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Genesis 2:18-24 **One flesh**  
Hebrews 2:9-11 **Same stock**  
Mark 10:2-16 **Come to me**

**Response to the Psalm**

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)

**Servers**

4 Oct Ray Wood  
11 Oct Pat Leeder

**Readers**

4 Oct 1st Reading Mary Duggan  
Intercessions Carol Drummond  
2nd Reading Anne Broomfield  
11 Oct 1st Reading Robyn Burns  
Intercessions Kevin Burns  
2nd Reading Peter Ticehurst

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

4 Oct Pat Leeder and Michelle Davis  
11 Oct Monica and Brian Bright

**Children's Liturgy**

4 Oct Anne Broomfield  
11 Oct Anne Broomfield

**Counters**

4 Oct Monica  
11 Oct Judith and Frank

**Morning Tea**

4 Oct Frances Huckstepp  
11 Oct Bettina LeGras

**Church Care**

9 Oct Julie Hodgkinson  
16 Oct Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**Twenty-seventh  
Sunday Year B**

It seems from today's gospel passage that divorce has always been a contentious issue. Jesus sidesteps the test that the Pharisees set for him, and instead speaks about the union God intends for married love. Authentic love expresses itself in openness, total commitment and mutual care. May this love grow in the life of each one of us, so that we experience the kingdom of God in our relationships.

Next Week: **How to find life?** *Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89 Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30*

**Please pray for**

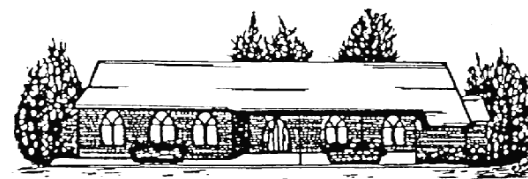
John Duggan; John Brodie, James Ford; Dominic, Lachlan and Gerard Gilchrist; Rose Haddow; Rita Jenner; Roger Johnstone; Ray Lee, Kenneth Kirkham; Irene Peacock; Cecily O'Brien; Hugo Riggs & Eric Tokoli.

**Love between two persons**

Love between two persons... is to be treasured and respected. When two persons love, they experience in a limited manner in this world what will be their unending delight when one with God in the next. To love another is in fact to reach out to God, who shares his lovable-ness with the one we love. To be loved is to receive a sign or share of God's unconditional love. To love another, whether of the same sex or of a different sex, is to have entered the area of the richest human experience. *Cardinal Basil Hume (1923-1999)*



# 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>

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| <b>Blackheath - Mass</b>            | Sunday                         | 9.30am |
| Evening Mass                        | Tuesday                        | 6.30pm |
| Morning Mass                        | Wednesday, Friday & Saturday   | 9.00am |
|                                     | Thursday                       | 8.00am |
| Benediction                         | 2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass |        |
| Communion Service                   | Monday                         | 9.00am |
| Reconciliation                      | Saturday (for half an hour)    | 9.30am |
| <b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>  | 1st and 3rd Saturdays          | 6.00pm |
| <b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b> | 2nd and 4th Saturdays          | 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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

### World Mission Day

Today (Sunday) during Mass, we are to be addressed by Mr Eddie Leszczynski from Catholic Mission Australia, in relation to the need for our support of, and participation in, the work of Catholic Mission throughout the world. These missionaries reach out, and virtually give life, to those suffering from leprosy, HIV/AIDS, etc, people who are normally unreached by other organisations. Envelopes are placed in the pews to make easy any contribution you may care to make to support this vital activity, remembering always that as part of our Catholic faith we are called upon to support those brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than ourselves. I commend to you this most worthwhile missionary activity.

### October – The Month of the Holy Rosary

Our Lady, long ago, has requested that we daily pray the Rosary. Her most recent request for this to occur came out of her apparitions at Fatima in 1917. There has never been a greater need than now to heed this request and there has never been a better time than October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, for us to make that extra effort to pray the Rosary.

The month of October is particularly relevant also because Wednesday, 7th October, is the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. On that day following the 9.00am Mass, we will collectively share the Rosary to encourage us to accede to Our Lady's request. Ultimately, Her desire is that we include this significant prayer in our daily prayer routine throughout the year.

### Last Sunday – A Final Word

Congratulations to Aaron, Connor, Kate, Matthew, Tara and Taylah who have now been fully initiated into the Sacramental life of our Church. May their devotion to Our Lord through the Sacraments be lifelong and of great comfort to them as they journey through life in company with our caring parish and universal family.

Once again, many thanks to all who contributed to the obvious success of the day. What a send off we gave Fr Chris as his last formal act on behalf of the Bishop prior to departing for an extended R&R overseas!

**God Bless! Fr Bob**

### Feast Days for this week! (4th to 10th October 2009)

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| Sunday    | St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), Memorial                                                                                 |
| Monday    | St Faustina Kouwalska, Religious (1905-1938)                                                                               |
| Tuesday   | Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin, Religious (1811-1849)<br>St. Bruno, Priest (1033-1101), optional                          |
| Wednesday | Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial                                                                                           |
| Thursday  | St Pelagia, Virgin, Martyr (290-305)                                                                                       |
| Friday    | Ss Denis, Bishop, Martyr & Companions Martyrs (d250), Optional<br>St Abraham (Old Testament) Patriarch & St Sarah his wife |



### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Father Bob and Heather Carroll for the Sacramental preparation of our candidates for First Eucharist and Confirmation. I would also like to acknowledge Jan Roberts for her beautiful arrangements and also Julie Hodgkinson, Michelle Davis and Michelle Funnell for preparation of the hall for our celebration. My grateful thanks also to all who provided a plate of hospitality on a very cold day which saw light falls of snow. Father Chris De Souza also acknowledged our musicians and our choir who provided a very reverent liturgical celebration. Paul Cosgrave also captured special moments with his photographic eye. Thank you one and all for the gifts you share so readily in our community.

**Peace and blessings, Monica Bright.**

#### ENVELOPES:

There are still a number of envelopes in the Church Foyer not collected.

#### ROSTERS:

Liturgical Ministers and Children's Rosters are now available for collection in the Church Foyer.

Day Retreat: **Let us approach the Table of the Word of God**

Retreat Director:

**Fr Gerard Moran OCD**

Saturday, 7th November, 10am-4pm  
Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.  
Enquiries: Carla Walker (9603 1433)

**Next Week's Bulletin:** For next week only, please have your items to Kate by **Wednesday**, 7 October, for inclusion in the bulletin of 11 October.

~ Happy Birthday Pat Wicks for 8th October ~

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 18 OCTOBER Catholic Mission

'*Reach Out, Give Life*', is this year's theme for World Mission Sunday, focusing on leprosy and HIV/AIDS in India. We are called to put ourselves at the service of humanity in word, in action and in the sharing of our resources with communities and families around the world.

As individuals and as a community we are called to support Catholic Mission's worldwide missionary network ... giving life to the whole human person through pastoral care, spiritual and physical support. You and your family can make a difference.

**Today, as part of our community's lead up to our World Mission Sunday Appeal on 18 October, and to broaden our knowledge of the work of Catholic Mission, we are blessed to have with us Mr Eddie Leszczynski, Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission.**

**Welcome Eddie!**

✠ In memoriam ✠  
George Cora ~ 6 October  
Annie Woodley ~ 8 October

**Wanted: Old Bricks** for landscaping the garden at Mt Vic Church. Please call Diane Stewart on 4787 1357. Will collect.