

**TODAY**  
 Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;  
 Lk 12:13-21

**Psalm Response:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**  
 4 Aug Diane Stewart  
 11 Aug Ray Wood

**Readers**  
 4 Aug 1st Reader David Buckley  
 2nd Aug Christa Buckley  
 Welcome/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
 11 Aug 1st Reader Elaine Jackson  
 2nd Reader Basil Jackson  
 Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris

**Communion**  
 4 Aug Mary Roberts & Diane Stewart  
 11 Aug Pat Wicks & Carla Endean

**Counters**  
 4 Aug Barbara Grieves  
 11 Aug Marilyn Rowe

**Morning Tea**  
 4 Aug Christine O'Grady  
 11 Aug Pamela Scott/Elizabeth Doolan

**Church Care**  
 9 Aug Margaret Solomons & Cathy McNamara

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

**Entrance Ant:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Communion Ant:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**Saints Days of the Week (4 Aug - 10 Aug)**  
 4th St. John Baptist Vianney patron of parish clergy  
 5th St. John Baptist Vianney Dominican bishop  
 6th Transfiguration of the Lord  
 7th St Sixtus II pope, martyr  
 8th St mary of the Cross McKillop virgin  
 9th St Terea Benedicta of the Cross virgin  
 10th St Lawrence deacon, martyr



**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4/8/19**

*In his Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius Loyola says that pride, riches and power are the three most seductive and destructive temptations in the world. So many conflicts, and their continuance, can be traced to the interplay of this unholy trinity. Fr Pedro Arrupe inherited the office of leading the Jesuits four centuries after its founder St Ignatius Loyola died. He once said that, 'the celebration of the Eucharist is always incomplete while there is hunger in the world.' Let's pray at this Eucharist that we do not blunt the hard edge of the Gospel. Rather let us accept its power to convert our hearts and minds that we might meet its challenges in regard to bestowing dignity and sharing our possessions with those who have a just claim on them. © Richard Leonard SJ*

**Next Week:**  
 Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19;  
 Lk 12:32-48

**Please pray for the sick and their carers:**  
 Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Shiela Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz & Elizabeth Farrar's sister Mary Rose.

# 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>

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**E-mail:** blackheath@parracatholic.org **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); 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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**BACK TO 'NORMAL':** Didn't July come and go so quickly – at least for me it did! My weather both here and north of the border was spectacularly 'great'! I did, however, regularly check on how things were going here during that time – very, very cold and windy a lot of the time, or so it seemed from my sunny vantage point! Ah, well! All good things come to an end, so here I am back again where I belong for yet another year with you, my 'family'.

My birth family is also going great guns. A personal anecdote: Aunt is active, though physically slowing down a lot from last year. Mentally sharp as a tack! Still plays the 'pokies' and is looking forward to her 106th birthday at the end of November. The family bought her one of those four-wheeled motorised scooters (I think that's what they call them!) as you do for an older person! However, they had to mothball it because, no matter how hard they tried to teach her to operate it, aunt ran it with all the finesse of a kamikaze pilot – totally out-of-control! No one was safe, including herself, hence its present status!

I also noted that inland (Dubbo, Gilgandra, Narrabri, Moree, Boggabilla, Goondiwindi and the rest of North West NSW/South West Queensland) the effects of this prolonged drought are to be seen everywhere. They are actually freighting-in water to some places, including Walgett. All up that way really do need our prayers – NOW! So, come the end of today's Mass, let's all together pray:

"Dearest Creator God, provider of all our needs in this world, we humbly thank you for your compassion and generosity in providing everything we are and have, including the soil we till and the water we use to grow the food that enables us to survive in your magnificent created living world.

We know that without water neither human nor animal can survive, for nothing can grow in a waterless land such as we are experiencing at present. *Lord, we humbly implore you to intervene and bring to an end this catastrophic drought that is causing so much heartache and hardship, especially for so many of our country cousins. Please help us to assist them through your love for them and us and our prayers to you for them. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*"

As for me, I am well rested and rearing to go! Finally on this subject, I would be greatly remiss if I didn't abundantly thank Fr. Robert Anderson for his voluntary stoic mid-winter stint with you. And I thank each of you for looking after Fr. Robert so well during my absence. He must like you (and here), because he has already agreed to stand-in for me this time next year! How about that!

**THIS NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:** The concept of 'vocation' applies to every person's life, for if we listen well, we discover that God calls each of us to play a part in his Mission here on earth. Whether committed to single life, all other relationships including marriage, the religious life, priesthood or diaconate, such loving commitment forever forms part of Christ's dream of life and unity for you and for me.

As Pope St. John Paul II stated during WYD in the year 2000, "It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and fraternal." This is how best to live out life's journey God's way – his template!

**ST. JOHN MARIE VIANNEY:** Known as the 'Cure of Ars' this priest is the patron of all priests. He lived from 1786 – 1859, with his memorial feast today. However, all Parramatta Diocese priests will formally come together next Wednesday to commemorate the wonderful life of this remarkable priest. I'll be there!  
God Bless! Fr. Bob

**EARTH MINISTRY PROJECT**  
Inaugural meeting for the Earth Ministry Project in the parish hall after Mass. The purpose of this meeting is to review the aims of this ministry and determine a beginning direction for our parish, including celebrating the Season of Creation.  
Meeting date: Sunday Aug 4, 11-12 noon

**CATHOLIC CARE SEMINAR** – Understanding Family Law: 10 August  
CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is hosting a two session Seminar on "Understanding Family Law," for anyone experiencing a divorce or separation. These sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will be held on Saturday 10 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. \$10 per session. Registration is essential. Contact Rita on 02 8843 2575 or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:**  
4 – 11 August  
Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community. For more information about Vocations in the Diocese of Parramatta, please visit [www.parracatholic.org/vocations/](http://www.parracatholic.org/vocations/)

✠ *In Loving Memory* ✠  
2nd Chris Commens  
6th Madge Carey  
7th Flo Gillette  
7th Dellas Holmwood



**NEEDED, VOLUNTEERS.** ~  
We are having a HUGE clearance sale of donated items on Saturday and Sunday Sept 7 and 8. 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

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS IN THE CHANGING ERA OF OUR CHURCH**  
Talk by Fr RAY SANCHEZ cp of the Passionist Order on Sunday 11 August in Blacktown. Fr RAY has been invited to the Parramatta Diocese to speak on the importance of building the Church Community in a change of era. This talk will be held from 11:15am – 12:45pm on Sunday 11 August at the Clancy Room, St Patrick's Church, Allawah Street, Blacktown. A light lunch will be available afterwards.  
Contact Elizabeth or Dennis Farrar for more details on 0425 209 840

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES** ~ The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall). **NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory. Enrolments close on 5 August 2019.** Please see your Parish Office for a form or for more information, contact 0288383456 or [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
4th Julie and Lance Hodgkinson (1979)

**Happy Birthday!**  
6th Maree Crawford  
10th Adrian Carroll (1954)  
10th Marie Johnston



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