

**TODAY**  
Hab1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 ;  
Lk 17:5-10

**Psalm Response:** If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**  
6 Oct Ray Wood  
13 Oct Michelle Davis

**Readers**  
6 Oct 1st Reader Elaine Jackson  
2nd Reader Basil Jackson  
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris  
13 Oct 1st Reader Barbara Grieves  
2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp  
Welcome/Intercessions Patricia Dee

**Communion**  
6 Oct Brian & Monica Bright  
13 Oct Diane Stewart & Mary Roberts

**Counters**  
6 Oct Carla & Neil Edean  
13 Oct Pamela & John

**Morning Tea**  
6 Oct Connie Adams  
13 Oct Cate Mitchell

**Church Care**  
4 Oct Sue Gracey and Peter Ofner

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

**Entrance Ant:** Within your will, O Lord, all things  
are established, and there is none that can resist  
your will. For you have made all things, the heav-  
en and the earth, and all that is held within the  
circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Communion Ant:** The Lord is good to those who  
hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**Saints Days of the Week (7 Oct - 12 Oct)**

7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary  
8 Oct St. Benedicta virgin, martyr  
9 Oct St Denis & companions martyrs  
10 Oct St. Cassius German martyr  
11 Oct St John 23rd pope  
12 Oct blessed Virgin Mary



**27th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME 6/1019**  
*Many of us struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out. May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord. © Richard Leonard SJ*

**Next Week:**  
2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13;  
Lk 17:11-19

**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.*

<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>

**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](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org)

**Website:** <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>  
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**DAYLIGHT SAVING:** Finally, this morning at 2.00am (that became 3.00am), Eastern Summer Time descended upon us depriving us of an hour's sleep on the way. While this means that it will be darker later in the morning, it also means that it will be brighter later in the evening. Some people love that combination; others not so happy! For better or worse, we are stuck with this combination until Sunday morning on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 when we get back our 'lost' hour on the way through winter. Hope you got to Mass on time!

**MARY'S MONTH OF OCTOBER:** I once again draw your attention, as I did last week, to October being Mary's month of the Rosary. Wherever possible, Mary invites us to take time out to reflect this month on all that she has sacrificed for us her 'children', and through the Rosary to pray for unity in the family, in the Church and in the wider world. Mother Mary always listens and acts with love on behalf of all who are in need. So, let's together pray the Rosary daily in this month of October.

**CAKE & PLANT STALL:** Here we go again! Be early, or be too late as I have so often experienced in past years. I love a good home-cooked cake or biscuit! They are THE best! Trouble is, others are afflicted with the same passion as me – and some are more devious than I am. That's when I miss out! A whole variety of great value plants and other interesting 'things' are also to be had on the verandah after Mass! Therefore, let's see what damage we can do this year – oh, and seriously, we thank all who make these gems available to us!

**SCHOOL'S OUT:** Wow! School's out from last Friday – and don't we know it! Children everywhere having a wonderful time with such freedom as is denied them during school time

which, incidentally, recommences on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October until the Christmas break occurs from Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. With so many children about, take special care to ensure the safety of all.

**2019 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:** Every year we carry out a head count of all who attend October weekend Masses. This year, while we have not been asked to conduct that count, I none-the-less believe that it would be wise of us to do so as we need to know what our current attendances are, in my opinion. So, could we have a volunteer(s) to undertake this task today, and for the next three Saturdays/Sundays, please? Thank you!

**VALE RON WALSH:** Unobtrusive he may have been, but Ron Walsh was a most valued member of both this parish and the wider Blackheath community. One-time Principal of Blackheath Public School where he and his deceased wife both worked, Ron departed this world last Sunday about 10pm in Lithgow hospital. He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends, including me! His funeral service, conducted by Fr. Paul Hanna (with me in support) is to be held here at Sacred Heart Blackheath this coming Friday (11/10) from 11am. You are most welcome to attend! **Rest in Peace** old friend!

**2019 AGM:** Following last Sunday's Bulletin content relating to this year's AGM, I again remind everyone that the Parish Council is looking for at least four new volunteer members to replace those retiring, the deadline for nominations being 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please give serious thought to yourself nominating for one of these positions. Next, we need all Parish Group annual reports by Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Many thanks for your cooperation! Finally, given that the AGM is to be held in the parish hall following our 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, we ask you to mark that date in your diary – and be there, for you are the heart of the Sacred Heart Parish. Should you have any queries, please contact either Diana Landsberg or myself.

**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*  
6th George Cora  
8th Vera Noble  
11th Michael Cooper



*Happy Birthday !*  
8th Pat Wicks



*Happy Anniversary !*  
9th Fr Bob Sheridan's ordination 2004

**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)

**MELBOURNE CUP FUNCTION**  
*hosted by Coffee Capers Tuesday 5th November.*  
*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! 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.

**PLENARY 2020** -Listening and Discernment meetings ` You are invited to attend any or all of the 6 sessions to gather and discern the national themes for discernment.  
Session 1 - Oct 17  
Session 2 - October 23  
Session 3 - October 31  
Session 4 - November 6  
Session 5 - November 14  
Session 6 - November 20  
To be held at the Institute for Mission 1-5 Marion St Blacktown  
RSVP to tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

See flyer on the Notice board for more details

**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.

**CONCLUDING THE SEASON OF CREATION**  
This Sunday, St Francis of Assisi Sunday, draws to a close the global ecumenical event of the Season of Creation and the theme The Web of Life. The month-long celebration has been a time to reflect on our Common Home, putting into practice the message of Pope Francis in Laudato Si and thinking about our role as the Earth's healers and protectors.  
The Synod of Bishops on the Amazon Region which is the "first to focus on the application of integral ecology" begins today October 6. For updates <http://www.sinodoamazonico.va/content/sinodoamazonico/en.html>

**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, Elizabeth Farrar's sister Mary Rose