

TODAY
 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
 Lk 17:11-19

Psalm Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers
 13 Oct Michelle Davis
 20 Oct Grahame Adams

Readers
 13 Oct 1st Reader Barbara Grieves
 2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp
 Welcome/Intercessions Patricia Dee
 20 Oct 1st Reader Claire Maguire
 2nd Reader Breda Seamons
 Welcome/Intercessions Patricia Dee

Communion
 13 Oct Diane Stewart & Mary Roberts
 20 Oct Pat Wicks & Michelle Davis

Counters
 13 Oct Pamela & John
 20 Oct Julie & Lance Hodgkinson

Morning Tea
 13 Oct Cate Mitchell
 20 Oct Monica Bright

Church Care
 18 Oct Margaret Solomons and Catherine McNamara

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

Entrance Ant: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Communion Ant: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Saints Days of the Week (14 Oct - 19 Oct)
 14 Oct St Calistus pope, martyr
 15 Oct St Teresa of Jesus spiritual writer, mystic
 16 Oct St Margaret Mary Alacoque virgin,
 17 Oct St Ignatius of Antioch bishop, martyr
 18 Oct St Luke Gospel writer
 19 Oct St Paul of the Cross priest



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The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. . © Rich-

Next Week:
 Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2;
 Lk 18:1-8

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/

EMERITUS BISHOP KEVIN MANNING: Today, Wednesday 9th October 2019, I was driven to Bathurst to spend time with Bishop Manning who resides in retirement and care. You see, there is a very strong bond between Bishop Manning and myself, for he is the former Bishop of Parramatta who took a huge gamble by accepting me as a student Diocesan priest way back in the year two thousand (the Olympic year) when I was 67 years of age. Although marginally younger than me, he is physically frail these days and suffering from mild dementia, though he is much loved and cared for in idyllic surroundings. I owe this man and bishop 'big time!' Not only did he select me to enter into seminarian life, but he also ordained me on this day (9th October) in 2004 at Parramatta Cathedral about 11.30am on a Saturday morning. That was 15 years ago to the day! I note, in passing, that this was the same (then) Parramatta Parish Church in which I was married 40 years earlier in 1964. Finally, we enjoyed lunch together along with several others of his close friends before I returned to Blackheath late this afternoon. Please, say a prayer for him!

2019 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT: As mentioned last week, every year we carry out a head count of all those who attend October Masses. So, as with last week, could we have a volunteer to undertake this task today and for the next two Saturdays/Sundays, please? Last week's count was Mt. Victoria – 33; Blackheath – 65.

SCHOOLS BACK: That fortnight went quickly, didn't it? I trust that all involved families got together, enjoyed themselves with safety, with the students now ready to begin term 4 – the last term for this year, which ends on Friday 20th December 2019. Then its holiday time once more until Tuesday, 28th January 2020. To all students: work hard, do well! Enjoy!

CAKE & PLANT STALL: Great!! Thought you might like to know that I (and family) demolished a once remarkable chocolate cake with chocolate bits on top. Not a crumb left! Takings totalled \$381. Not bad considering the attendance! Hope you got the same enjoyment from your purchase as I did!

DID YOU KNOW? October is not only Mary's Month of the Rosary, it is also the month of "Prayer & Fasting for Marriage & Family! Here at Blackheath, we usually set aside this week to pray for the flourishing of marriages and families in Australia through our Mass intentions, rosaries and daily prayers. All families are the very essence of our survival as a society, and are virtually under siege in our materialistic world these days. The need for prayers and fasting has never been greater than right now. Please devote time and attention this week towards the growth of love and peace in our families! Humble thanks for your prayers and fasting!

AGM (continued): Please note that all annual parish group reports should be completed by this coming Wednesday so that they may be printed in time for the AGM on Sunday, 27th October. Nominations for the vacant four positions on the Parish Council are still being sought from those prepared to "give-it-a-go". That deadline is the 20th October 2019. As for everyone else, don't forget to set aside time after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 27th October for your attendance at the 2019 AGM, to be held in the parish hall.

RON WALSH FUNERAL: Ron's funeral was held Friday, 11th October Ron was a great man and a great parishioner over many decades. He deserved the best farewell that we can offer! I hope we did him proud!
God Bless! Fr. Bob

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PLACES.
If you are interested in being part of the Parish Pastoral Council please collect nomination forms for the Parish Pastoral Council elections from the Sacristy, and return them to Father Bob or Diana Landsberg by Sunday 20.10.19.
Thank you

MINISTRY REPORTS
If Ministry Leaders require their Annual Reports to be printed for the General Pastoral Council Meeting, please have them to the Parish Office by October 16. Thank You.

In Loving Memory
16th Eileen Smith 
18th Ron Drummond

Happy Birthday! 
14th Fr Paul Hanna (1940)

Happy Anniversary!
16th Barbara and Charles Hodgkinson

CAKE AND PLANT STALL
A big Thank you to all those who contributed to our plant and cake stall last Sunday - bakers, gardeners, sellers and buyers. We really appreciate your on-going support.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP MUSIC WORKSHOP: The Office for Worship is conducting a Music Workshop for musicians and liturgy planners on Wednesday 13th November at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 7pm to 9pm. To register by 8 November, call Anne on 8838 3456

MELBOURNE CUP FUNCTION
hosted by Coffee Capers Tuesday 5th November at the Manor House, Mt. Victoria from 12 noon
Sweeps and lucky door prize. \$40 pp
Tickets from Dianne Stewart 47871357 and Elizabeth Doolan 47875537

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Wonderful news! Mary MacKillop Parish Katoomba has begun Perpetual Adoration, covering the days and nights of Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays! They are hoping to extend these times soon, and are encouraging volunteers from neighbouring parishes to be involved. Please contact Jacquie on 0405 600 155 if you would like to sign up for a weekly hour long time slot or to request more information.

SPRINGWOOD CHURCH CENTENARY:
19 October
St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, is celebrating the centenary of the opening of its second church (corner Macquarie and Hawkesbury Roads, Springwood) on Saturday 19 October. If you attended Mass or school at this site, you are warmly invited to wander in for a memory walk between 12noon and 2pm. For more information, please contact the parish office on 02 4754 1052.

Plenary 2020
During Stage 1 of Plenary 2020 individuals and groups responded to the question 'What is God asking of us at this time?' A mass of data was received from over 200,000 Australians and this has been organised under **6 themes** - How is God calling us to be a Christ centred Church that is :
1. Missionary and Evangelising, 2. Inclusive and Participatory 3. Humble Healing and Merciful, 4. Prayerful and Eucharistic, 5. Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant and 6. Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform.

We are now invited to engage in Stage 2 of the Plenary 2020 called Listening and Discerning. This will focus on communal rather than individual prayer, reflection, sharing and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fruits of this process will be national and local initiatives which will be incorporated into the working papers being developed for the actual Plenary sessions to be held next year

SUPPORTING MALE SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE:
A workshop for supporters, survivors, family & friends SYDNEY: SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER For more information contact: 02 8355 3711 • www.samsn.org.au

Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Judith Macrell, John & Marion Crowley, Ron O'Brien, Shielagh Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Elizabeth Farrar's sister Mary Rose