 Lord, I will sing your praises

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia ! Come
 follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you
 fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Servers
 10 Feb Pat Wicks
 17 Feb Grahame Adams

Readers
 10 Feb 1st Reader Claire Maguire
 2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp
 Intercessions David Buckley
 17 Feb 1st Reader Elaine Jackson
 2nd Reader Basil Jackson
 Intercessions Patricia Dee

Communion
 10 Feb Paul Harris & Ray Wood
 17 Feb Mary Roberts & Pat Wicks

Counters
 10 Feb Marilyn Rowe
 17 Feb Laurie Noyes

Morning Tea
 10 Feb Monica Bright
 17 Feb Pamela Scott/Elizabeth Doolan

Church Care
 8 Feb Lance and Julie Hodgkinson

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

Entrance Ant: O come, let us worship God
 and bow low before the God who made us,
 for he is the Lord our God.
Communion Ant: Let them thank the Lord for his
 mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he
 satisfies the thirsty soul,

Saints Days of the Week (11th - 16th February)

11th	Our lady of Lourdes	
12th	St. Damian of Molokai	
13th	St. Catherine de Ricci	Dominican sister
14th	Sts. Cyril and Methodius	Slavic brothers
15th	St. Faustinus and Jovita	brother and martyrs
16th	St. Juliana of Cumae	Italian martyr




**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
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 10.2.19**

*By relating the story of the
 sinful Peter being called by
 Jesus, Luke reassures the com-
 munity that as long as anyone
 is able to leave behind the
 destructiveness of their previ-
 ous life they can, with guid-
 ance, become a disciple of
 Jesus.*

*May we pray in this Eucharist
 for the humility in the Church
 to accept that God can turn
 our judgments, laws, customs,
 protocols and management
 strategies upside down and
 sometimes bring forward,
 from the most unexpected
 quarters, leaders who show us
 new dimensions to God's pow-
 er shining through our human
 weakness... © Richard Leonard
 SJ.*

Next Week:
 Jer 17:5-8 ; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
 Lk 6:17. 20-26

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sac-
 risty, which contains a few
 books and toys, is available for
 parents when young children
 are restless. We hope this
 makes it a little easier for you
 and your littlies.

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

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

Website: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>
 www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Community-Blackheath-NSW-Australia-153850768029631/

MONSTER GARAGE SALE REVIEW: Now over, last weekend's two-day Sale netted our parish the amazing sum of \$6, 122.00, compared to last year's \$4,519.55 – a remarkable result by any standard! Given the relatively few large items for sale this year, we (maybe?) expected about \$4,000+ this time. How wrong we were! With Saturday's weather very wet, the concern was that this was going to be a difficult year moneywise. Sunday's weather, however, was great – and the cash kept on rolling in! Only once before in the years I have been here, have we managed to sell more (2017: \$6,294.23). Given the special nature of our stock that year, we have performed way better than expected this year! Mind you, collection of saleable stock has been going on for more than six months, with a huge acceleration in that work after Christmas. The Marilyn/Paul combo actually visited a number of homes and other places to physically manhandle stock into their trailer, to be unloaded at the parish hall by the same duo plus others. Too, we have learnt a lot about conducting this event from past years with detailed planning occupying much time and effort over the last few months – especially by Marilyn with support from her volunteer 'team'. This parish survives through the efforts of its volunteers, and never has this been more evident than on this occasion with so many parishioners and visitors also tending to the plethora of needs/wants of so many happy customers. People like me! I am a sucker for this sort of thing! Can't help myself! How about you? Ah, well! All in a good cause! They say that 'job satisfaction' is at its best when great work is supported by even greater results – like now! Huge thanks to everyone involved in every facet of this year's Monster Garage Sale. Well done, indeed! PS. Didn't we give the sausage sandwiches a workout! Finally on this subject! Disposal of leftover stock is always a problem. Not so this year as most of the surplus books will end up in the Sudan; some larger items were sold through eBay, the Blacktown Sudanese community filled a van to the brim, and unsaleable 'things' were collected by the Council garbage collectors. Good job, well done everyone!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year's ecumenical World Day of Prayer is to be hosted by us, the Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath. This early advice is given because of the recent death of Jan Roberts our long-term Catholic co-ordinator over many years. We urgently need a replacement volunteer co-ordinator from among our parishioners to undertake the task of organising this year's afternoon of prayer on Friday, 1st March from about 2.00pm – 3.00pm here at Sacred Heart. Light refreshments are to be provided by us and the other Christian Denominations under our guidance. Please contact me should you be able to assist on this occasion. Otherwise, if no one is interested, we could well have to postpone our involvement in this World Day of Prayer to another year.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Last Friday (8/2) was the Feast Day of a lesser-known great saint, Saint Josephine Bakhita, who was enslaved in her childhood, passed through a number of brutal owners over many years, was eventually freed, joined a religious order in which she lived a saintly life and died in 1947 at 79 years. Saint Josephine was canonised in 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II. This was the fifth International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking undertaken by the Church. Pope Francis considers this to be a global phenomenon in which millions of people today, children, women, men of all ages are deprived of freedom and forced to live in conditions akin to slavery. He considers this problem to be beyond the competence of any community or nation to resolve, hence this mobilization of awareness and prayer on a world scale by the Church. This anti-slavery feast should not be confused with the World Day of Prayer that dates back over 93 years with its origins in the USA (see full details above). **God Bless! Fr. Bob**

✠Rest In Peace✠

10th Frank Farsaci 15th Sarah Frazer (2012) 16th Gladys Gronlund & Nancy Etccl

CATHOLIC CARE SUPPORT

Next Sunday Celia Vagg from Catholic Care Springwood will speak briefly at the end of Mass about their important work in the Blue Mtns. Catholic Care is supported by your donations to the Catholic Foundation (formerly DWF). Our next appeal is on Sunday 24 February (Saturday 2 March at Mt Vic).

Coming Events for the Plenary Council 2020

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

For the smooth running of this forum, we require volunteers for the following :

- Set up Morning Tea in the hall
- Prepare the hall - chairs, tables, banner, Unlock/lock toilets etc
- Photocopy handouts
- Set up a prayer focus/Lead Prayer

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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

11th Kenya Burke
14th Betty Zeman (b 1927)
16th Monica Bright



Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Barry & Madeleine Bowden, John and Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank Mackrell, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Pat Fraser, Cecil Forbes

Happy Anniversary to Peter & Kate Grbanac for 17th February

Walking With Refugees and People Seeking Protection

A Community Conversation with Refugees. *Where:* Springwood Presbyterian Church, 160 Macquarie Rd Springwood. *When:* either at 4.00pm Sat Feb 23 or 1:30pm Feb 24. RSVP to www.tiny.cc/swood or 4751 4956. Afternoon tea provided. Hear personal stories from a refugee and an asylum seeker. Questions answered by an expert working in the field.

PAT DRUMMOND "BALANCING THE BOOK OF BALANCE"



Our parish is indeed pleased to host our own Pat Drummond in a special concert to be held in our Parish Hall. Pat is holding this concert to assist our Parish

Ministries and financial commitments for 2019. Pat's style is a cross between songwriting and journalism. His well documented songs about real people & places are drawn from interviews gathered on his tours around Australia & present a composite picture of our country and her people.

When? Saturday 30th March 2019

Time? From 7.00pm

Tickets will be \$10.00 which includes a night of fantastic music, with tea/coffee and cake. More information to follow.

Cosmology Spirituality Morning

Will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday 15th February 10 am till noon. The Epilogue of *A New Harmony* by Philip Newell will be our subject for discussion. The new book *The Way of the Wind* [\$30] and Jacinta's new book *"Savouring the Beauty of Creation"* [\$10] are available. Morning Prayer as well as morning tea will be part of the program. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290