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Isaiah 5:1-7 **The Lord's vineyard**
Philippians 4:6-9 **Way of peace**
Matthew 21:33-43 **The vineyard leased**

Psalm Response:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends,
says the Lord, because I have made known
to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



**Twenty-Seventh Sunday
Ordinary Time
(Year A)**

The owner of any vineyard expects a harvest of good fruit in due season. God also expects a harvest of good fruit from his vineyard, his people. What fruit does he look for? He looks for faith that bears fruits of love. The tenants in the parable are self-seekers who are ready even to murder to gain their own advantage. We must be more trustworthy tenants than that.

Servers

2 Oct Ray Wood
9 Oct Pat Wicks

Readers

2 Oct 1st Reading Ian Maguire
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
9 Oct 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Carla Endean

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Oct Michelle Davis and Elizabeth Giddey
9 Oct Diana Landsberg and Diane Stewart

Children's Liturgy

2 Oct Robert and Kate Forbes
9 Oct TBA

Counters

2 Oct Judith and Frank
9 Oct Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

2 Oct Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith
9 Oct Frances Huckstepp

Church Care

7 Oct Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
14 Oct The Gatt Family

Next Week: **Come to the wedding** Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20; Matt 22:1-14

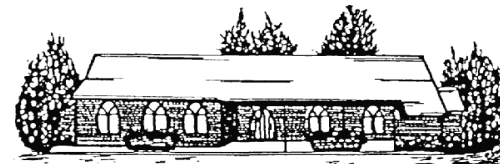
In memoriam: † **Lal Nott Mark** ~ 2nd October; † **George Cora** ~ 6th October;
† **Annie Woodley** ~ 8th October and † **Dean Smith** who died recently. *Rest in peace.*

Feast Days for this week: 2nd-8th October 2011

Sunday 2nd Guardian Angels, Memorial
Monday 3rd St Dionysius, Bishop (d95), Disciple of St Paul
Tuesday 4th St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), Founder of Franciscans, Memorial
Wednesday 5th St Faustina Kowalska, Religious (1905-1938)
Thursday 6th Bl Marie Rose Durocher, Religious (1811-1849)
St Bruno, Priest (1033-1101), optional
Friday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
Saturday 8th St Pelagia, Virgin & Martyr (290-305)



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.

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Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm

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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>

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| Blackheath - Mass | 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 |
| 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), 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

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Our Lady, long ago, requested that we daily pray the Rosary. Her most recent request for this to occur came out of her apparitions at Fatima in 1917. There has never been a greater need than now to heed this request and there has never been a better time than October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, for us to make that extra effort to pray the Rosary. **Friday, 7th October**, this year is a special day of devotion to the Holy Rosary, it being the **Feast of The Holy Rosary**. There will be the usual 9am Mass at Sacred Heart on that day plus a midday Mass at St Canice's Church, Katoomba.

MAKE UP OF THE EUCHARIST

Occasionally, it does us good to reflect on various aspects of our Mass and so, today, I now summarise the actual makeup of the bread and wine used in our Eucharist.

Bread: Must be made of wheaten bread and baked. It has to be unleavened, that is, no yeast is used. Natural water has to be used. They cannot be stockpiled and must be recently made. We replenish our stocks of bread on a regular month basis.

Host: When consecrated, the bread is changed through a process known as 'transubstantiation', into the real presence of Jesus Christ. The word 'Host' comes from ancient pagan times and referred to victims used in a sacrifice. Jesus is our sacrifice contained within a host for our consumption.

Wine: Provided that the wine is wholesome, its colour does not matter, be it red or white. When consecrated by the priest, Jesus is equally present in both host and wine which is called 'blood' because that is the nature of its consecration.

Should you wish to further discuss this matter, please feel free of speak to me at any time.

FRIDAY PENANCE & ABSTINENCE

Thought you might like to know that from Friday, 16th September, 2011 the Bishops of England and Wales have restored the practice of abstinence from meat every Friday. We are familiar with this act of penance on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday but now it is extended to every Friday other than Feast Days like Christmas Day.

OBITUARY

Local resident, Nellie Wilson, (widow of Norm Wilson who died in July this year), has passed away and her funeral is to be held at Sacred Heart on Thursday, 6th October, at 12 noon for those interested. Burial is to take place at Blackheath Cemetery.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Welcome to summer time 2011/2012! Daylight Saving will end on Sunday, 1st April, 2012 (April Fools' Day). **God Bless! Fr. Bob**

~ Happy Anniversary Christine and Dominic Burke for 4th October ~

AWASA LUNCHEON SUNDAY ~ 16 OCTOBER

This week's bulletin has a flyer for our fundraising luncheon. We are hoping to make this a fun event as well as raising funds for the AWASA orphanage in Ethiopia.

Please come along and support your social club with this function. All monies raised will go directly to the orphanage. As you know, the more donations we receive either in money or food will make for a bigger profit at the end of the day. A list of goodies is on the notice board at the front of the church. If you cannot come to the luncheon or just want to help with any of goods listed, please put your name next to the relevant item. It would be good to purchase your tickets in advance so we can get an idea of the numbers for lunch. Please join us on the day. Norma Longmuir is, at present, making a raffle prize.

Tickets will be available today.

Thanks again from your social team.

October Benedictine Spirituality

The October Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on **Friday, 7 October**, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. Preparational reading and input will be on "**Benedictine Leadership**" Part 3 (pp. 45-62) in "The Rule of Benedict for Beginners." Morning prayer, Lectio Divina and morning tea will be part of our gathering together. New participants are welcome. Enquiries: Sisters Therese and 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; Lee Piercy; Jean Pye and Cy Schreiber.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm/Music: William M. Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been
thou forever will be.

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature
in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth
thy own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

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Happy Birthday

**Barry Roberts for 3rd October
Pat Wicks for 8th October**