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*Isaiah 35:4-7 God comes to save  
James 2:1-5 Two standards  
Mark 7:31-37 Deaf hear*

**Psalm Response:**

Praise the Lord,  
my soul, and bless  
His holy name.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise the Word of  
Truth and Life.

**Servers**

6 Sep Pat Wicks  
13 Sep Jan Roberts

**Readers**

6 Sep	1st Reading	Catherine Beaver
	Ps/Intercessions	Julie Hodgkinson
	2nd Reading	Terry Beaver
13 Sep	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	Ps/Intercessions	Ron Davis
	2nd Reading	Ian Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6 Sep Carla Endean and Diane Stewart  
13 Sep Barbara Smith and Diana Landsberg

**Children's Liturgy**

6 Sep Carol Drummond  
13 Sep Moira McNair

**Counters**

6 Sep Christa and David  
13 Sep Robyn and Kevin

**Morning Tea**

6 Sep Claire Maguire  
13 Sep Jan Roberts

**Church Care**

11 Sep Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam  
18 Sep Robyn and Kevin Burns



**Twenty-third Sunday  
Year B**

The prophet Isaiah told  
the people to have  
courage and not to fear  
because their God is  
coming to save and  
heal them.

When the people  
brought a deaf and  
dumb man to Jesus,  
he healed him in  
the quietness of a  
private place.

We can find Jesus in  
the depths of our own  
hearts, and it is there  
that he works wonders  
of healing and  
forgiveness.

Next Week: **Who am I for you?** *Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114 James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35*

**AUGUSTINIAN CENTRE FOR SPIRITUALITY, GREYSTANES**

**PRAYER DAY ~ PRAYING THE PSALMS**

**Presenter: Fr John McCall OSA**

The Psalms are not only the songs of the prophets inspired  
by God, they are the songs of the whole Church,  
the very expression of her deepest inner life.

An invitation to a day with the Psalms.

Thursday, 22 October, 9.45am - 2.30pm, Augustinian Centre,  
2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Suggested donation: \$15.

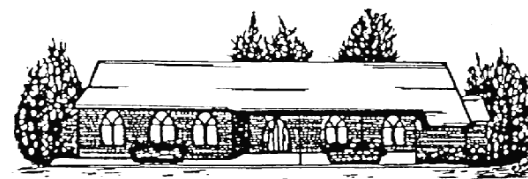
Please bring own lunch; refreshments available.

Bookings: 9896-6794 or osaspirit@bigpond.com

Please pray  
for those who are ill:

**John Duggan;**  
**James Ford;**  
**Judy Frazer;**  
**Lachlan Gilchrist;**  
**Rita Jenner;**  
**Roger Johnstone;**  
**Irene Peacock;**  
**Cecily O'Brien,**  
**Hugo Riggs and**  
**Eric Tokoli.**

# 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, Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8540.
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com	

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

<b>Blackheath</b> - Mass	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</b> - Mass	1st Friday of the month	7.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - Vigil Mass	2nd Saturday of the 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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS!

**Father's Day**

A Happy Father's Day to all Dads! This one day of the year is set aside to honour the role of the father in the family. Sometimes this role is exercised by other males, particularly grandfathers, uncles and perhaps step-fathers. For some children, the father figure can be their male teacher, sports coach or family friend.

It is easy to take our fathers for granted. The natural hurts that arise in all families can cause us to forget the wealth of goodness and commitment that fathers have for us. Today gives all family members an opportunity to recall and acknowledge the many particular gifts that fathers bring to families.

There is no one 'right' way of showing appreciation of your father. The important thing is to do it! When expressing thanks to your dad it is a good idea to connect it to something specific - a particular quality or incident that for you, is a typical example of your father's care and commitment to you.

Giving a present to Dad would be great, though the most important gift from you would be the gift of appreciation! Every father knows that he is human and doesn't always get it perfectly right! So, he needs to hear from his children when he does get things right!

Also, it doesn't have to stop with Father's Day, and your appreciation of his fatherhood to you! In that sense almost any and every day can be a Father's Day!

**The Father of all Fathers!**

We have a Father who is filled with compassion, a feeling Father who hurts when his children hurt! We serve a God who says that even when we're under pressure and feel like nothing is going right, He's waiting for us to embrace us whether we succeed or fail. He comes into our hearts like a gentle lamb, not a roaring lion! Happy Father's Day! **God Bless! Fr Bob**

**FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION ~ Caring for those who cared!**

Envelopes are available for the Bishop's Father's Day Collection for Retired and Sick Priests. The Clergy Support Foundation is currently assisting retired and sick clergy. All donations of \$2 and more are fully tax deductible.

**Feast Days for this week! (6th to 12th September 2009)**

Sunday	St Zechariah (c520BC) – Minor Prophet
Monday	St Regina, Virgin/Martyr (d251AD)
Tuesday	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast
Wednesday	St Peter Claver, Priest (1580-1654) Optional
Thursday	St Nicholas of Tolentine, Priest (1245-1305)
Friday	St Adelphus, Bishop (5th Century)
Saturday	Holy Name of Mary - Optional

A reminder to all that next Saturday, **12 September** (being the 2nd Saturday of the Month), **Mass, Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and Benediction** will be shared among those present. Time: **9am to approx. 10.30am.**

✠ **In memoriam** ✠  
**Ray Thomas** ~ 8 September  
**Mary Bland** ~ 10 September  
**Mary Johnstone** ~ 10 September

**Liturgical Ministers' Rosters**  
are available at the back of the church.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS!**



On this day we celebrate the gift of fathers in our lives. For some of us it may mean pondering on the special memories we have of our

dear Dads who have been called home by our God. It may mean the memory of a treasured conversation, a story read to us by our Dad or something that he made for us in our childhood that was very precious to us. Our Dads too, imparted the wisdom of their years and great inner strength. We also think of St Joseph and the wonderful love, wisdom and great example he gave to his family. May all Dads in our community enjoy this day with their families. Peace & blessings, Monica Bright.

*"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty."*  
- Unknown -

**A Seminar on Pope Benedict's encyclical "Veritas in caritate"** organised by the Catholic Adult Education Centre will be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7.30pm in Lidcombe.** Speakers are Fr John Flader, Eamonn Keane and Assoc. Professor Sandra Lynch. See Notice board for more details.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Joan Tumgth** for Today  
**Heather Carroll** for Today  
**Yvonne Thomas** for 7th September  
**Michelle Funnell** for 7th September  
**Lance Hodgkinson** for 8th September

**Long Weekend Sunday - 4 October**  
**~ Cake and Craft Stall ~**  
All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. Food items to have a list of ingredients attached. Please wrap and price items ready for sale.



**Men and Mercy:** The Blackheath Anglican Church invites men to come and hear of the life-giving medical work of the Mercy Ships in West African countries on **Saturday, 12 Sept at 12 noon**, for a light meal and talk at the Blackheath RSL. You are very welcome. No RSVP required.

**BANC Community Day**  
The Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre invites residents to come to their Community Day on Saturday, 12th September from 12noon-6pm. A fun, family event for everyone - live music, stalls, dancing, face painting, sausage sizzle, poetry slam and more! To be held in the Community Centre and outdoor areas. For more information contact BANC on 47877770.

**REFLECTION MORNING**  
The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held on Saturday, 12 September from 10am-Noon at 227 The Mall, Leura. Theme: **"Maintaining a Mellow Heart"**. All welcome.