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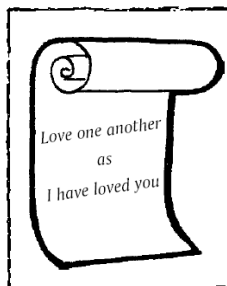
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 **No favourites**
1 John 4:7-10 **God's love for us**
John 15:9-17 **Love one another**

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.



Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

To love God, and to love one another, is the essence of our Christian life. Jesus commands, exhorts and encourages us always to love each other as he loves us. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt anyone. Many a difficult or volatile situation can be completely changed when we have an attitude of love and compassion in our hearts. It shows!

Servers

17 May Pat Wicks
24 May Jan Roberts

Readers

17 May	1st Reading	Catherine Beaver
	Ps/Intercessions	Julie Hodgkinson
	2nd Reading	Terry Beaver
24 May	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	Ps/Intercessions	Ron Davis
	2nd Reading	Ian Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

17 May Carla Endean and Diane Stewart
24 May Barbara Smith and Diana Landsberg

Children's Liturgy

17 May Elaine Phillips
24 May Anne Broomfield

Counters

17 May Louise and Laurie
24 May Barbara and Charles

Morning Tea

17 May Carla Endean
24 May Claire Maguire

Church Care

22 May Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean
29 May Pat and Phil Wicks

NEXT WEEK

He works with us

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46
Eph1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

Please pray for those who are ill:

Russell Ellis; James Ford; Judy Frazer;
Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Irene Peacock;
Cec O'Brien; David Ridoutt and Hugo Riggs.

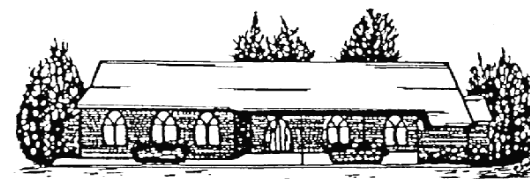
We pray eternal happiness for **Arthur Jenner** who died last Sunday. May our God of compassion bring consolation and peace to Rita and her family. A requiem mass for Arthur will be held in our church this Wednesday at 12.00pm.

Copies of the **Children's Liturgy Roster** are ready for collection at the back of the church. *Barbara Smith*

Put your faith into action

Volunteer to spend 2 weeks in PNG or Outback Australia helping children in need: 21 June - 5 July.
For details visit www.delasallebrothers.com

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
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email:	shbheath2@bigpond.com	

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
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

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).

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

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

Saints in Our Lives!

The history of the Church in both the Old, and more particularly, the New Testament is filled with lives lived in God by numerous people of all ages, ethnicity and status. Everyone from kings, queens, religious, ordinary people and the poor are represented in the esteemed ranks of church-recognised saints.

The examples set for us to follow in the way these people devoted themselves to God in their earthly lives are a guide to us in our quest to improve our devotion to Him through these Saints!

As an aid to us in this Parish, as of this week we are including a list of some of the better recognised Saints who are featured chronologically in their Feast Day order. Should these be useful to you, then we will continue this program into the foreseeable future.

Once known, the written history of any Saint is readily available either via the Internet or in print form available at reasonable cost from any religious retailer.

While these Saints have been/are particularly promoted by our Church as being especially relevant to our needs, we ought always to remember that every deceased person from this life who is in Heaven, is also a saint. So, notwithstanding the featuring of particular Saints, there can be no reason why we cannot seek the support and/or guidance of others whom we also believe to be in Paradise.

Just for the record, I now number among those Saints whose guidance I seek in my life, a growing total of 38 Saints, who collectively I call my "Support Team" and to each of whom I pray daily. So be careful! This list never gets shorter – just longer! Only my recall memory limits the number of Saints I am able to call on for support! I need them all! **God Bless! Fr Bob**

Feast Days for this week! (17th-23rd May)

Monday	St. Pope John I, martyr
Wednesday	St. Bernardine of Siena, priest
Thursday	St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyr
Friday	St. Rita of Cascia



Baptism

On Ascension Sunday there will be a Baptism in Mass for **Sasha O'Leary**, 10 months old!

'Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.'

The love of our God is a love that crosses boundaries. In the Acts of the Apostles we are told that the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word, even the Gentiles. Our God is a God who shows no partiality.

In today's gospel we are told by Jesus, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.' In our complicated world, this commandment is simple, but it is also very difficult. We are not called to love only the people we know and like, we are called to love everyone. This includes people who might seem very different from us.

Who do I struggle to love right now? Do I see God in that person? How might I love that person better?
from *Daily Prayer online*

Welcome to our Augustinian friends, Frs John, Peter and Paul!

The Sacred Heart community is very appreciative of the Augustinian spirit and the spirituality you so generously share with us.

All are welcome to come for a cup of hospitality in the hall and to catch up with our good friends, Frs John, Peter and Paul.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR B

Our first Reading from Acts shows the early Church searching and praying for a new understanding of its identity and mission. It is journeying towards a more inclusive understanding of the Holy Spirit at work in the world. This too, is our call to read the signs of the times and to pray for wisdom.

Peace and blessings, Monica.

THANK YOU TO OUR CARE GROUP!

I would especially like to thank our wonderful care group on behalf of the community. They are ever attentive to the personal stories of our community and with great compassion offer comfort and care and often practical assistance such as a meal to support those in need or transport. Their prayerful support is a great leaven for our community. We are ever appreciative of their generous spirit and know that God will bless them in their daily lives.

Monica

Below is part of an email which was sent to David Ridoutt from Donrita Reefman (Musical Director of the John Paul Singers).

"Would you pass on from me to the Blackheath community how impressive they are? The strong sense of loving community is something that left me feeling like bringing the entire Waitara "Cathedral" parish up to you to "look and learn"! You are all a wonderful witness to what Christ intended in loving each other. Congratulations! And a bonus for me to discover Pat Waters and Phil Wicks, too! Friends from way back... They deserve your community."



Happy Birthday Alfrida Edwards

for 13 May

Dominic LeGras

for 18 May

Mary Duggan

for 19 May

Anthony Gilchrist

for 23 May

Prayers are requested for Caillum Clarke

I have a grandson, Caillum Clarke, who is having an MRI on 20 May, the day before his 11th birthday. Caillum has Autism, ADHD, and an intellectual disability; he takes medication to keep him calm as well as medication for seizures. I am asking for prayers that if they find anything wrong with him, it will be curable. **Alfrida Edwards**

*Congratulations to **Lachlan Gilchrist and Tegan Alchin** on their engagement. We wish them every happiness and blessing for the future.*

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