

TODAY
 Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5;
 Jn 13:31-35

Psalm Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

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

Servers
 19 May Paul Harris
 26 May Michelle Davis

Readers
 19 May 1st Reader Christa Buckley
 2nd reader David Buckley
 Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks
 26 May 1st Reader Breda Seamons
 2nd Reader Barbara Grieves
 Welcome/Intercessions Patricia Dee

Communion
 19 May Mary Roberts & Carla Endean
 26 May Elizabeth Doolan & Grahame Adams

Counters
 19 May Marilyn Rowe
 26 May Laurie Noyes

Morning Tea
 19 May Monica Bright
 26 May Christine Burke

Church Care
 31 May Cathy and Jim McNamara

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

Entrance Ant: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
Communion Ant: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Saints Days of the Week (19 May - 25 May)
 20 May St. Bernardine of Siena preacher
 21 May St. Cristobal Magallanes Jara martyr
 22 May St. Rita of Cascia nun,
 patron of hopeless causes
 23 May St. David I of Scotland generous & holy
 24 May OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
 25 May Venerable Bede priest, doctor



**Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Year C 19.5.19**

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. It is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. © Richard Leonard

Next Week:
 Acts 15:1-2. 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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 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/

SOME IMPORTANT FEASTS AHEAD: Each week in this Bulletin, we list a range of feast days of a large number of saints from every era in the New Testament, plus a relative few from the Old Testament as well! Do you ever glance at them, or do you just pass them by? The reason I am asking this question today has to do with the second half of May (Mary's month) (would you believe that May is half spent already - ouch!), in which we particularly honour Mary through two of her many important feasts. The first of these occurs towards the end of this coming week, Friday 24th May, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians – a Solemnity Feast for us in Australia. In her capacity as Help of Christians, Mary is one of our national patron saints. Therefore, it would be wonderful to have extra parishioners share in the 9.00am Mass next Friday morning to honour Mary as our help!

The second feast occurs the following Friday, the last day of May (31st May), when we celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary those 150 kms to her cousin Elizabeth who lived in 'Ain Karem' while in the early stages of pregnancy. That, too, is an important feast day for us to make an extra effort to attend the 9.00am Mass that morning. What a great way that would be to farewell Mary's month!

FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT: Once again, next Thursday (23rd May) is the fourth and final day of retreat for those who will have participated in the last four consecutive Thursdays to complete this course. The time, as usual will be from 1.15 – 2.30pm. For those who attended, I certainly hope that you found this retreat to be beneficial to you and your spirituality along with the friends you made during the course of the retreat. We also thank everyone involved for organising and conducting this 'free' course for all who attended! We particularly thank Fr. Paul Slyney who arranged these whole-of-mountains retreats, also the Nigerian priest who conducted the course for us ably assisted by a Blue Mountains local lady (whose name I don't know!) who helped guide the course so successfully to its happy end. Many thanks to all!

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE: Early this month I was asked by a local parishioner to include in this Bulletin details of a Novena that some other parishioners may find useful, particularly in a crisis. The Novena is conducted over nine (9) consecutive days:

“O holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles

Near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke you,

Special patron in time of need,

To you I have recourse from the bottom of my heart

To help me now in my present and urgent need

And grant my petition (state the need!).”

Then say 3 Our Fathers; 3 Hail Mary's; 3 Gloria's.

In return promise to make St. Jude's name more generally known.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Another reminder that we have available each week copies of this Catholic newspaper which contains information and material of benefit to every Catholic. If you want the truth about our Catholic way-of-life, and the issues that arise for us, then this is the place to come, to consult and be informed. The cost - only \$2.00 a copy – and that is really good value!

Finally, I apologise for there being no Mass this coming Wednesday (22nd May) as I have to attend a course at Parramatta Cathedral that day. God Bless! Fr. Bob

FASHIONS BY THE PEWS

Good quality items are being accepted for our next fundraiser.

We are endeavouring to have a fashion show with good quality new or pre loved clothing.

If you have such items please deliver them to the office or ring Marilyn or Patricia on 0414536601 for pick up. Please no shoes.



In Memory !

14th Dawn (Pauline Florence) Sheridan –

15th Ken Austin (d 2014)



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP ~ 25TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

~ The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th Anniversary Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by Mary Mackillop.

The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019.

Cost \$3,575-\$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand) Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please email

national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123 or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818

VINNIE'S FOOD BIN –

NOW AT MT VIC A Vinnie's Food Bin will be at Mt Vic on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of each month. This is additional to the food bin at Blackheath (just inside the door near the font). Contributions of **pasta, rice, noodles, cereal, beans, lentils, long-life milk, coffee, tea, milo, nut butters, baby food and canned goods including fish, fruit, soup, stews and baked beans** are most appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support of this vital donation to the local Blackheath Neighbourhood Centre. With the onset of the cooler weather these food items will be very much needed.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: *Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank Mackrell, Marie Johnson, Ron O'Brien, Trennah Portelli and Pat Frazer, John Tweedie*

PREPARE TO REACH BEYOND...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family!

Come for Global Mission Info: Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am Aquinas Academy 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks, SYDNEY

