

**TODAY**

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19 *God judges justly*  
2Timothy 4:6-8.16-18 *The Lord saves*  
Luke 18:9-14 *Pride and humility*

**Psalm Response:**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

**Servers**

24 Oct Diane Stewart  
31 Oct Pat Wicks

**Readers**

24 Oct	1st Reading	Mary Duggan
	Intercessions	Jane Nolan
	2nd Reading	Barbara Smith
31 Oct	1st Reading	Ron Davis
	Intercessions	Paul Cosgrave
	2nd Reading	Gerard Nolan

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

24 Oct Ray Wood and Elizabeth Giddey  
31 Oct Anthony Gilchrist and Diane Stewart

**Children's Liturgy**

24 Oct Carroll Family  
31 Oct Carol Drummond

**Counters**

24 Oct Judith and Frank  
31 Oct Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

24 Oct Carroll Family  
31 Oct Christine Burke

**Church Care**

29 Oct Julie Hodgkinson  
5 Nov Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**Thirtieth Sunday**

The Pharisee prides himself on being virtuous, comparing himself favourably with the publican, whom he despises. He says his prayer 'to himself' not to God, for in reality he himself is his god. Focusing on externals, he is blind to his own sin while certain that he knows the publican's failings. The publican knows truthfully who he is before God. Living in truth brings harmony within and between us.

Next Week: *Salvation has come*  
Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Ps 144  
2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

**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 and Cy Schreiber.

**Happy Birthday**

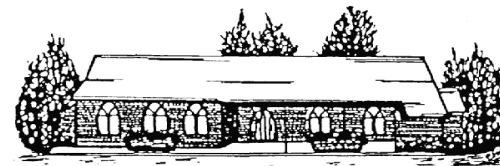
**Patricia Dea**  
~ 24 October ~  
**Anne Hartigan**  
~ 25 October ~  
**Matilda Gauci**  
~ 25 October ~  
**Gabrielle Byrne**  
~ 30 October ~

**Living the Gospel - Competitive prayer:** For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Judith and Frank Mackrell**  
40 years of wedded bliss ~ 30th October

In memoriam:  
**Marjorie Cowell**  
29th October

# 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: (24 hrs/7 days)	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>

<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	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	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 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 the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email [shbheath@bigpond.com](mailto:shbheath@bigpond.com)

### Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Postscript

Last Sunday's celebration of the Canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop was a highlight of our Church Year through Mass and a party time social held after in our church hall. The highlight for me was the celebratory cake which we all duly shared with gusto and Gerard Nolan's 20 minute emotional presentation of the life and times of Mary MacKillop.

Sadly, our video player has absconded! So, we couldn't show the two videos of Saint Mary MacKillop's life in the hall. Thanks to Norma Longmuir, some parishioners adjourned to her place where they did watch both videos and were suitably impressed with them.

Should you have any knowledge as to the whereabouts of our video player, would you please arrange for its return or advise the office so that we can reclaim our property? There is some urgency in this matter as Melbourne Cup Day is just around the corner.

To everyone who put in the time and effort to make our Sunday social the great success it was, thank you on behalf of all our parishioners.

On Thursday this week, I gave our children at Blackheath Public School in their religious studies, a verbal and printed summary of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop's life and qualification for Sainthood. They seemed suitably impressed! Thank you to Noeleen Cliff and our other RE Teachers for making this a very easy task for me, and I also thank the school principal, Mr Mark Rudd, for providing a special venue in which we gathered.

### Parish Mission

The 10 home Masses have now been successfully completed, a number of home visits to housebound parishioners have been undertaken, and the final intense phase of the Mission is now well underway in the form of a nine-day Novena. Attendances at both home Masses, the 7am morning Masses and the evening services have exceeded my expectations and we now look forward to the conclusion of our Mission following this Wednesday's 7am Mass.

Again, many thanks to those of you who have made your homes available for the home Masses, and also to everyone who has worked so hard in our church for this major event. As of Thursday next, 28th October, normal Mass times as listed on the cover of our Bulletin will apply.

**Blessings! Fr Bob**

### Feast Days for this week! (24th to 30th October)

Sunday 24th	St Mary Anthony Claret - Bishop (1807-1870)
Monday 25th	St Jeanne Jugun, Founder Sisters of the Poor (1792-1879) Forty Holy Martyrs, England/Wales (1535-1610)
Tuesday 26th	St Evaristus, Pope and Martyr (d105)
Wednesday 27th	St Frumentius, Bishop (d380)
Thursday 28th	Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast
Friday 29th	St Narcissus of Jerusalem, Bishop (d116)
Saturday 30th	St Marcellus, Centurian and Martyr (d298)

### Reflection Morning

The next Reflection Morning will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, 6th November, 10am-1pm. All welcome, morning tea provided and entry by donation. **Bishop Geoffrey Robinson will lead the time of prayer and reflection.** Come and experience the silence and solitude. This is a joint venture of the Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

### Melbourne Cup Day - The Theme for 2010 is 'Go Red'

Don't forget to see Frank or Michael to purchase your \$10 tickets to this fabulous event to be held in the church hall on Tuesday, 2nd November, around 12 noon. There will be sweeps and more, PLUS, your \$10 not only gets you some yummy dessert, champagne, tea and coffee, but also provides us with a worthwhile fundraising effort for our Awasa Orphanage. All welcome!



### Church Yard Maintenance

Volunteers are required for next Saturday, 30th October, around 7.30pm to help with the church yard maintenance. Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who always answer the call to mowers!

### Positions Vacant: Academic and General, University of Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame is currently seeking applications for a variety of Academic and General positions commencing January 2011. For more information, please telephone Mr Julian Smith on 8204 4448 or refer to our website: [www.nd.edu.au/jobs/sydneyjobs.shtml](http://www.nd.edu.au/jobs/sydneyjobs.shtml)

### Support for those Separated or Divorced: Stepping Beyond

The Solo Parent Ministry's next monthly workshop to assist those who have been through the breakdown of their marriage is being held on Tuesday, 26th October, at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, Blacktown. The Focus Question this month is:

**'How do you establish and maintain a healthy balance in your life?'**

Come along for some personal reflection and discussion with others to gain some insights and handy tips for furthering your progress towards a happier and better balanced life for you and your children. Bookings are essential: Contact Eileen Quade 99330205 or [eileen.quade@ccss.org.au](mailto:eileen.quade@ccss.org.au)

### Gospel Focus - At rights with God

We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be at rights with God? It is nothing more and nothing less than the entire Judeo-Christian story. The story of the Old Testament is the story of God calling the people to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The Gospels are the story of Jesus calling all people to a richer understanding of his compassionate Father so that they may once again be at rights with God. The story continues and it is our constant challenge to be at rights with God also. *-from Liturgyhelp online*