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Acts 9:26-31 Barnabas reconciles
1 John 3:18-24 Real, active love
John 15:1-8 Vine and branches

Response to the Psalm:

I will praise you Lord in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Servers

10 May Bill Grieves
17 May Pat Wicks

Readers

10 May	1st Reading	Elizabeth Giddey
	Ps/Intercessions	Frances Huckstepp
	2nd Reading	Anthony Gilchrist
17 May	1st Reading	Catherine Beaver
	Ps/Intercessions	Julie Hodgkinson
	2nd Reading	Terry Beaver

Ministers of the Eucharist

10 May Heather Carroll and Julie Hodgkinson
17 May Carla Endean and Diane Stewart

Children's Liturgy

10 May Sarah Greene
17 May Elaine Phillips

Counters

10 May Robyn and Kevin
17 May Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

10 May Janice Lane
17 May Carla Endean

Church Care

15 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
22 May Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean

Please pray for those who are ill:
Russell Ellis; James Ford; Judy Frazer; Arthur Jenner;
Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Irene Peacock;
Cec O'Brien; David Ridoutt and Hugo Riggs.

Happy Birthday
Jacob
Wooldridge
for today 



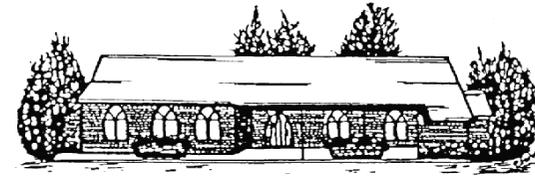
**Fifth Sunday
of Easter ~ Year B**

The same life that feeds
the vine feeds the
branches also.

The branches must be
firmly joined to the
vine for that life to flow
and make them fruitful.
Pruning is painful but
necessary for the vine
to bear abundant fruit.

Jesus is the vine,
we are the branches.
To bear fruit we must
remain firmly joined to
him, accept his pruning,
and be attentive and
responsive to his
words.

SACRED HEART PARISH



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

We wish to acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,
the original custodians of this land.

Our Mission Statement: 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.

Administrator: Fr Bob Sheridan	Parish Office hours:
Parish House: 4787 8811	Wednesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540	Thursday: 10.30am - 2.30pm
Fax: 4787 6143	All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com	Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8540.

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

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Communion Service	Monday	9.00am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am to 10.00am
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd Saturday of month	6.00pm

Care Group - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob, Monica Bright (Chair), Adrian Carroll (Deputy Chair) or Chris Le Gras (Secretary).

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.
Phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

May Cosmology Morning: On Friday, 15 May, 10am till noon, we will gather at the Good Samaritan Community House at 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls for our May Cosmology morning. The discussion will centre on Chapter 4 of 'Radical Amazement' and the meditation will be a quite silent time in the garden or by the fire. Sr Jacinta will show her PowerPoint presentation of "The Story of the Universe and it Effects on our Spirituality". Our gathering includes prayer, song and morning tea. All are welcome. Enquiries: Sr. Jacinta ~ 4757 2290

Happy Mothers Day



Mother's Day

All mothers are special! Unique! The heart of every family! Once each year we take time out to particularly honour our mothers. Today is that day. Mothers are givers of themselves and of the things they have - without reservation - to their family and to all those with whom they share their lives. Mothers are love-driven for their family! So, let each of us take time out to reflect on the importance of our mother in our life, to tell her so, and then do something special for her alone as our great big thank you for looking after us. Thank you to all our Parish Mums!

This is also an appropriate time to thank our other Mother, Mary, for the perfect life She lived and Her unqualified support of Son Jesus and Husband Joseph (Her family). Christianity has always honoured Mary as our Spiritual Mother from the time of Jesus' Crucifixion. The oldest Marian Feast in the Latin Church is that of Mary, the Mother of God, which we celebrate at the beginning of each year on 1st January. We especially rely on Mary to safely steer us through the vagaries of this life through Her devotion to us and our responsive devotion to Her. To this end, the Hail Mary is among our most basic prayers and the Rosary among the most often said. Thank you Mary, our Eternal Mum, for the love You impart to us and for bringing us closer to Jesus and our beloved Father in Heaven.

Four Months On!

I know it's difficult to believe, but as of May 5, I have shared my life with you for four months in my capacity as local Priest. In that time we have managed to celebrate 108 Masses (with Homilies/Homilettes), 3 funerals, 1 Baptism, 16 Reconciliation periods plus the Lenten and Easter Programs. None of the above would have been possible without the tremendous cooperation and support I have received from so many of you! Thank you! *God Bless! Fr Bob*

PROJECT
Compassion 19

Our final tally for **Project Compassion** is **\$3603.40** - what an incredible result - our best ever! Thank you for your continued support and generosity. "What you do to the least, you do it to me."

DWF: Our quota for the May DWF is \$1626. We have collected \$808 to date and the envelopes are in the church again this Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Do you long to give your life to something meaningful? We, Daughters of St Paul, are a community of religious sisters focused on Christ. Engaging with the world through modern media and technology, we proclaim Christ in new ways to the people of each new generation. We invite you to share our mission and explore what religious life has to offer you. For further details see vocations@pauline.com.au or contact Sr Joanna on 0403 175 251. You can also find out more about us at www.daughtersofstpaul.org.au

Special Thoughts on Mother's Day

We give thanks for the love of our Mother in our lives. For some in the community it may mean that they have been called to their heavenly home, perhaps this year, or some years past. We remember their unselfish love for us. We can recall the favourite meal that they made for us with love. We remember perhaps their favourite past time, whether it was embroidery, patching socks, gardening, reading or just being present to whoever came to their home. We recall the prayers that they so lovingly shared with us and their boundless wisdom. A mother's love is a visible presence of God's own love.

St Therese of Lisieux reminds us that "**The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.**"

May your Mother's Day be one of peace and sharing time with those close in your heart. We also give thanks for those in our community who share their mothering in many special ways, those who are single and give so generously.

Being Mindful: A very special Mum shared how when she pegs the clothes on the line for her children she prays for each one. What a beautiful prayer!

Peace and blessings, Monica.

THANK YOU!

What a special Eucharist we had on Good Shepherd Sunday! Special thanks is extended to all who provided hospitality for **The John Paul Singers**. Not only was it a memorable occasion for our community but also for David and Margaret and their family. Thank you all for your warm welcome to our visitors. Special thanks to Jan and Noleen for their beautiful arrangements on the altar and for the Autumn leaves that featured with the cactus dahlias. David Buckley also added his touch to the hall with his artistry. *Monica Bright*

Date to Remember ~ Sunday 17 May: There will be a Re-Connection Mass with our Augustinian Fathers. Kindly bring a plate of hospitality to share after Mass in the hall. Thank you in anticipation.

Prayer Day at Augustinian Centre for Spirituality, Greystanes: Praying in the presence of the Blessed Eucharist (Fr Peter Jones OSA)

A day of adoration and praise supported by a meditative listening to Scripture and Saint Augustine's insights on the mystery of the Eucharist.

Wednesday, 10th June, 9:45am - 2:30pm

at the Augustinian Centre of Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Avenue, Greystanes
\$15 (concessions available). Bring your own lunch - refreshments provided.

Bookings: 9896-6794 or osaspirit@bigpond.com.au

In memoriam:
Kathleen Columbine ~ 10 May
Kath Writer ~ 12 May

Happy Anniversary
Catherine and Terry Beaver for 14th May