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Isaiah 45:1,4-6 **I am the Lord**  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 **Faith in action**  
Matthew 22:15-21 **What is your opinion?**

**Psalm Response:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

16 Oct Bill Grieves  
23 Oct Diane Stewart

**Readers**

16 Oct 1st Reading Barbara Smith  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp  
23 Oct 1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Pat Wicks  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

16 Oct Anthony Gilchrist and Margaret Davis  
23 Oct Monica and Brian Bright

**Children's Liturgy**

16 Oct TBA  
23 Oct TBA

**Counters**

16 Oct Robyn and Adrian  
23 Oct Barbara and Bill

**Morning Tea**

16 Oct Monica Bright  
23 Oct Monica Van Horen

**Church Care**

21 Oct Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston  
28 Oct Julie Hodgkinson

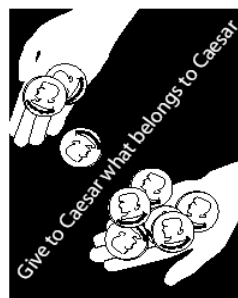
Next Week

**Greatest commandment**

Exodus 22:20-26;  
Psalm 17 1Thess 1:5-10;  
Matt 22:34-40

**A VOCATION VIEW**

We do not choose a vocation completely on our own.  
We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to  
God what is God's, and then live as though  
everything depends on God.



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
Ordinary Time - Yr A**

16th October 2011

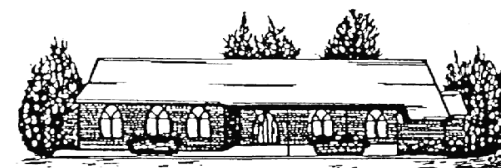
Today's Gospel  
contrasts the honesty  
and truthfulness of  
Jesus with the dishonesty  
and untruthfulness of the  
Pharisees and Herodians,  
who confess that they  
are seeking to trap and  
embarrass Jesus.  
They present a conflict  
between the interests of  
Caesar and those of God.  
They ignore God's  
sovereignty over all.  
Jesus is not trapped  
but bids them pay the  
appropriate dues both  
to Caesar and to God.



**Feast Days for this week: (Sunday 16th - Saturday 22nd October 2011)**

Sunday 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin (1647-1690), optional  
Monday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr (d108), memorial  
Tuesday 18th St Luke, Evangelist, wrote Gospel & Acts  
Wednesday 19th St Peter of Alcantara, Priest (1499-1562)  
Thursday 20th St Paul of the Cross, Passionist's Founder (1694-1775)  
St Cornelius, Centurian (1st Century)  
Friday 21st St Hilarion, Abbot (291-371)  
Saturday 22nd St Salome, Mother of Apostles James and John

# 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**

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**Parish Office hours:**

**Wednesday:** 12.00pm - 4.00pm

**Thursday:** 10.00am - 2.00pm

All enquiries regarding Baptisms,  
Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

**Parish Address:** 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Blackheath/153850768029631>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and 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
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
<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).

**Sacred Heart Care Group:** Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or 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)

### SAINT PHILIP'S TOMB FOUND

This archaeological discovery has taken place this year in Pamukkale, former Hierapolis, in western Anatolia, Turkey, the city where Philip died after having preached in Greece and in Asia Minor. The discovery was made by an Italian archaeological mission that began its work in 1957. An important step in the search for Saint Philip's tomb was achieved in 2008 when the team identified the processional street that pilgrims followed to reach the Apostle's sepulchre.

In reporting the announcement, L'Osservatore Romano pointed out that "next to the Martyrion (octagonal building of worship, built on the spot where Saint Philip was martyred), the team found a fifth-century basilica with three naves". "This church was built around a first-century Roman tomb, which evidently enjoyed the highest consideration, if the decision was made later to build a basilica around it."

Due to these and other elements "the team has come to the certainty of having found the tomb of the Apostle Philip, which was the aim of the pilgrimages to that place," said the team director, Professor Francesco D'Andria. This confirms a fourth-century comment by Eusebius of Caesarea who wrote that two stars shine in Asia: John, buried in Ephesus, and Philip, "who rests in Hierapolis."

### UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH UPDATE

Father Ted Tyler last Tuesday took up his appointment as parish priest and is now resident at the Katoomba Presbytery. Mass times for all three churches (Katoomba, Wentworth Falls and Leura) are to remain as before when Father John was PP. The exception is tomorrow only when the normal 10.00am Katoomba Mass will be replaced by an 11.00am Leura Requiem Mass. Should you need more information, please contact Kathy in the office on 4782 2804.

### KENYA BURKE UPDATE

Given the concern we all displayed during last Sunday's Mass as a result of young Kenya's illness, you will be pleased to know that he is as good as new, having returned home from hospital last Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to all who assisted him at that time.

### PAPAL BLESSING FOR NORMA CARLON

Arrangements are being made to present, during Sunday Mass, this Papal Award to Norma in recognition of her twenty (20) years service as Special Religious Educator. Norma is one of our unsung volunteers involved in the religious education of our school children, for her, those who attend Megalong Valley Public School. Norma, serious congratulations from all at Sacred Heart Parish on achieving such a remarkable milestone!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

### *In memoriam*

✠ Eileen Smith ~ 16th October; ✠ Tony Van Horen ~ 17th October  
✠ Ron Drummond ~ 18th October; ✠ Jaroslav Zeman ~ 20th October

### Catholic Mission Appeal Next Weekend

Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Day Appeal. This year we are invited to hear the voice of our indigenous brothers and sisters in Guatemala and here in Australia as they face incredible challenges. Indigenous leaders are calling for reconciliation, forgiveness and hope as they reach out and serve their communities in the name of Christ. You can hear their voice by helping raise up leaders and bring new hope to indigenous communities and future generations.

**Please come prepared next Sunday, 23rd October, and give generously.**

One of our parishioners, **John Tweedie**, will speak about the work of Catholic Mission.

**Happy 66th Anniversary  
Barbara & Charles  
Hodgkinson for Today**

♥  
**Happy 5th Anniversary  
Mark & Maria Slater**  
for 21st October

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**Happy 28th Anniversary  
Jennifer & Wayne Kelly**  
for 22nd October

**Happy Birthday  
Jessie Kelly ~ 18th October  
Maria Slater ~ 21st October**

### MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

*Book your diaries, book your table,  
get your designer gear and hat out of  
storage. Our famous Melbourne  
Cup luncheon will be held  
on Tuesday, 1st November,  
at 12 noon in the hall.*



*Cost is only \$5.00 per head  
which will cover sweets,  
coffee and tea. BYO food,  
nibbles and drinks.  
Prizes will be awarded for the best  
dressed table and best hat and, of  
course, there will be heaps of sweeps.  
Please see the Notice Board.*

### October Cosmology Morning

*The theme of the meditation will be  
"The Greening Continues" for our  
gathering on Friday, 21st October,  
at 10am till noon at the  
Good Samaritan Community House,  
3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls.  
The discussion will centre on Ch.10,  
"A Field of Compassion" in Field of  
Compassion by Judy Cannato.*

*Prayer 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*

Please pray for those who are ill: **Marion Crowley; John & Julie Duggan;  
Barry Finch; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford; Virginia Hayward;  
Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock;  
Jan and Michael Pettit; Lee Piercy; Jean Pye and Cy Schreiber.**

### Historical Context - What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition - grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai - forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.  
-from Liturgyhelp online