

TODAY

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24;
Lk 14:1. 7-14

Psalm Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

1 Sept Ray Wood
8 Sept Paul Harris

Readers

1 Sept	1st Reader	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reader	Breda Seamons
	Welcome/Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
8 Sept	1st Reader	Elaine Jackson
	2nd reader	Basil Jackson
	Welcome/Intercessions	Pat Wicks

Communion

1 Sept Pat Wicks & Michelle Davis
8 Sept Brian & Monica Bright

Counters

1 Sept Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
8 Sept Cate Mitchell

Morning Tea

1 Sept Pamela Nash
8 Sept Claire Maguire

Church Care

6 Sept Lance and Julie Hodgkinson

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

Entrance Ant: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Communion Ant: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Saints Days of the Week (2 Sept to 7 Sept)

2 Sept	Martyrs of September (French Revolution)
3 Sept	St Gregory the great pope, doctor
4 Sept	St. Hermione holy woman
5 Sept	St. Charbel Marinate martyr
6 Sept	St. Felix and Augebert martyred English men
7 Sept	St Regina martyr



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1/9/19

Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame.

We know this it is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

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Next Week:

Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

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)	5.00pm
Megalong Valley	Vigil Mass (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	5.00pm

Administrator: Father Bob Sheridan OAM **Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540

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Office hours: Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
Fri 11.30am - 2.30pm

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) or John Barclay (Deputy Chair)

Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) Monica Bright 0420 937 690

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/

FATHER'S DAY: Today is that one day each year when we take time out to formally recognise and show our appreciation for the unique person that our fathers are in our lives. Mostly, we just take their presence among us for granted, including all the odd jobs they do around the home. On this day, every family has the opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to our dads for the love and support they give us. God Bless our Dads - and we will, through this special Father's Day Blessing to be shared at the end of today's Mass!

Father's Day Blessing: *"Almighty and eternal God, your Fatherly tenderness never ceases to provide for our needs. We ask you to bestow on these fathers the riches of your grace to sanctify them and their families.*

May they be faithful to your Commandments, care for their loved ones, ennoble this world by their lives and reach the home you have prepared for them in heaven.

We ask you to Bless them + In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY: The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese via an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired & Sick Clergy, held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. Last year, through your generosity, we reached the target with donations totalling \$195,000 for which the Foundation sincerely thanks you. This year, the appeal in the Diocese will be held this weekend - August 31 - September 1.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will also be available next week for those who are not here this Father's Day weekend. If you wish, you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 01691 in the name of the CSF with reference to your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2020. Thank you for your generosity.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, 8th September, is Child Protection Sunday throughout the Australian Catholic Church and the wider community. The Sunday concludes Child Protection Week celebrated across this nation. As has become the custom each year, Child Protection Sunday and the preceding week provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. The work of safeguarding and protecting minors and other vulnerable people is ongoing and of the highest priority for the Diocese of Parramatta.

TWO SAD LOSSES - ON THE SAME DAY: Two weeks ago, on the 23rd August, in Nepean District Hospital this Catholic community lost two of its most precious senior members in unexpected fashion. While both were ill, their deaths left their families and friends surprised, distraught and deeply mourning their tragic departure from our loving community. Both funerals were held this past week here at Blackheath -

Barbara HODGKINSON (Lance Hodgkinson's mother and true "Blackheathen") was farewelled by her family and many friends at the funeral service held last Thursday; while

Barry BOWDEN (husband of Madeleine) also left a huge gap in her life, the lives of their large family and the huge number of friends who attended his Friday funeral Mass.

Please pray for the safe repose of both Barbara and Barry. May they Rest in Peace and their families, relatives and friends (including us) be comforted in these irreplaceable losses. Amen.

God Bless! Fr. Bob

LETTERS TO THE BISHOP ~ If you would like to write to the Bishop, the following details are the correct addresses:

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL

PO Box 3066,

North Parramatta NSW 1750

OR bishop@parracatholic.org

COFFEE CAPERS ~ Wednesday 4th September Lunch at the Red Poppy Room Katoomba RSL. 82-86 Lurline St., at 12 noon. RSL requires photo ID for entry. RSVP Elizabeth 47875537.

NEEDED, VOLUNTEERS. ~

We are having a HUGE Spring Sale of donated items on Saturday and Sunday Sept 7th and 8th. We will need helpers to set up on Friday Sept 6, and sell on Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th Sept. Please keep these dates free as we NEED your help. Thanks



SEASON OF CREATION ~ This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

The annual celebration of the Season of Creation begins today September 1, with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation established by Pope Francis, encouraging our Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The Creation Season ends on October 4, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. The focus for 2019 is The Web of Life, revealing the Glory of God through features of our wondrous planet including oceans, flora, fauna, storms and the cosmos. A handout on our Oceans will be available for private prayer and reflection during the first week of the Season of Creation.

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

PLENARY 2020 INFORMATION AND TRAININGS SESSIONS DISCERNMENT PHASE 2 ~ This sessions will invite us to develop local and diocesan initiatives through engaging with the plenary process.

for Mission . Saturday, 7 September - St Thomas Aquinas School Hall

Springwood (168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood) - 9 am to 12 Noon

** Light refreshments will be served**

EARTH MINISTRY RECYCLING PROJECT Don't Bin it.... Bring it to Mass at Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley on Saturdays and Sundays

- Used plastic toothbrushes (not electric) and empty tubes of toothpaste including lids
- Any writing implement made from plastic-biros, textas, highlighters, markers, plastic pencils etc



- Plastic bread bag tags
- Household batteries
- Printer cartridges
- Plastic picnic and take away disposable cutlery
- Light globes (any kind including fluoro globes and tubes)
- Used stamps
- Corks
- Front pictures of cards

Containers for the collection of each of the listed items will be available at the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

John & Marion Crowley, Ron O'Brien, Shiela Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz & Elizabeth Farrar's sister Mary Rose.

PLEASE COLLECT ~ Thanksgiving envelopes for 2019/2020 have arrived and are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish