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Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19 God judges justly
2Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Confidence in God
Luke 18:9-14 At rights with God

Psalm response

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself; and the Good News of
reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

23 Oct Grahame Adams
30 Oct Pat Wicks

Readers

23 Oct	1st Reading	Christa Buckley
	2nd Reading	Barbara Grieves
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
30 Oct	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
	Intercessions	Robert Forbes

Communion

23 Oct Elizabeth Doolan and Grahame Adams
30 Oct Jan Roberts and Michelle Davis

Counters

23 Oct Robyn and Adrian
30 Oct Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

23 Oct Connie Adams
30 Oct Carla Endean

Church Care

28 Oct Gatt Family



**Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year C**

23rd October 2016

The humble man's prayer
pierces the clouds,
that is, it reaches God,
the righteous judge.
In today's gospel
passage, the Pharisee's
praise is directed to
himself, not to God,
as he prides himself
on all his good works.
Yet at the same time
he judges and despises
the tax collector.
Meanwhile, the tax
collector acknowledges
his sinfulness and cries
to God for mercy.
Where do we stand?

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

Entrance Antiphon: Let the
hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Communion Antiphon: We will
ring out our joy at your saving
help and exult in the
name of our God.

**Feast Days of the Week
Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th October**

23rd St John of Capistrano, Priest (1386-1456)
24th St Mary Anthony Claret, Bishop (1807-70)
25th St Jeanne Jugun, Founder Sisters
of the Poor (1792-1879)
26th St Evaristus, Pope & Martyr (d105)
27th St Frumentius, Bishop (d380)
28th Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast
29th St Narcissus of Jerusalem, Bishop (d116)

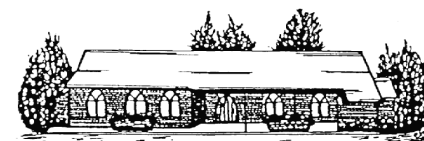
In memoriam:

Leslie Dee ~ 25 Oct; **Edna Bentick** ~ 25 Oct;
Patricia Davies ~ 26 Oct; **Brenda Pateman** ~ 27 Oct;
and **Marjorie Cowell** ~ 29 Oct.

NEXT WEEK

Jesus' saving mission
Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 144
2Thes 1:11-2:2;
Luke 19:1-10

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

DIOCESAN FAMILY SUNDAY: Today is the second occasion, the second year, that the Parramatta Diocese has celebrated Diocesan Family Sunday (last year was the first). Originating in Philadelphia USA in September 2015, this celebration has quickly captured everyone's imagination to the point where this Diocese has adopted the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time to formalise recognition of our families in this unique way. By so doing, we are not only celebrating families and family life in our parish, but also throughout our Diocese and, indeed, throughout the whole world. By focussing on families this way, we offer encouragement and support through prayer and actions to all families in our parish.

Themed: **'Family - An Oasis of Mercy'**, all families are invited to share the Diocesan celebration this afternoon from 2pm-5pm at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville where Bishop Vincent Long will lead proceedings. So, be part of the Way of Mercy with the Mercy Cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Theresa of Kolkata. You will be most welcome! At the conclusion of today's Mass, after the final prayer, a special Blessing of Families will be imparted. The text of that Blessing is as follows:

**"We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own Incarnate Son
to become part of a family, so that as he lived his life,
He would experience its worries and joys.**

**We ask you Lord, to protect and watch over these families,
so that in the strength of your grace, its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in your home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

VALE MICHAEL COOPER: Last Friday we bade our final farewell to our many years' good friend Michael. I pray that everyone who attended was consoled and comforted by our farewell Mass for him, in the certain knowledge that his memory will forever remain with us with great fondness. May Michael now experience the fullness of God's infinite love and peace. Amen.

MANY CHANGES: We must be getting ready for Christmas! I have a new computer which is driving me bonkers; I take delivery of a new Subaru wagon tomorrow (so sad to lose the old one); have a new security screen door fitted to the presbytery; what about our 'new' notice board near the main entrance; the painter has been hard at work on the parish hall. And there's more to come!

VISITING 'RETREATERS': Last Thursday, I attended the Mt Carmel Catholic College's Varroville (near Douglas Park) Year 11 classes on retreat here for three days. 60 students present for Reconciliation and Mass. Bodes well for our developing youth, in my humble opinion!

A CHRISTMAS HAMPER: It's not often that we can boast about something - anything - being voluntarily donated by an insurance company. Our own Catholic Church Insurance people have just committed themselves to donating to us (this parish) a \$150 Christmas Hamper for us to raffle, with us to keep the takings for local projects. Thought you might be surprised! I was!

God Bless! Father Bob

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER
A reminder to Group Leaders - your reports are due today - if not already submitted, please have these to David Buckley as soon as possible.

**AFTERNOON
CAPERS
MELBOURNE CUP
LUNCHEON**
will be held on
**Tuesday, 1st Nov
at 12.30pm**
at

**The George
Boutique Hotel**
Blackheath
(formerly St Mounts).

It will be a smorgasbord lunch at \$35 per head. All are welcome. Numbers will be needed by Tuesday 25th Oct. Please phone Diane as soon as possible on 47871357 or 0401269956.

**LAST WEEK'S
COLLECTIONS**

1st: \$255.25
Pastoral Revenue
(support of the Bishop and Diocesan Priests both active & retired)
2nd: \$714.0
(includes direct deposits).

This money is used for local parish needs.

Thank you!

REVIEW OF THE PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

Today we are asking you to complete a short survey - to get your thoughts on 4 Main Areas of our Parish Pastoral Plan - Needs of older parishioners; Support of our Parish Priest; Mission and Social Justice; Children and Youth. Your feedback is essential. Survey sheets will be available at each of our Mass Centres over the next 2 weeks.

BLUE MOUNTAINS REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

The aims and objectives of this very active group are:
* **To encourage positive attitudes to refugees** in the community and at all levels of government.
* **To welcome, befriend and assist refugees** facing uncertain futures, in detention and in the community.
* In keeping with our Parish Pastoral Plan, our Social Justice Group have undertaken **to support the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group** by raising greater awareness of their work, encouraging membership and, where possible, helping to raise much needed funds.
* **BMRSG Raffle** - the Group's main fundraiser for 2016. Tickets \$5 each - available after Mass.

- 1st Prize - David Middlebrook original artwork valued at \$2900;
- 2nd Prize - A hand crafted Rocking Horse; and
- 3rd Prize - A patchwork quilt.

Upcoming Events

Freedom Stories - a film on the lives and achievements of former 'boat people' who now call Australia home. Sunday 30 October - 6:30pm - at Katoomba Leura Community Centre, Katoomba Street Katoomba (Admission - gold coin donation)

"An Evening with Professor Gillian Triggs" (President of the Australian Human Rights Commission). Wednesday 30 November - details on Notice Board.

Happy Anniversary Rasa & Joseph Blansjaar ~ 25 Oct

Prayers for the sick and their carers: **Madge Boylan; Margaret Clancy; John Crowley; Stan Dochniak; Bill Grieves; Ron Hoogenvest; Kevin Madden; John Scott and Jack Solomons.**

**Happy Birthday
Maria Slater
50 on 21 Oct
Rasa Blansjaar
for Today
Patricia Dee ~ 24 Oct**