



*Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16 Fed by God*  
*1Corinthians 10:16-17 Body of Christ*  
*John 6:51-58 Living bread*

**Ps Response:** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
Come, praise the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3x)  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah ...

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

18 Jun Paul Harris  
25 Jun Ray Wood

**Readers**

18 Jun 1st Reading Elaine Jackson  
2nd Reading Basil Jackson  
Intercessions Adrian Carroll  
25 Jun 1st Reading Monica Bright  
2nd Reading Brian Bright  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**

18 Jun Monica and Brian Bright  
25 Jun Jan Roberts and Grahame Adams

**Counters**

18 Jun Julie and Lance  
25 Jun Robyn and Adrian

**Morning Tea**

18 Jun Mary Batty  
25 Jun Christine Burke

**Church Care**

23 Jun Angie and Michelle Leman



**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A**

18th June 2017

The Body and Blood of Christ Jesus gives us his life-giving food for our life's journey with the assurance that if we eat it, we will live for ever. Even in this life, we will find strength in him and he will live in us and be our friend. When Jesus is within us we can speak with him, and our love will grow deeper and stronger until we see him face to face.

Next Week: *Listen and act*  
Deut 11:18.26-28.32; Ps 31  
Rom 3:21-25.28; Matthew 7:21-27

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Barry Bowden; Margaret Clancy; John & Marion Crowley; Norma Longmuir; Kevin Madden; Ray Phillips; Philia Portelli; Amber Simmons; Paul Windle and Roma Ziolkowski.

**Feast Days of the Week: 18th – 24th June**

18th St Gregory Barbarigo, Bishop, Cardinal (1625-97)  
19th St Romuald, Abbot (956-1027), optional  
20th St Silverius, Pope & Martyr (d537)  
21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (1568-91), Memorial  
22nd St Thomas More, Martyr (1478-1535), Optional Feast  
23rd **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity**  
St Joseph Cafasso, Priest (1811-60)  
24th Birth of John the Baptist, Prophet & Martyr, Solemnity

# 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>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>

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**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 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 Christine O'Grady (Secretary).

**Sacred Heart Care Group** (helping parishioners in times of need) call 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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

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



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**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Now more appropriately known as “The Body and Blood of Christ” - a title change that was made in 1970 following the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council in 1965 - this Solemnity Feast of the then “Corpus Christi” (Latin for “Body of Christ”), was expanded to include the “Blood of Christ” that has always been the centrepiece of our Mass - the Eucharist! This Solemnity emerged in the 13th century at a time when people rarely received Holy Communion. The Church brought in a law decreeing that people receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter Season, while daily Communion only became available to us after WW1. These days we Catholics consider the Eucharist to be the ‘source and summit’ of the Church’s life throughout the year. Today, especially, we once more pause to consider the way we are nourished by the “Body of Christ” and the “Blood of Christ”. We receive this perfect gift from, and of, Christ Himself within the community of faith; it is a call to unity. So, let us be ever conscious of Christ’s personal presence in the gifts of His Body and Blood to us through His Eucharist.

**OUR PATRONAL FEAST:** Friday next (23rd June) is the Solemnity Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will commence at the normal starting time of 9.00am. However, to bring added honour to this Feast, we will also share a Holy Hour that day after Mass has concluded. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will then occur, plus recitation of the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart. A short period of quiet reflection will then follow with Benediction to conclude the hour. This is a very special Feast for us, given the singular patronage we, as a parish, enjoy through Jesus’ Most Sacred Heart. All welcome! We will also be celebrating this special Feast at the 9.30am Mass next Sunday, 25th June.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS:** This morning, six young parishioners are to make their First Holy Communion - **Angela Kate COLLINS, Alicia Deanne MALAFANT, Dylan Victor REZZONICO, Sophia Isabella Grace SHEERE, Eliza Paris WENTZEL and Logan WENTZEL.** Our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Jennifer Milani, has prepared these young people for this huge day in their lives when each will join the rest of us in full communion with our Beloved Saviour, Jesus Christ. Jennifer has guided these children on their learning journey through the scriptures that involved for them the discovery of our faith - what it means to be a Catholic - and what it really means to be a part of our Eucharistic “family”. However, as with most things in life, Jennifer had much support and involvement from parents and others who also contributed to today’s achievements by our first communicants. Congratulations, everyone, especially Jennifer, the children, parents and staff for making this such a special day for the entire parish! ***Please refrain from taking photographs during the Mass.*** Afterwards, we will gather in the hall for the special cake and photo time! Blessings everyone!

**PARISH ANNUAL DINNER:** At time of writing this column (Wednesday), the parish dinner has yet to be held (Friday evening), so I cannot comment on the results at this time. However, given what we do know, this should have been some ‘wing-ding’ for certain! Attendances should be about the mid-forties in number, with first-rate entertainment provided. I’ll be there! Hope you made it, too! In any case, huge thanks to those who both organised and conducted this once-a-year spectacular - especially Marilyn and Patricia!

**PARENTS’ ROOM:** The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when your young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. Thank you for making the effort of bringing these littlies with you to Mass.



**ABOUT THE POP-UP SHOP (and Miss Pretty’s Tea Room):** What a show last weekend! Pity it was a ‘girls only’ affair! Despite the lousy weather, attending numbers were extraordinary! As was Miss Pretty’s Tea Room! Plenty of diet-breaking cakes and other ‘goodies.’ Raised many dollars for Vinnies’ and others! Cleared about \$1,715 for us over the two days - a remarkable achievement! The same culprits (*with a lot of help from ‘the crew’*) organised and conducted this fashion event as for the parish dinner! We are so graced to have such talented people around to do such interesting things for us! Another great effort, everyone! PS: Don’t forget Vinnies’ 2nd Winter Collection is to be made at this Mass. Please! Give what you can! The needy will be grateful! Thank you, too, for your abiding generosity! **God Bless! Father Bob**

**CARITAS - EMERGENCY:** Bishop Vincent has approved a Caritas Australia special appeal to assist 23 million people who are currently on the brink of famine in South Sudan and other areas of East Africa. The Holy Father Pope Francis has made an appeal for ‘suffering South Sudan’, saying “*At this time, it is more necessary than ever that all commit not to stop at making statements, but also to provide concrete food aid and allow it to reach suffering populations. May the Lord sustain these our brothers and sisters and all those working to help them.*” Caritas Australia and their partners are delivering life-saving food and water to countries most in need. Envelopes have been placed on the pews if you can help support this crisis. God Bless!



Let us keep in our prayers, the First Communicants who will receive this Sacrament today:  
**Angela Kate Collins; Alicia Deanne Malafant;  
 Dylan Victor Rezzonico; Sophia Isabella Grace Sheere;  
 Eliza Paris Wentzel and Logan Wentzel.**

**‘A BLESSING SONG’**

Our blessing song for you, we sing from our hearts.  
 We thank our God for you, for the gift that you are.  
 And we pray now that the seed of His love may grow in your heart,  
 And as you grow may you always know  
 How precious you are in the eyes of our God.  
 May His face smile on you, bringing joy to you.  
 And as you grow may you always know...  
 How precious you are in the eyes of our God.

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**VINNIES’ WINTER APPEAL:** This is the last Sunday of Vinnies’ Parish Winter Appeal. If you would like to donate, please place Appeal envelopes in the Second Collection. On behalf of Vinnies’, **THANK YOU** for paying for morning tea last Sunday, purchasing bunches of tortured willows and cards and for donating all proceeds to our Winter Appeal. Bunches of willows are still available for purchase (\$5 per bunch). Thank you. Pamela Nash

In memoriam: † **Eusebio Dizon** ~ 22nd June  
 Please remember in your prayers, **Paul Kalmar** who died recently. R.I.P.