

**TODAY**  
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23;  
Jn 14:23-29

**Psalm Response:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**  
26 May Michelle Davis  
2 June Ray Wood

**Readers**  
26 May 1st Reader Breda Seamons  
2nd Reader Barbara Grieves  
Welcome/Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2 June 1st reader Claire Maguire  
2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp  
Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**  
26 May Elizabeth Doolan & Grahame Adams  
2 June Paul Harris & Pat Wicks

**Counters**  
26 May Laurie Noyes  
2 June Pamela & John

**Morning Tea**  
26 May Christine Burke  
2 June George Commens

**Church Care**  
31 May Cathy and Jim McNamara


**St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley**  
**Entrance Ant:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.  
**Communion Ant:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia..

**Saints Days of the Week (27 May - 4 June)**  
27 May St. Frederick Bishop  
28 May St. Bernard of Montjoux patron of mountaineers  
29 May St. Julia Maria Ledóchowska Polish nun,  
30 May St. Luke Kirby English martyr  
31 May St. Thomas Du Vietnamese martyr  
1 June St Justin martyr



**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Year C 26.5.19**  
*As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid. © Richard Leonard*

**Next Week:**  
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23;  
Lk 24:46-53

**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.*

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| <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>5.00pm</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)

**Website:** <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>  
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**VIGIL MASS TIMES, ST. PAUL'S MT. VICTORIA:** Following discussions which have casually taken place this past month in relation to the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Mt. Victoria, including a plebiscite of those present at one of the Masses, a decision has been taken to bring forward to 5.00pm (from 6.00pm) the starting time for the three June Masses to be celebrated at that church (1-15-29/6). In winter, and without daylight saving, darkness descends ever earlier with the result that most people are left feeling very uncomfortable from the dark and the cold come the end of Mass and their journey home (or wherever!). Hence this experiment via the three June Masses to see whether the earlier starting time improves the comfort of those attending the 5.00pm Mass. Whatever the progressive result, this 'test' will run its full course of the three June Vigil Masses, with a full review by those most affected to take place at the conclusion of Mass on 29th June. Should the change prove successful, then perhaps the new times could be made permanent until daylight saving once again intrudes at the beginning of October. So let's see what happens? You will note that the Mt. Victoria Mass time on the cover of this Bulletin has been adjusted to the new starting time of 5.00pm, also a special notice has been placed on our main Blackheath noticeboard, and suitable adjustments made to the main sign at Mt. Victoria only. In addition, a special notice is also separately on display at Mt. Vic.

**JUNE & "THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS":** Just as May is the month of Mary, June is the month of the "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus" whose actual feast this year occurs on Friday, 28th June when Mass will be celebrated at the normal time of 9.00am, followed by the rosary and exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is our Patronal Feast – a very important occasion for the parish. The whole experience should take about one hour. Because of the importance of this occasion to our parish, we will also be celebrating this special Solemnity Feast at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 30th June. I will repeat this message in the Bulletin the week before this great Feast!

Throughout this month we reflect on Jesus' Most Sacred Heart, on his limitless benevolence towards us and our complete devotion to God through his Son. In this, we need always to remember that our God is kinder than we are. We are not written-off by God when we fail him – as tax-gatherers and other unacceptable people were by the so-called religious elite of Jesus' time. 'Save yourself and us' one of the other crucified men said to Jesus who was in the same plight – and Jesus did! We also acknowledge that Jesus, our 'Good Shepherd', again and again gives of himself for his erring flock (us!), so that we feel secure in God because of our Saviour AND His Most Sacred Heart. Jesus' departure from us looked to be a terrible disaster, yet we now recognise it as our central religious event, along with his Resurrection! Our responsive love for Jesus is best expressed by us in the way we care for our more needy brothers and sisters as they journey through the pains of this life because, ultimately, we live/survive through Jesus' most loving, most saving, Most Sacred Heart!

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION:** Next weekend we have an opportunity to financially support the education, formation and accommodation of the young men preparing for the priesthood at the Good Shepherd Seminary. So, please, give what you can! Envelopes will be found in the pews at that time for your convenience. Just for the record: we are indeed a very generous people in this parish, evidence this year's major Lenten/Easter fundraiser – Caritas' Project Compassion. The amount raised by us has just been declared at \$1,301.00 (\$1,060.55 last year). A very humble 'thank you' on behalf of all those helped by you in this way!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

**PENTECOST RETREAT - " Moved by the Spirit."**

Please join us as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit with a one-day semi-silent retreat. Sunday 9th June 2019 (9.30am-4pm). Cost \$50 inclusive of meals. Venue: The Centre 14 Francis St, Randwick. All ages welcome.

Contact Verbum Dei Missionaries at [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com) or phone us on 9341 5848.

**FASHIONS BY THE PEWS**

*Good quality items are being accepted for our next fundraiser to be held in the church hall on 15th June and after Mass on 16th June. Our fashion parade will showcase good quality new or pre loved clothing. If you have such items please deliver them to the office or ring Marilyn 0414 536601 or Patricia at the office*



**COFFEE CAPERS for JUNE:**

On Wednesday 5th June Coffee Capers is visiting the Blue Mountains Chocolate Company, for CHOCOLATE TASTING, COFFEE & CAKE. MEET at 176 Lurline St., Katoomba at 11am. RSVP Elizabeth Doolan ph. 47875537



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

**In Memory !**

- 26th Thea Ellis
- 27th Rosemary Davis
- 29th John Pye MSC
- 30th Geoff Cliff

On 12.5.19 Len Forbes, husband of Phyllis, both formerly of this parish, died.



**Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection**

**PRESENTS**

A Pentecost retreat day.  
Rest and Inspiration for the journey.  
Join Bishop Vincent as we reflect and share.

Saturday 8th June  
9:00am - 4.00pm  
Mount Schoenstatt Fairlight Rd Mulgoa

Registration essential.  
Call or email; 8838 3460

**Happy Anniversary!**

31<sup>st</sup> Diane and Murray Stewart



**BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERDS**

**APPEAL** Next weekend - 1 and 2 June  
When God calls, will you help them answer? The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men as future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal. Envelopes will be available on the pews next Sunday (Saturday at Mt Vic). Donations greater than \$2 are tax deductible. You can also donate on-line at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

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