

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

**Psalm Response:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**  
 2 June Ray Wood  
 9 June Diane Stewart

**Readers**  
 2 June 1st reader Claire Maguire  
 2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp  
 Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
 9 June 1st reader David Buckley  
 2nd reader Christa Buckley  
 Welcome/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp

**Communion**  
 2 June Paul Harris & Pat Wicks  
 9 June Mary Roberts & Pat Wicks

**Counters**  
 2 June Pamela & John  
 9 June Carla & Neil Endean

**Morning Tea**  
 2 June George Commens  
 9 June Sue Newbury

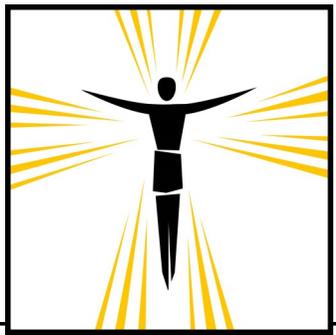
**Church Care**  
 14 Jun Marilyn Rowe and Noeleen Cliff

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

**Entrance Ant:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**Communion Ant:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

**Saints Days of the Week (3 June - 8 June)**  
 3 Jun Charles Lwanga & companions martyrs  
 4 Jun St. Walter Benedictine abbot  
 5 Jun St Biniface bishop, martyr  
 6 Jun St. Marcellin Champagnat founder of the Marist Brothers  
 7 Jun Robert Of Newminster, Cistercian abbot  
 8 Jun St Willian of York Archbishop



**Ascension of the Lord  
 Year C 26.19**

*Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full. The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer. © Richard Leonard*

**Next Week:**  
 Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 ;  
 Jn 20:19-23

**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

# 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>5.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>5.00pm</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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**ASCENSION SUNDAY:** Today we celebrate the second of the three major feasts that together make up the Easter Season. First, of course, is Easter Sunday and Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. On this day (now) we celebrate Christ's return to his Father in heaven via the Feast we call the Ascension – it being the Sunday following the original Feast of Ascension Thursday, the actual 40th day following Easter Sunday. Last of all is the Feast of Pentecost when we celebrate the descent of the Paraclete (the Most Holy Spirit, third Person of the Divine Trinity that is God) to be our Advocate, and to take Jesus' place among all people in every generation. That Feast is celebrated next Sunday. Tradition sort of tells us that Jesus' Ascension took place in the same Garden of Gethsemane where he had just a few weeks earlier suffered the beginning of the trauma that was his Passion and death. However, Luke's version of this event would have us believe that Jesus ascended into heaven from Bethany, a village then located about 3kms from Jerusalem. So! Take your pick!

With Jesus on this occasion were those closest to him, to bear witness to his physical departure from us for his journey home – to heaven – from whence he had originally come to us. We perhaps also need to be reminded that it was Jesus in his human life who took on board every sin ever committed by us in every generation (past, present, future), and through his life, passion, crucifixion and death he expiated our sins and thus reopened the gates of heaven to all of us – gates that had been closed from the time of Adam/Eve until Jesus' Resurrection. That is a debt you and I can never ever repay! Remember, too, that it is Jesus our Saviour and King who, at his second coming will adjudicate on the life we each have lived here when this world reaches its end!

**VIGIL MASS TIMES, ST. JOSEPH'S MEGALONG VALLEY:** Having spoken to the Megalong community last Saturday before and after Mass in the valley, they want to be included in the winter 5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass experiment presently being undertaken at Mt. Victoria. I agree! So! Both June Masses – 8th June; 22nd June – will commence at 5.00pm, thus bringing into line both satellite churches as regards their starting times of a Saturday evening. You will note that the Bulletin times have been adjusted to a 5.00pm start, also the Blackheath noticeboard and the exterior sign at St. Joseph's in the Valley! The Mt. Victoria review at the end of June will now also include Megalong Valley!

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION:** As foreshadowed over the last couple of weeks, today we have yet another opportunity to financially support the education, formation and accommodation of the young men preparing for the priesthood at our Diocesan Seminary. Please, give what you can! Envelopes for this purpose are suitably placed on every pew for your convenience. Every Catholic benefits from the ongoing work of our seminary including us in this parish as I too am one who has graduated from that facility.

**LONG WEEKEND:** Next Sunday is not only the great Feast of Pentecost, it is also the Queen's Birthday long weekend in which Monday (10/6) is a public holiday. Enjoy the extra day's break! Travel safely in the company of, and surrounded by those nearest and dearest to you!

**FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES** (a last word): Although the last meeting of this retreat was held Saturday week past (25/5) at Lawson, we note that about 65 persons were in attendance for that farewell meeting. What a great tribute to all involved, including the organisers, facilitator and the participants. Thank you to everyone involved!  
God Bless! Fr. Bob

**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 for pick up. Please no shoes.*



**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. PARKING ON STREET or AT REAR OF BUILDING. RSVP Elizabeth Doolan



**In Memory !**

7th Mignon Spessot  
8th Leonard Kirkham



**Happy Birthday !**



3rd Carol Drummond

**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  
email [lmckeogh@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmckeogh@parracatholic.org)

**WORKING BEE WEDNESDAY 5 June 8am**  
Our next working bee is on Wednesday morning 5 June from 8am. Come and work with our maintenance team and help maintain our beautiful grounds. Please bring garden gloves. Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for



**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** You are invited to join Upper Mountains Parish in celebrating the feast of Corpus Christi Sunday 23 June. The procession begins at 9am at St. Canice's Church Katoomba followed by the regular Sunday 10am Mass. All welcome.

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, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz and John Tweedie*

**MISS PRETTYS TEA ROOMS** will be open on Sunday 16th June after 9.30 Mass. This is a fundraiser for the Winter appeal for Vinnies. Please assist this event by making a cake for morning tea. A gold coin donation will get you a lovely morning tea and entrance to our Fashion by the Pews extravaganza, with apparel for sale and amazing prices. Please bring cakes before Mass on that day. Thanks for your support.

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