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Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Psalm Response: Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the
Lord; no one comes to the Father, except
through me. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

25 Aug Grahame Adams
1 Sept Ray Wood

Readers

25 Aug	1st Reader	Brian Bright
	2nd Reader	Monica Bright
	Welcome/Intercessions	Pat Wicks
1 Sept	1st Reader	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reader	Breda Seamons
	Welcome/Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe

Communion

25 Aug Mary Roberts & Elizabeth Doolan
1 Sept Pat Wicks & Michelle Davis

Counters

25 Aug Pamela & John
1 Sept Julie & Lance Hodgkinson

Morning Tea

25 Aug Christine Burke
1 Sept Pamela Nash

Church Care

23Aug Marilyn Rowe & Noleen Cliff

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

Entrance Ant: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Ant: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Saints Days of the Week (19 Aug to 24 Aug)

26 Aug	St. Teresa of Jesus	Jornet Ibars
27Aug	St Monica	mother of St Augustine
28 Aug	St Augustine	bishop, doctor
29 Aug	The Passion of John the Baptist	
30 Aug	St. Rumon	Irish missionary
31 Aug	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Spanish cardinal



**21st SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME 25/8/19**

The Second Vatican Council reflected on the Church's experience of working side by side with religious people and secular humanists throughout the world who were as committed as we are to justice, love and freedom. It is God, not us, who does the saving and the judging. Christian salvation marks us out as people who know who we are following, where we are going, how we are getting there and why this world, and the next, matters to us. Salvation gives our lives meaning, direction and purpose. The way we live out this salvation should be irresistible to others. As the folk hymn sings, 'Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'
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Next Week:

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

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

Parish House: 4787 8811

Parish Mobile: 0417 355 479

E-mail: blackheath@parracatholic.org

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) 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/

FATHERS'DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED & SICK CLERGY 2019: The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy* is held on Fathers' Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this Appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we nearly reached the target with donations totalling \$195,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of 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 be available today for those who will not be here on the Fathers' 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. 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference to your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES: Today is the day each year when we particularly focus our attention towards the plight of migrants and refugees. As today is the 105th such day to be commemorated, we have to acknowledge that this problem of migrants and refugees is ongoing, and sadly will continue to be so! This year's theme which originates from Pope Francis insists that this year – "It is not just about migrants". How we welcome migrants and refugees affects all of us and helps to shape the sort of society we want to be. We cannot establish God's Kingdom here and now, but we can do more to make our homes, our local community, and our nation more welcoming to those who come to our shores. Living on an island nation continent, it is easy for us Australians simply to put out-of-mind those fleeing persecution, those who no longer have a place to call home.

Continuing to enjoy the fruits and benefits of secure and peaceful lives in our homes in the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, let's open our hearts and take some extra practical steps individually and collectively to provide a home for those who deserve more than the closed door of our fear and isolation. Remember, in the kingdom of God 'some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last'!

DIOCESAN AWARDS: In the words of Bishop Vincent, 'after a short hiatus', the Parramatta Diocese has re-introduced its annual awards system. As I have only just received this advice, I intend handing this matter over to our Parish Council for it to pursue. Should you know of anyone deserving of greater recognition because of their extra efforts for our parish over a long period, then sharpen your pencils to nominate them in the near future.

OUR HOUSE PHONE RETURNS: After considerable 'mucking about', thanks largely to the efforts of Marilyn Rowe, we have our 'old' house phone back as it originally was, a landline connection. The number is the same – 4787 8811. The Parish Mobile phone remains the same – 0417 355 479. Kindly note that the mobile is for general use too – not just emergencies! Check the Bulletin cover to confirm!

MY RETIREMENT (on-going): I spent quite some time with our vicar of priests last Tuesday to clarify aspects of my retirement, its effect for both this parish and me! I am led to believe that, unlike me, Sacred Heart Parish is to survive as a separate entity (same as now). That is good news! However, because I am due to depart half-way through the holiday period, perhaps my departure date may be delayed to the end of January 2020. We'll see? The rest of our time together was spent discussing my changing domestic situation, with more discussions to follow.

God Bless! Fr. Bob

LETTERS TO THE BISHOP ~ The Parish Council's letter to the Bishop, concerning Fr. Bob's news last week, will be discussed after next Sunday's Mass. 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

GO OUT INTO THE DEEP ~ BECOMING THE COMMUNITY CHRIST CALLS US TO BE "Do not be afraid to convey the Gospel in new ways and launch into the deep."

That was one of the messages Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, shared at the inaugural Diocesan Forum on Saturday 13 July. The forum called diocesan representatives to respond to the signs of the times as we listen to what the Spirit is saying through our own communities and through the Plenary Council process. View the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, reports from the forum data and images from the day here: www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Further opportunities will invite us all to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives coming out of the forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: 10 SEPTEMBER ~ Adult Confirmation for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 10 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7.30pm. A Catechesis Day for Adult Confirmation will be held on Saturday 31 August from 9.30am to 2pm. Any adult over 16 years wanting to be confirmed please contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org

Happy Anniversary!

28th Kate and Robert Forbes (m 1982)

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK & DYING

Ongoing formation Saturday 14th September 9:30AM – 2:00PM
INSTITUTE FOR MISSION
1–5 Marion St Blacktown
RSVP 10 September
REGISTER (02) 8838 3456 or annie.alimangohan@parracatholic.org
Morning tea and lunch provided

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



Please pray for Madeleine's husband, Barry Bowden who passed away at Nepean Hospital on 23rd August. RIP Barry

In Loving Memory

26th Wladyslaw Ziolkowski (d 2006 Marjanna Gilchrist's father)
28th Ian Maguire (d 2015 - husband of Claire)

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