

TODAY
Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers
22 Sept Grahame Adams
29 Sept Diane Stewart

Readers
22 Sept 1st reader Pat Wicks
2nd reader Breda Seamons
Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
29 Sept 1st Reader Monica bright
2nd Reader Brian Bright
Welcome/Intercessions Patricia Dee

Communion
22 Sept Paul Harris & Ray Wood
29 Sept Mary Roberts & Michelle Davis

Counters
22 Sept Marilyn Rowe
29 Sept Laurie Noyes

Morning Tea
22 Sept Mary Batty
29 Sept Dave Harris

Church Care
20 Sept Phil & Pat Wicks

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

Entrance Ant: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

Communion Ant: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Saints Days of the Week (23 Sept to 28 Sept)

23 Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina priest
24 Sept St. Gerard Sagredo Patron of Hungary
25 Sept St. Finbar Irish preacher, bishop
26 Sept Sts Cosmos & Damien martyrs
27 Sept St Vincent de Paul priest
28 Sept St Wenceslaus martyr



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22/9/19

In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men – lay, professed and ordained – who selflessly serve the Church and the world.

May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere. © Richard Leonard SJ

Next Week:
Am 6:1. 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31

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 **Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
E-mail: blackheath@parracatholic.org **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/

URGENT AGM ANNOUNCEMENT: At the special Parish Pastoral Council gathering last Sunday, a decision was taken to conduct this year's Parish AGM on Sunday, 27th October, 2019 following the 9.30am Mass, at 11.00am. Everyone is cordially invited to be present at this most important meeting, which is also an election meeting for PPC Councillors. Four Councillors have come to the end of their term, are retiring and need to be replaced with four new councillors to be elected from our parishioners. You are eligible to nominate, should you so desire, to add your weight to the continuing successful administration of our parish. Please give this matter serious thought over the next few weeks with information readily available as to what is entailed in this work from chairperson Diana Landsberg OAM, deputy chair John Barclay, any other councillors or myself.

With my retirement from 1 January 2020, there is to be a special transition group to be formed under the chairmanship of Richard McMahon, separate from the PPC, to spearhead the necessary changes required because of this change in local leadership. Membership of that transition group is to be made up of three members from the Diocese, three from our community and three from PPC. As I will be gone from January 1st, it's obvious that the transition group will need to be formed this side of Christmas, hence the 27th October election date!

This is a critical time for our Blackheath Sacred Heart Parish in which long-term decisions are to be made and enacted. Please, make sure that you keep abreast of all that is happening – and make your views known, so that they may be incorporated into the programme that will ultimately be adopted. This is your parish! Take care of it, and contribute to its conduct as you have so successfully done to date!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Today is Social Justice Sunday in which we reflect particularly on the many injustices that permeate our society these days, within our community, our nation and the wider world in which we all live. Jesus said "Love God; Love neighbour!" By that he means that we should help our neighbours wherever we find them, and do so even as we ourselves are assisted by our loving God! Today's Prayers of the Faithful – the Intercessions – identify a few of those needs that unfortunately afflict some members of our society. Please, help wherever you find a need!

"VINNIE'S SPECIAL REGIONAL MASS: This coming Friday (27/9), the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Blue Mountain Region Parramatta Central Council will conduct it's annual Festival Mass here at Sacred Heart starting at 12.00 noon. We are indeed privileged to both support and host this major Vinnie's event on that day with its associated luncheon in the parish hall to follow! Vinnie's? Where would we be without you?

SCHOOL'S OUT: School holidays begin at the end of this coming week, also on 27/9, and will continue until Monday (14/10) when term four will then carry through until the Christmas break commencing Friday (20/12). Please, everyone, with so many children about during this holiday time, take extra special care to ensure the safety of all.

BAPTISMS: It is my great pleasure to announce that yesterday, at St. Joseph's in Megalong Valley, four little tiny tots relating to the Carlon clan, were baptised into our Catholic faith! Congratulations to all involved, especially the four newly baptised: Lachlan and Aston Tofler, Harper Reilly and Brody Mergan

CONFIRMATION POSTSCRIPT: Two in number they may have been, but their wonderful experience has been a joy to behold for those of us so graced to be present. Very special thanks to all concerned, especially Claire Maguire who shepherded little Natalie Butterworth and Madelyn Lemonjian throughout their instruction. Let's also not leave out the Principal Celebrant, Very Rev. Chris De Souza PP VG.

God Bless! Fr. Bob

CONTINUING THE SEASON OF CREATION

September 29 Blessing of the Animals
October 6 St Francis of Assisi Day
If possible could you please bring your own cup for morning tea after Mass and start collecting plastic lids; they can be made into prosthetic hands! More information about this amazing project can be found at <https://envision.org.au/envision-hands/>

Bring along pictures of animals you love to create the collage for Blessing of the Animals Sunday 29 September.

Post- it- notes will be available to add your ideas to the Tips and Hints list for reducing plastic use in a household.

In Loving Memory

25th Ivan Naraj



Happy Birthday !

22nd Lindsay Inman
26th Claire Maguire



FIRST AID TRAINING

Course HLTAID003

Online pre-course study plus 6 hours face to face.

Early Term 2 at Mt Vic Public School
Contact Amanda or Tamara in the School Office before 27/9/19 on 4787 1255 to book and pay a deposit
Cost \$70.00 per person

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY? ~

We invite you - after providing for your loved ones – to consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation or a Catholic ministry. Even the most modest gift will significantly advance our Church's works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wonderful news! Mary MacKillop Parish Katoomba is about to begin Perpetual Adoration, covering the days and nights of Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays! Please [contact Jacquie on 0405 600 155 if you would like to sign up for a weekly hour long time slot](mailto:jacque@mackillop.org.au) or to request more information. The Adoration roster will begin on the 24th September and a morning tea will be held in the hall on 22nd September following the 10.00 am Mass at Katoomba for all adorers to meet, prepare and celebrate! All welcome

VINNIES FESTIVAL MASS

Friday 27th September at 11am.
Parishioners are invited to join Members of St Vincent de Paul in attending a Festival Mass celebrating the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul. Following Mass refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

FLOWERS FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

we are looking for donations of flowers, blossoms, greenery to decorate the altar for the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, on Friday 27 September.

If you can help please call Karen Hayward on 0419 123 744 who will collect your donations on Thursday 26 Sept. Thank you.

WORKSHOP ABOUT AGING

"From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years"

WHEN: Wednesday, 9 October 2019

WHERE: St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre, 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood

TIME: 10.30am – 1pm

Contact and RSVP: Margaret Smith (0427 081 936)

You are warmly invited to our next **TAIZE SERVICE** at Leura Uniting Church from 5 - 6 pm on **Sunday 22nd September**.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

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