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2Samuel 5:1-3 **Anointed king**
Colossians 1:12-20 **A place for us**
Luke 23:35-43 **Kingdom promised**

Ps response

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

20 Nov Michelle Davis
27 Nov Diane Stewart

Readers

20 Nov 1st Reading Brian Bright
2nd Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
27 Nov 1st Reading Pat Wicks
2nd Reading Christa Buckley
Intercessions Robert Forbes

Communion

20 Nov Elizabeth Doolan and Ray Wood
27 Nov Jan Roberts and Grahame Adams

Counters

20 Nov Carla and Neil
27 Nov Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

20 Nov In the hall (David Buckley)
27 Nov Dave Harris

Church Care

25 Nov Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

Prayers for the sick and their carers:

**Madge Boylan; Margaret Clancy; John Crowley;
Stan Dochniak; Bill Grieves; Kevin Madden;
John Scott and Jack Solomons.**

**St Paul's Mt Victoria &
St Joseph's Megalong Valley
Entrance Antiphon:**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

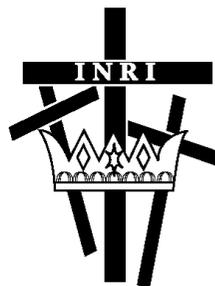
Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Feast Days of the Week

Sunday 20th Nov to Saturday 26th Nov

20th Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King;
St Bernward, Bishop (d1022)
21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22nd St Cecilia, Patroness of Musicians and Poets, Martyr (d 3rd century)
23rd St Columban, St Clement I
24th Sts Andrew Dung Lac (Priest & Martyr) & Companions (Martyrs d 18th C), Memorial
25th St Catherine of Alexandria, Memorial
26th St John Berchmans, Religious (1599-1621)



**Feast of Jesus Christ
Universal King
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20th November 2016

The kingship of Jesus runs counter to the expectations of the world.

He does not work wonders to save himself from the cross.

His kingship is revealed in his faithfulness to God, by which he is saved and passes into the Kingdom.

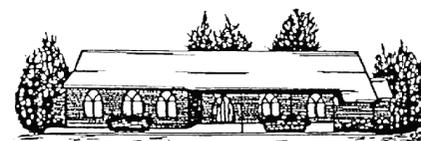
He offers salvation to those alongside him if they acknowledge their guilt and seek reconciliation.

One doesn't recognise his opportunity, the other does.

Do we recognise ours?

Next Week: **Stay awake!** Is 2:1-5; Ps 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

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

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: To be held immediately following today's Mass in the Parish Hall. Every effort has been made to limit this AGM to about one hour for the convenience of all attending parishioners. Hence last Sunday's distribution of our parish performance reports for your early consideration prior to the AGM to help speed up this most important meeting. Your council has gone to a lot of trouble to make this as user friendly an event as possible, commensurate with imparting to you a full knowledge and appreciation of all the work that our parish undertakes. You have much to be proud of in the work that you and others of our Sacred Heart family have contributed this past year. So, please join us on this one occasion each year when a full reporting on parish activities is presented to you. Oh! By-the-way, morning tea will be supplied immediately before the AGM starts. See you there!

ADVENT: Our present Church year ends next Saturday, 26 November. Sunday next begins the new Church year, Year A (Sundays) and Year I (weekdays). New Church years seldom have the same starting date because Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St Andrew which is celebrated on 30 November. This year that date falls on Wednesday week. Advent has a twofold character – as a Season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's birth is remembered; and as a Season when that remembrance directs our hearts and minds to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is, therefore, a period of joyful penance and expectation. Please note that our Christmas/New Year Mass days and times will be listed here next week.

ADVENT WREATH: As already stated, next Sunday is the beginning of the Season of Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'coming' so this is a time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Christ came to us as a baby in Bethlehem on the first Christmas. He comes to us in Word, grace, prayer and sacrament. He will also come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Christ comes in history, mystery and majesty. So, before the opening hymn begins during the next four Advent Sundays, we will light the Advent candle and say a prayer in preparation for our Saviour's imminent arrival.

PRAYER TO JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: Let us, on this last Sunday of the Church year, acknowledge the ultimate victory of our eternal King. The following prayer may assist in that regard:

*O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge You as universal King.
All that has been made, has been created for You.
Exercise all Your rights over me.*

*I renew my baptismal vows, and I promise to live as a good Christian.
In particular, I pledge myself to labour, to the best of my ability,
for the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.*

*Divine Heart of Jesus, to You I offer my poor services,
labouring that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Kingship,
and that the reign of Your peace
be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.*

God Bless! Father Bob

~ An idea for Advent ~
 Begin your own Advent Box and collect an item a day (canned food, Christmas treats, toiletries, toys and/or clothing) for donation to Katoomba Vinnies or the Blackheath Community Op Shop at Unit 4, 134 Station St, Blackheath.

During November our **Parish Book of Remembrance** will be available and you are invited to add the names of all you wish to be specially remembered in prayer. May all our loved ones who have died find eternal happiness and peace in God's loving embrace. Amen.



In memoriam

Grace Topham ~ 20 November
Craig Huckstepp ~ 21 November
Allan Longmuir ~ 22 November
John Brodie ~ 25 November
Jason Bentley ~ 25 November

**Gospel Focus
A Kingdom of Inclusion**

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'.

There is a certainty and immediacy about the response.

Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith.

No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise.

It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry.

*It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.
(from Liturgyhelp)*



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets will be available SOON for your chance to win fabulous prizes in our annual fundraising Christmas hamper raffle. This year, we have an extra prize of a \$150 hamper which was donated. Tickets will be \$2.00 each. Please see Sue Gracey for more information.

Happy 35th Anniversary

Tony & Maree Crawford ~ 21st November

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: The DWF supports the ministries and agency services of the Catholic Church in the Parramatta Diocese. However large or small, any donation you can make to the DWF will be gratefully received and help our ministries to continue their important work. By making a donation to the DWF, you will be supporting many hundreds of needy people who are part of our local community.

Today you should find envelopes on the pew in front of you to make easier the donation you may care to make. Please use the second collection plate for your envelope. Thank you.

From Fr Ted Tyler (Parish Priest of Upper Blue Mountains)

Free e-book (with Church Imprimatur) for your computer or e-reader/tablet/iPhone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader/tablet/iPhone, offers the Gospel for every day of this coming Liturgical Year A-1 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 1), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. This Liturgical Year A-1 begins on the First Sunday of Advent 2016 and will continue till November of 2017. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given to this publication when he was Bishop of Parramatta.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1 may be accessed at the following URL address:

www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/