

**TODAY**  
 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 ; 1 Cor 15:45-49  
 Lk 6:27-38

**Psalm Response:** "The Lord is kind and merciful"

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Servers**  
 24 Feb Ray Wood  
 3 Mar Paul Harris

**Readers**  
 24 Feb 1st Reader David Buckley  
 2nd Reader Christa Buckley  
 Intercessions John Woodward  
 3 Mar 1st Reader Breda Seamons  
 2nd reader Claire Maguire  
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**  
 24 Feb Diane Stewart & Carla Endean  
 3 Mar Brian & Monica Bright

**Counters**  
 24 Feb Carla & Neil Endean  
 3 Mar Julie & Lance Hodginson

**Morning Tea**  
 24 Feb George Commens  
 3 Mar Christine Burke

**Church Care**  
 22 Feb Phil and Pat Wicks

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

**Entrance Ant:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Communion Ant:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

**Saints Days of the Week (25th February - 2nd March)**

25	St. Ananias II	Patron of St Paul, martyr
26	St. Isabel of France	fountress
27	St. Bernard	martyr
28	St. Hilary	Pope
1	St. David	Patron saint of Wales
2	St. Agnes of Bohemia	virgin, abbess




**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
 24.2.19**

*The radical teaching of the beatitudes and woes is continued in this week's challenge to be forgiving, compassionate and generous in the same way that God expresses abundant love. Who would be surprised if you were to express hatred for someone who hates you or treats you badly? But Jesus tells his disciples to love their enemies and to do good to those who hate them. His instruction is contrary to the 'normal' way of doing things – and that's exactly the message Jesus wanted to convey! Rather than a spiteful, vengeful God who keeps score and punishes wrongdoing, Jesus presents a compelling image of a God of unbounded compassion and abundant generosity.*  
 Greg Sunter

**Next Week:**  
 Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58;  
 Lk 6:39-45

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, 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.*

<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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### CATHOLIC FOUNDATION (Old DWF) - BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Today we once again are invited to contribute to the Parramatta Diocesan Fund-raising effort for the charitable work of our Diocese, in which all parishes are participating. Titled the Bishop's Lenten Appeal for 2019, I draw your attention to last Sunday's short address (supported by 'slides') by Celia Vagg, Springwood office manager for the Parramatta Diocese Catholic Support Service. We heard first hand of the urgent need for our financial support of many who live within our Blue Mountains region. Other charitable works funded by these collections include our catechist programme and the Holy Spirit Seminary which trains our priests. Please note that I am a product of that Seminary! The Ephpheta Specialist Centre that supports those who are hard-of-hearing or deaf also enjoys a substantial financial benefit from this Foundation. The Ephpheta Centre is in fact the main beneficiary of this Lenten Appeal.

Your contribution may be placed in the Appeal envelopes on the pews in front of you, which can then be placed on either the first or second collection plate. All donations \$2 or more are tax deductible subject to you completing the required information detailed on the envelope provided. Should you require additional information, please contact either John Tweedie or myself. Once again, many thanks for your support on this occasion!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** - Following on from last week's comments, I now have much pleasure in announcing that Dianne Stewart has taken on the onerous task of organising this year's World Day of Prayer, which commemoration in this Blackheath District is to be hosted by us on Friday, 1st March 2019 from 1.30pm in our Blackheath church with afternoon tea to follow in the parish hall. Dianne and her "team" that includes some support from other Christian churches is already well-advanced in its planning for this major ecumenical event. We do, however, need your support in two ways – your presence during the prayer service, and a 'plate' of goodies for the afternoon tea. Please help, and make this year's World Day of Prayer a significant tribute to the memory of Jan Roberts and Jenny Jones from the Uniting Church, both of whom gave many years of faithful service until death recently intervened

**LENT:** Its been a long time coming this year, but finally, Lent is in the offing! Next Sunday (3rd March) is when we celebrate 'Pancake Sunday', not Pancake Tuesday as occurs in most other parishes. This event is also the launching pad for the 2019 Project Compassion Appeal that then continues throughout Lent and concludes prior to Easter Sunday. As with just about everything we do in this parish, volunteer helpers are needed to bring along lots of pancake mix next Sunday, and then to help cook and serve the hot pancakes. We always need new volunteers to 'give it a go!' Interested? It really is a fun morning and a good fund-raiser for Project Compassion! If able to participate, please see me after Mass today!

Incidentally, Ash Wednesday falls on 6th March, Palm Sunday on 14th April and Easter Sunday on 21st April. Daylight Saving ends on Sunday morning the 7th April at 2.00am which then becomes 3.00am.

**UNUSUAL BURIAL:** Long-time residents of this parish would be interested to know that, finally, the late Mary Forster's ashes were laid to rest with husband Peter's remains in Blackheath Cemetery last Wednesday in a short family service. Mary was 93 years of age when she passed away in 2015. A plaque identifies her presence in this, her family plot after a long life of distinguished service to our parish community. Rest-in-peace, Mary!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

Caritas Pancake Morning ~ In the hall after mass on Sunday 3rd March, join us for a pancake or two, to start our Lenten fundraising . for Caritas. If you would like to help with this event, please contact David Buckley or Brian Bright (0401 768 688).

### Coming Events for the Plenary Council 2020

#### 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)



### BALANCING THE BOOKS WITH BALLADS

Pat Drummond is holding a one night only concert on 30th March 2019 at the Sacred Heart Hall, 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.



From 7.00pm, Pat will take us on a journey of his well documented songs about real people and places, drawn from interviews gathered on his erratic tours across Australia and present a composite picture of our country and her people. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available after Mass today or at the Parish Office (Wed-Fri. phone 4787 8540) . Tea/Coffee and cakes are included. Get in early for your tickets for a great evening. Pat is holding this concert to assist our Parish ministries and financial commitments for 2019.

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

### Benedictine Spirituality Morning

The next Benedictine Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday March 1st from 10 am till noon. New friends are very welcome. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

### 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](http://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.

**EARTH MINISTRY PROJECT** ~ Sister Louise McKeogh and ecologist Sue Martin launched the Earth Ministry Project through the Social Justice Office for our diocese. The aims of this ministry are to foster our capacity as families and faith communities to live Laudato Si and to promote and seek ways to witness and care for creation. Sue Martin will be speaking to us briefly at the end of Mass about this project on Sunday March 3 then in the hall from 11am for further input and discussion for those interested to know more and be involved. Contact person: Julie O'Keeffe

### ✠Rest In Peace✠

26th Rita Jenner (2017)  
27th Ken Kirkham (2017)  
28th Anthony Gilchrist (2015)

### WHAT IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER?

*World Day of Prayer is a world wide ecumenical movement which observes a common day of prayer each year. It is a movement symbolised by an annual day of celebration to which all people are welcome.*

*It brings together people of various races, cultures and faith traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action. World Day of Prayer, affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. Worldwide participation has become a bond of unity among people from all faith communities.*