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Acts 2:14,36-41 **Promise is for you**  
1Peter 2:20-25 **Our shepherd**  
John 10:1-10 **Fullness of life**

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)  
**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;**  
**I know my sheep, and mine know me.**  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)

**Just a reminder:** During Fr Bob's absence,  
Sunday Mass only will be celebrated  
at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath at 9.30am.

**Servers**

15 May Jan Roberts  
22 May Michelle Davis

**Readers**

15 May 1st Reading Ron Davis  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2nd Reading Barbara Smith  
22 May 1st Reading Monica Bright  
Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
2nd Reading Brian Bright

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

15 May Diana Landsberg and Bill Grieves  
22 May Anthony Gilchrist and Diane Stewart

**Children's Liturgy**

15 May TBA  
22 May TBA

**Counters**

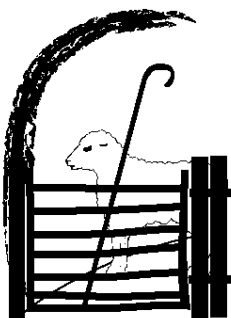
15 May Robyn and Kevin  
22 May Louise and Laurie

**Morning Tea**

15 May Carla Deandean  
22 May Robyn Burns

**Church Care**

20 May Judy Harris and Vicky  
27 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**Fourth Sunday of  
Easter ~ Year A**

15 May 2011

'One by one he calls  
his own sheep and  
leads them.' What a  
fantastic image of  
God's love for us!  
Notwithstanding the  
billions of people now  
walking the earth and  
all those of earlier  
centuries, God knows  
and cares for each  
of us personally,  
individually.  
He looks for a return  
of love and gratitude  
on that same basis.  
What does he  
want to give us?  
Life to the full.

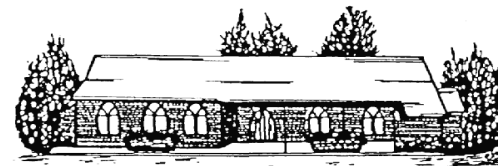
Next Week  
The Father's house  
Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32  
1Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



**Feast Days for this week! (15 - 21 May)**

Sunday 15 May St Isidore, Farmer (1080-1130)  
Monday 16 May St Simon Stock, Carmelite Prior General (d1265)  
Tuesday 17 May St Paschal Baylon, Religious (1540-1592)  
Wednesday 18 May St John I, Pope, Martyr (d526), optional feast  
Thursday 19 May St Celestine V, Pope (1215-1296)  
Friday 20 May St Bernadine of Siena, Priest (1380-1444), optional feast  
Saturday 21 May St Constantine, Emperor (d313)

# 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,  
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, ph 4787 8811.

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), Frances Huckstepp (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 [shbheath2@bigpond.com](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)



The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the three different cycles of the liturgical year, the gospel on this Sunday comes from John, chapter 10 - an extended discourse by Jesus on the image of himself as the good shepherd. This year the reading is the beginning of the chapter and stops just immediately before the words, 'I am the good shepherd'.

Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today's passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd's voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd's commands.

When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

- from *Liturgyhelp* online

**DWF (Diocesan Works Fund) Appeal** is being held in our Parish **today and next Sunday, 22nd May**. Please give generously to this fund as it helps numerous organisations within our Diocese. Our quota for this appeal is \$1795. The August appeal will be changed to February 2012 due to the large number of collections within our Diocese in 2011.

Listed are some of the ministries that the DWF supports within our Diocese: Family Support Program, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Relationship Education Program, Catholic Social Services and many more. Please give what you can.

**CARITAS  
Project Compassion  
Boxes and Envelopes**

Money and money boxes are now being counted for our Caritas appeal. So far our parish has raised \$424. Please bring all boxes and envelopes back as soon as possible so we can arrange a cheque to be sent to Caritas. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

**THE HOLY LAND APPEAL**

This appeal raised \$262.75. Thank you to all those who contributed to this appeal which was held on Good Friday. A cheque was sent to the Holy Land Commissariat during the week.

**Diocese of Parramatta Silver Jubilee Mass**  
All are welcome to attend this Silver Jubilee Mass on **Thursday, 19th May**.

**The Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP**, will preside at the Mass in **St Patrick's Cathedral**, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. **Time: 7.30pm**

**~ May Cosmology Morning ~**

The theme of the meditation will be "*Winters of the Spirit*" for our gathering on Friday, 20th May, at 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The discussion will centre on Ch. 5 "The Kingdom of God" in *Fields of Compassion* by Judy Cannato. Prayers for the sick and other needs as well as morning tea will be included in the morning's gathering. New guests are always welcome.  
Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

An update of the **Church Care Roster** for the next six months will be drawn up very soon. If there are changes to be made, please see Mary after Mass any Sunday or ring 6352 1706.



Please pray for those who are ill:  
Madge Boylan;  
Marion Crowley;  
John Duggan;  
Julie Duggan;  
Barry Finch;  
Fr Frank Fletcher MSC;  
James Ford;  
Virginia Hayward;  
Kenneth Kirkham;  
Ray Lee;  
Barry Leeder;  
Cecily O'Brien;  
Irene Peacock;  
Lee Piercy and  
Cy Schreiber.



**On Sunday, 29th May, Lisa Taylor** will be visiting the Parish to update and share with us how our donations to the **AWASA Mission** are supporting their work and what a difference it is making to the children.

Lisa will bring photos to share with us. Morning tea will be held in the hall on the 29th so we can hear Lisa speak and see the photos in a relaxing way. There will be craft items for sale on the day down in the Hall. **Please bring a small plate to share for the morning tea. Thank you.** *Michelle*

**JERSEY BOYS THEATRE PARTY**

Thank you to Anne-Marie Bland for organising the theatre party. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the show, and an amount of **\$80 was raised for the Awasa Orphanage**. Well done, Anne-Marie.

**AWASA**

Thank you Blackheath Parish for your wonderful support for this mission. This week we have managed to remit \$611USD to AWASA to help the children have a better life.

**Happy Birthday  
Mary Duggan**  
for 19th May

**93 days to go to  
WYD Madrid**  
16-21 August 2011

**Reflect**  
*I have come so that  
they may have life  
and have it to the full.*  
(John 10:10)

**Historical Context – A line of shepherds**

When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to 'shepherd' their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did.  
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