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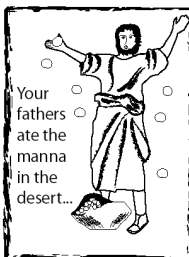
1 Kings 19:4-8 Food for the journey
Ephesians 4:30-5:2 Live in love
John 6:41-51 Bread of life

Response to the Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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



Nineteenth Sunday

The prophet Elijah is weary of life, and wishes he were dead.

An angel comes twice and encourages him to eat. That food strengthened him for his journey to God.

When Jesus describes himself as living bread from heaven that brings eternal life, he is rejected. And yet he is the bread of life.

He is our strength and support for our journey through life.

Next Week: Living bread

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 33
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Servers

9 Aug Ray Wood
16 Aug Pat Leeder

Readers

9 Aug 1st Reading Mary Duggan
Ps/Intercessions Carol Drummond
2nd Reading Anne Broomfield
16 Aug 1st Reading Robyn Burns
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns
2nd Reading Peter Ticehurst

Ministers of the Eucharist

9 Aug Pat Leeder and Michelle Davis
16 Aug Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

9 Aug Julie Hodgkinson
16 Aug Frances Huckstepp

Counters

9 Aug Judith and Frank
16 Aug Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

9 Aug Michelle Funnell
16 Aug Monica Van Horen

Church Care

14 Aug Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean
21 Aug Judy Harris and Vicky

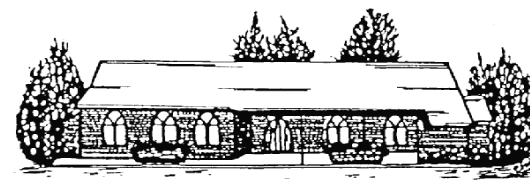
Please pray for those who are ill: **Russell Ellis; James Ford; Judy Frazer; Rita Jenner; Roger Johnstone; Irene Peacock; Cecily O'Brien & Hugo Riggs.**

Happy 38th Anniversary Claire and Ian Maguire for 14 August

Ever Slept in a Bishop's Bedchamber?

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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
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Communion Service	Monday	9.00am
Reconciliation	Saturday (for half an hour)	9.30am
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of the month	7.00pm
Megalong Valley - 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

VOCATIONS

This weekend sees the end of Vocation Week for 2009. You will recall that last weekend we concentrated our attention on lay vocations i.e. marriage and, of course, the many religious services which, though voluntary in nature, are critical to the continuing successful administration and operation of a parish such as ours. In that regard, we are particularly graced in having the services of many experienced parishioners to carry out this necessary work. However, others are needed to more equitably share with existing volunteers, those duties from which we all benefit. Hence, this invitation to you to become more actively involved in the affairs of Blackheath Parish, and join with those already committed to this most fulfilling and satisfying work.

This weekend we now focus on vocations to religious orders including the Priesthood. The biggest single difference between these vocations and lay vocations is that the latter can be incorporated into an otherwise normal family routine whereas religious vocations are exclusive in that they seek to render whole-of-life service to God through the order to which they belong. For those people wanting to consider entry into a religious order, there are a wide variety of such organisations available which offer opportunities to accommodate almost any need you may feel is calling you.

In-so-far as the Priesthood is concerned, this calling renders a highly specialized service to God through a community, be that a religious order or a parish involving diocesan priests. A calling to Priesthood (applies also to other religious) always involves academic studies plus the qualifying test of time. While every support is given to those entering upon this journey, ultimately this is a very personal choice involving both God and self! The journey to Priesthood is almost always a difficult one, but once ordained first as a transitional deacon, then as Priest, this can be a most rewarding vocation.

Without Priests, our Catholic Church cannot continue its work! They are essential to the welfare of the Church and its people! Should you feel an urge to enquire further regarding the possibility of a Priesthood for you, please contact either myself or our office.
God Bless! Fr Bob

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

It is of the utmost importance that all water used to rinse Sacred Vessels after Mass, including that used for washing up, is poured down the Sacarium, the special lidded sink next to the normal sink, as the Vessels may contain remnants of the Body and Blood of Christ. This sink drains directly into the soil and not into the drain pipes. Any cloths used for drying up should be placed with the altar cloths for separate washing.

Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal

The Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal collection will be held **TODAY**. Your donation will help to support the ministries of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Are you ready to live a life less ordinary?

Becoming a De La Salle Brother opens up a life of incredible adventure, exciting challenges and purpose. See www.delasallebrothers.com

We pray eternal happiness for Monica Bright's mother,
Madge Carey, who passed away last Thursday, aged 91.
May our God of compassion bring consolation and peace to Monica and her family.

WE GIVE THANKS

My dear Sacred Heart Community, it is with deep sadness that I ask for your prayers for my dear Mum, Madge, who was called to her Heavenly reward on Thursday morning, August 6. My sister, Trish and my dear family, Brian and Matt, would appreciate your prayers at this sacred time. We have been blessed by a mother's love that was always selfless and inspired by her loving example as a woman of great faith.

'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves.'
Peace and blessings, Monica.



Spring is Coming!

Bricks, mortar and fill are required to be put into our new planter box at the front of the church.

Once we have filled this, we can then plant some beautiful spring flowers. So, if you have any fill you would like to get rid of from around your house, please place it in the planter box. Thanks for your help.



Parish Census

We are updating the Parish Census, and forms will be available at each Church Door, so please take one and complete.

We would also like to add email addresses to the Census, and would ask that you send us your email address to shbheath2@bigpond.com

REMINDER: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Saturday 15th August Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass will be held at 9.00am at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath.
All welcome!



Vinnie's Doorknock Appeal:

Are you ready to live a life less ordinary?

Vinnie's Doorknock Appeal Volunteers are needed to collect donations and assist with administration over 2 weekends: 22-23 & 29-30 August.
Details: David Starr tel (02) 9568 0253, david.starr@vinnies.org.au

Feast Days for this week! (9th-15th August 2009)

Sunday	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr (1891-1942) - Feast
Monday	St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr (d258) - Feast
Tuesday	St Clare of Assisi, Virgin (1193-1253) - Memorial
Wednesday	St Jane Frances de Chantel - Religious (1572-1641), Optional
Thursday	St Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr (170-235) - Optional
Friday	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr (1894-1941) - Memorial
Saturday	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation/ Solemnity, Dogma of the Church

