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Amos 8:4-7 God sees injustice
1 Timothy 2:1-8 God our Saviour
Luke 16:1-13 Home truths

Psalm Response:
Praise the Lord; who raises up the poor.

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



Twenty Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year C

18 September 2016

The steward in today's Gospel passage misused the trust placed in him. When unmasked, he uses the same ingenuity to feather his own nest. We can be lacking in enthusiasm for the kingdom of God, yet, in making money, we can be very astute. Jesus asks us to be honest, trustworthy, and assiduous in seeking genuine riches. We cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Servers

18 Sep Pat Wicks
25 Sep Jan Roberts

Readers

18 Sep 1st Reading Christine Helby
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Patricia Dee
25 Sep 1st Reading Brian Bright
2nd Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion

18 Sep Ray Wood/Jan Roberts
25 Sep Elizabeth Doolan/Diane Stewart

Counters

18 Sep Marilyn
25 Sep Laurie

Morning Tea

18 Sep Jan Roberts
25 Sep Pamela Scott/Elizabeth Doolan

Church Care

30 Sep Julie Hodgkinson

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

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

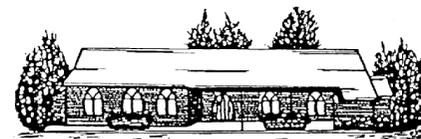
In memoriam: **Anne Croke** ~ 19th September (*Mary Kingston's mother*)

Feast Days of the Week ~ Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th September

18th St Joseph of Cupertino, Priest (1603-63)
19th St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr (275-305), optional feast
20th St Andrew Tim Taegan, Priest & Martyrs & Companions (d1839-67), Memorial
21st St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, Feast
22nd Sts Maurice & Companions, Martyrs (d287)
23rd Padre Pio Pietrelcino, Priest (1887-1968), Memorial
24th St Gerard Sagredo, Bishop & Martyr (980-1046), Apostle of Hungary

Rosters for Liturgical Ministers are available today.

Sacred Heart Parish



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of the land of the Blue Mountains.

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.

Parish Priest: Father Bob Sheridan **Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish House: 02 4787 8811 **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 04 2887 8810 **Fri** 9.00am - 12.00pm
(Emergency only) For Baptisms, Marriages, & sick calls
Parish Office: 02 4787 8540 contact Parish House.
Facsimile: 02 4787 6143 **e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

Parish House: 18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	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	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd and 4th Saturdays	6.00pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or David Buckley (Chair); Adrienne Kitching (Deputy Chair) or Carmen Beard (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Monica Bright 4757 3943

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

CONFIRMATION TODAY: Following in the footsteps of our four First Communicants during last week's Mass, today we have two more candidates who are to receive the last of the four Sacraments of Initiation - Confirmation. Chancellor of the Parramatta Diocese, Rev. Mons Ron McFarlane PP, who is also the Principal Celebrant in this Mass, will confirm into full Catholic faith through this Sacrament, young **Daisy Pennicott LEVELL** and **Jared Edward HARRIS**. Well prepared by our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Jennifer Milani, whom we congratulate on bringing up to this high standard of faith both Daisy and Jared. Congratulations, too, to Daisy and Jared, the parents and all others who have guided them past this huge milestone in their spiritual lives. Finally, a very special 'thank you' to Mons McFarlane for trekking all this way to share this wonderful occasion with us - from his Marayong Parish. Much appreciated, Monsignor! Our friendly hospitality, as always, is yours to enjoy! Well done, everyone!

FATHERS' DAY: In declaring the parish contribution to the Bishop's Collection for Retired & Sick Clergy at a most gratifying \$395.00, we also take this opportunity to welcome back from a sojourn across the Nullarbor, Marilyn and Paul Rowe - and in one piece! Good to have you back 'on deck' Marilyn (and Paul).

SCHOOL'S OUT: School holidays begin next weekend and will continue until Monday, 10 October. The Labour Day-long weekend occurs in the middle of that break, as incidentally does Daylight Saving commence. Please, everyone, take care, particularly when driving with so many children about! We also extend a very warm welcome to the many visitors who spend time with us during this school 'break'.

MARY KINGSTON: Quiet, humble, unassuming, ever-smiling, and a truly great stalwart of Sacred Heart Parish these past four decades, Mary has departed this life to join her beloved Travis in that better place where God's unfettered love consumes all who have served Him well in this life. Mary has gone to her eternal home, and we are the poorer for her passing. An era has ended! However, the solid foundations laid by Mary, particularly in the earlier days of this parish, are now ours to enjoy. Volunteer Mary took care of the parish office administration, produced the first Bulletins, laid the foundations for what is now our music group in which, until recently, she was our pianist. Mary was also the first local recipient of the Parramatta Diocesan Medal of Honour. Along with her life-long friend Noeleen, they regularly cleaned the church interior, and carried out other needed work, however menial the task. Not just for one week, nor for a month, nor even a year, but for the best part of forty years!



We buried Mary last Friday! Many of you, like me, would have been there to pay your last respects to this so gracious, totally giving and much-loved member of our parish 'family'. Our sympathies are with every member of the Kingston Family in their devastating loss; also all others who were so privileged to number Mary as a close friend. Vale, Mary! Amen!

STOP PRESS: Bishop Vincent will officiate here next Sunday, 25 September!
God Bless! Father Bob

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre—Historical Wimbourne will be opening its doors to the general public for **Devonshire tea, brunch and lunch** from 9am to 2.30pm on the following Sundays—**18 Sept, 2 Oct, 16 Oct & 23 Oct**. Bookings preferred. Further dates to be advised.
Lupe's Kitchen will be offering meals for \$20pp which includes tea/coffee. Daily specials, dessert, soft drink and juice for sale.
BYO—no corkage. 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Enq: Jeanette/Leanne (Monday to Friday) Ph 4773 5555 or Manager (Weekends) Ph 0408 974801.

Next **Cosmology Spirituality Morning** will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on 16 Sept, 10am-12pm. Chapters 27 & 28 of **"The Cosmic Mystique"** will be the subject of discussion. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. All welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning Saturday, 17 September
@ Parish Hall, 10am-1.00pm.
Presenter: **Dr Laurie Woods**
"Meeting the Human Jesus in the Gospel of Luke".
Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. All warmly welcome. Entry by donation. Morning Tea provided. No need for bookings.

Happy Birthday
John Crowley ~ 20 September
Lindsay Inman ~ 22 September

Happy 54th Anniversary
Jan and Barry Roberts
for 22nd September

Last Week's Collections
1st: \$225.00 Pastoral Revenue
(support of the Bishop & Diocesan Priests both active & retired)
2nd: \$790.15 (incl. direct deposits).
This money is used for local parish needs. Thank you!

Prayers for the Sick:
Madge Boylan; John Crowley;
Stan Dochniak; Maggie Gilchrist;
Bill Grieves; Kevin Madden;
John Scott and Jack Solomons.

Social Justice Sunday and visit of Bishop Vincent Long 25 September



As announced in recent weeks our Parish, the western most and smallest in the Parramatta Diocese, has been invited to host the Diocesan launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Statement for 2016/2017. On Wednesday this week, Fr Bob received the wonderful news that Bishop Vincent, in his capacity as Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, will be coming to Blackheath for the launch. And, of course, he will be visiting us for the first time as our new Bishop!

The theme of this year's Social Justice Statement is **"A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society"**. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life.

It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. Given the demographics of our little Community and indeed, much of the Upper Blue Mountains, it is most apt that we act as host for this launch!

After our Mass we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for the launch of the Social Justice Statement and a workshop exploring its contents - hosted by Sister Louise McKeogh and representatives of CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Centre. Our own Care Group will also be showcasing some of their involvement in our Community. We shall then have the opportunity to chat with Bishop Vincent as we enjoy a light lunch together.

As always, it will be very much appreciated if parishioners would please 'bring a plate' to share. (Contact: Christa Buckley 47875105).