

TODAY
Jer 1:4-5. 17-19 ; 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13
Lk 4:21-30

Psalm Response: "I will sing of your salvation, O my God."

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

Servers
3 Feb Michelle Davis
10 Feb Pat Wicks

Readers
3 Feb 1st Reader Breda Seamons
2nd Reader Barbara Grieves
Intercessions John Woodward
10 Feb 1st Reader Claire Maguire
2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp
Intercessions David Buckley

Communion
3 Feb Elizabeth Doolan & Grahame Adams
10 Feb Paul Harris & Ray Wood

Counters
3 Feb Barbara Grieves
10 Feb Marilyn Rowe

Morning Tea
3 Feb Christine O'Grady
10 Feb Monica Bright

Church Care
8 Feb Lance and Julie Hodgkinson

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

Entrance Ant: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
Communion Ant: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Feast Days of the Week (3rd - 10th)

4th	St. Andrew Corsini	Carmelite miracle worker
5th	St Agatha	virgin, martyr
6th	St Paul Miki and Companions	Japanese martyrs
7th	St. Julian of Bologna	holy woman of Bologna
8th	St. Josephine Bakhita	Patron saint of Sudan
9th	St. Cronan the Wise	Irish bishop

saints



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 3.2.19

From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles.

On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'. Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death..© Richard Leonard SJ.

Next Week:
Is 6:1-8 ; 1 Cor 15:1-11 :

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.

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
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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/

GARAGE SALE: Talk about being 'flat-out'! January has once again been a month of non-stop pressure for those involved in acquiring, sorting and displaying the vast quantity of donated merchandise given so freely to us in this our major fundraising activity for 2019. Both the parish hall and the adjoining committee room have been reserved for this purpose since the office reopened on 16th January. As a result, much of the stock received for sale has already been sorted and displayed. However, so much more needs to be done in these last couple of days before the sale actually starts on Saturday next (yesterday to you, as I am penning this Bulletin copy on Wednesday 30th January, a few days ago!). That sounds very confusing to me, and I wrote it! Hope you understand what I am trying to say! So many people have contributed to the conduct of this Sale that it would be impossible for me to thank each person separately – the donors, the carriers, the many volunteers including stock movers, cooks, salespersons, money counters and co-ordinators so ably led by Marilyn Rowe (plus Paul) and her experienced "team". Please accept my personal thanks and that of all parishioners for your superb effort! At this time of writing (Wednesday last) I have little idea as to how we will fare this time around. However, past history tells me that this should be another success story for the parish and us. By the time you read this report, we should have a better idea as to how the fund-raising is progressing. Following today's Mass, there will be one last chance for you to acquire another bargain at a near 'give-away' price. Best not to pass up this last opportunity! Finally, if you want a 'cuppa', it's waiting for you in the hall!

SCHOOL'S BACK: While teachers returned to work last Tuesday and students (by-and-large) began their first term on Wednesday, only our catechists have yet to commence their 2019 programme. They also are gearing up for another year of dedicated service to God and students, ensuring that the spiritual education of our Catholic youth keeps pace with the ever-increasing demands of a hectic, largely secular life in which our Lord features very little, if at all. Our Catechist co-ordinator, Claire Maguire, URGENTLY needs either trained SRE's (religious education teachers) OR unskilled volunteers to be trained into that role by this parish and the Parramatta Diocese – I might add at our financial cost, not yours! So should you have a spare hour or two of a Thursday morning when schools are 'in', and if you want to find out more about this most satisfying and fulfilling work involving our children, please contact Claire at your early convenience on 4787 7635. The need for religious education, particularly these days in our community is critical for the survival of our faith in our precious children who are able to attend only public primary schools of which there are three in this parish – Blackheath, Megalong Valley, Mt. Victoria. Hope you are able to help out in this most rewarding vocation!

JAN ROBERTS' FUNERAL: Both our flower and music groups excelled themselves in their respective presentation of the Blackheath Church and the funeral service itself last Wednesday. A full church of family, relatives and so many groups of friends came to bid a final farewell to a much loved Jan after a lifetime of service to both God and community throughout her long life. I like to think that Barry and Jan are at last able to be reunited forever in God's eternal home. May God also bring comfort and support to all left behind as we painfully adjust to their physical absence from us. RIP Jan & Barry!

AUSTRALIA DAY PICNIC: What a non-event that was! The rain bucketed down on Sunday evening and early on Monday morning – over 20mm of rain fell, that's almost one inch. Mt. Victoria Park became a very soggy place in which to be, let alone to have a picnic there. Hence my cancellation of the picnic early on Monday morning. Sorry about that! We did, however, retain the 9.30am Mass at Blackheath. Let's do better next year! God Bless! Fr. Bob

Thank you from Jan's family: My sisters and I would like express our sincere thanks for the love and support shown to our family by Father Bob, Father Paul and the Parish Community with the passing of our Mother. We would like to thank those who contributed to the amazing flower display, led by David and Christa Buckley and all those who attended and participated in the Mass, especially Joe Blansjaar and Diana Landsberg, whose beautiful hymns always brought such joy to Mum. The Sacred Heart Parish was an important part in Mum and Dad's transition to Mountain Life more than 20 years ago. They found joy and friendship in serving the Parish Community and a place to call to home, which we and our families have also grown to love. Again, we sincerely thank you. *Alison, Justine and Catherine ("the Roberts Girls")*

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

For the smooth running of this forum, we will also require volunteers for the following jobs:
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)
This Public Forum is hosted by the Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council.

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.

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



The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 took place 15 January to 1 February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta had 171 pilgrims attending. Their progress can be viewed online at parrawyd.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

8th Joe Landsberg (b 1938)
8th Freya McNair



Happy Anniversary
9th Joe and Diana Landsberg (m 1963)

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.