

TODAY

*Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10 A sign appeared
1 Corinthians 15:20-26 Christ first to rise
Luke 1:39-56 Woman most blessed*

Response to the Psalm:

Holy Mary, pray for us; Holy Mary pray for us.
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Gospel Acclamation:

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

Servers

15 Aug Diane Stewart
22 Aug Jan Roberts

Readers

15 Aug	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	Intercessions	Ron Davis
	2nd Reading	Ian Maguire
22 Aug	1st Reading	Robyn Burns
	Intercessions	Jane Nolan
	2nd Reading	Kevin Burns

Ministers of the Eucharist

15 Aug Monica and Brian Bright
22 Aug Ray Wood and Elizabeth Giddey

Children's Liturgy

15 Aug Elaine Phillips
22 Aug Fiona/Wayne Evans

Counters

15 Aug Monica
22 Aug Judith and Frank

Morning Tea

15 Aug Michelle Funnell
22 Aug Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith

Church Care

20 Aug Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
27 Aug Julie Hodgkinson

Next Week: **Many will come** *Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116 Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13; Luke 13:22-30*

Feast Days for this week (15th to 21st August 2010)

Sunday 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity, Dogma of the Church

Monday 16th St Stephen, King (977-1038), optional; Br Roger Schutz, Anglican, Taize Founder (1915-2005)

Tuesday 17th St Clare of Montefalco, Virgin, Abbess (1268-1308)

Wednesday 18th St Jane Frances De Chantel, Religious (1572-1641)
St Helena, Widow (250-330), Mother of Emperor Constantine)

Thursday 19th St John Eudes, Priest (1601-1680), Optional

Friday 20th St Bernard, Founder, Abbot, Doctor (1090-1153), Memorial

Saturday 21st St Pius X, Pope (1835-1914), Memorial
Our Lady of Knock, Irish Feast (1879)



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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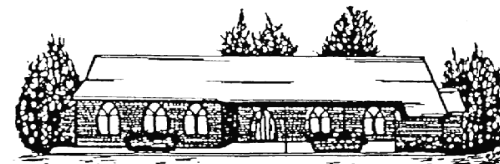
Mary was chosen in a special way to be the mother of Jesus, God's Son.

Yet, like us, she had to live in faith.

As Jesus' first disciple, she shows us the way, accompanying us through the vicissitudes of everyday life.

We, too, can echo her song of praise, for her assumption into heaven assures us of our own resurrection at the end of time.

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.

Parish Priest: Father Bob Sheridan

Parish House:	4787 8811	Parish Office hours:
Parish Mobile: (24hrs/7days)	0428 878 810	Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish Office:	4787 8540	Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Fax:	4787 6143	All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, ph 4787 8811.
email:	shbheath2@bigpond.com	

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	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 Fr Bob or Michelle Davis (Chair), Marjanna Gilchrist (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

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

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

VOCATIONS

This weekend sees the end of Vocation Week for 2010. Last weekend, we concentrated our attention on lay vocations. Today, we concentrate on vocations to religious orders, including the priesthood, sisterhood and brotherhood. The biggest single difference between these vocations and lay vocations is that the latter can be incorporated into another 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. Insofar as the priesthood is concerned, this calling renders a highly specialised service to God, through a community, be that a religious order or a parish regarding diocesan priests.

A calling to priesthood 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 the possibility of priesthood, or other religious vocation, please contact either myself or our office.

DIOCESAN WORKS APPEAL (DWF)

The next DWF collection is scheduled for 22nd August. Our quota is \$1,795.00. In recent times, our special collections have accounted for approximately half of that quota, the rest has had to be given to the Diocese from our general funds. So, any extra effort you can make to bridge this gap would be to the benefit of all, and much appreciated by all parishioners.

FEAST OF OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION

Today is the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady into heaven, on this rare occasion where it is concurrently celebrated with our normal Sunday Mass. However, the Mass itself will be that prescribed for the Feast of the Assumption.

THE MASS IS CHANGING - HOW AND WHY! continued... When will the new translation go into effect?

This has not yet been decided. The date may be announced when the Holy See gives final approval to the remaining parts of the translation. Once approval is given, a period will follow to allow publishers to produce new editions of the Roman Missal and to educate the clergy and the faithful about the new translation. Publishers have requested at least a year to do their work.

It has been suggested that the beginning of the liturgical year - Advent - would be an appropriate time for the new translation to go into effect. Considering these factors, we may speculate that Advent 2011 is a possible date, but we will have to wait and see.

God bless! Fr Bob.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Last Friday, two of our sacramental group received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Congratulations on behalf of all parishioners to **Monique and Simone von zum Hof**

and their parents on taking this landmark step on the way to receiving Confirmation and First Communion.

The next **Reflection Morning** will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, 21st August, 10am-1pm. All welcome, no need to book and morning tea is provided.

Dr Robert Tilley will lead the morning - **Spirituality and Self-Perception - reflecting on the writings of St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross.** Dr Tilley is well known in adult education circles as a teacher in the fields of literature and spirituality. This is a joint venture of Catalyst for Renewal and the Aquinas Academy. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

Noticeboard Items

- * Pat Drummond
- * Federal Election 2010
- * August Cosmology Morning
- * Marriage Sunday: 12th September
- * National Natural Family Planning Week
- * Theology on Tap with Bishop Anthony: 6 September
- * Position Vacant: Accounts Clerk
- * Campion College Open Day
- * Calling Musicians!
- * Seminar on Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue: 4 September
- * MacKillop the Musical
- * Catholic Schools Forum 1st September



CELEBRATING THE COUNTDOWN TO SAINTHOOD 2010:

A special screening of **'Mary' The Director's Cut - the true story of Blessed Mary MacKillop**, will be screened at Mount Vic Flicks on Saturday, 21 August, at 6pm. We are proposing to request a further screening (before Sunday 5 Sept), but this would be subject to numbers. A list is on the notice board, should you be interested in viewing this film. Please note numbers, and preferred date and time other than normal session times shown on the leaflet.

Please pray for those who are ill: Edna Bentick; Trish Carey; Kim Crawford; John Duggan, James Ford; Virginia Hayward, Miriam Helby, Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Kenneth Kirkham; Fran Knight; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Eileen Meade; Cecily O'Brien; Irene Peacock; Hugo Riggs & Cy Schreiber.

Thank you to the McArdles for their kind offer of assistance to photocopy the bulletin on the occasions when I am unable to do it.
Gabrielle Byrne

Academy Singers 'German Romantics' 3pm, Sunday, 22 Aug, St Alban's, Megalong St, Leura. Tickets available at the door - \$15 Adults and \$5 Children (includes refreshments). For further information, please phone 4757 1237 or email info@academysingers.com.au

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP): Call for Volunteers - If you would like to help organise SIP, please contact Elizabeth Giddey on 4787 6198.

Happy Anniversary Mick & Dulcie
~♥~ Davis ~♥~
for 18th August

Liturgical Ministers' Rosters are now available for collection. Please take a copy today.