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Acts 6:1-7 **Deacons elected**  
1Peter 2:4-9 **Chosen by God**  
John 14:1-12 **The Father's house**

**Psalm Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)  
*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)

**Just a reminder:** While Fr Bob is away,  
(returning 26 May), Sunday Mass only will be  
celebrated at Sacred Heart Church at 9.30am.

**Servers**

22 May Michelle Davis  
29 May Ray Wood

**Readers**

22 May	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	Intercessions	Frances Huckstepp
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
29 May	1st Reading	Carmel Vanny
	Intercessions	Kevin Burns
	2nd Reading	Robyn Burns

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

22 May Anthony Gilchrist and Diane Stewart  
29 May Michelle Davis and Elizabeth Giddey

**Children's Liturgy**

22 May TBA  
29 May TBA

**Counters**

22 May Louise and Laurie  
29 May Carla and Neil

**Morning Tea**

22 May Robyn Burns  
29 May Michelle Funnell

**Church Care**

27 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves  
3 Jun Karen Hayward and Jennifer Milani



**Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Year A**

22 May 2011

'To have seen me  
is to have seen  
the Father.'

Having come  
from the Father,  
Jesus reveals the  
Father to us.  
Jesus is the one  
who always does  
the things that  
please God.

He is our way to the  
Father, and he wants  
us to be with him  
where he is - one  
with the Father.

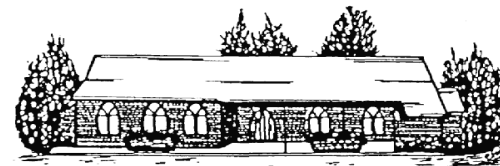
Next Week:  
With you forever  
Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 65  
1Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

**Feast Days for this week! (22 - 28 May)**

Sunday 22 May	St Rita of Cascia, Widow & Nun (1381-1457), optional feast
Monday 23 May	Bl. Girolamo Savanarola, Religious & Martyr (1452-1498)
Tuesday 24 May	Mary, Help of Christians, Solemnity
Wednesday 25 May	St Madeline Sophie Barat, Religious (1779-1865), Foundress of Society of Sacred Heart
Thursday 26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest (1515-1595)
Friday 27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (d604), optional feast
Saturday 28 May	St Germanus of Auxerre, Bishop (d576)



# 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), 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)

## YOU ARE MINE

Composer: David Haas  
(USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE  
INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice,  
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light,  
come and rest in me.

### Refrain

**Do not be afraid,  
I am with you.**

**I have called you  
each by name.**

**Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.**

I am strength for all  
the despairing,  
healing for the ones  
who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name. (R)

I am the Word  
that leads all to freedom.  
I am the peace  
the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain,  
stand up, now walk, and live. (R)

**Happy Birthday**  
**Anthony Gilchrist for 23rd May**

## Gospel Reflection (Jn 14:1-12)

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth - the Ascension - and the sending of the Holy Spirit - the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

-from Liturgyhelp online

**LISA TAYLOR - SPEAKER**  
**Next Sunday, 29th May,**  
**Lisa Taylor**

will speak about  
**AWASA ORPHANAGE**  
and what our money is  
doing for the children.  
There will be morning tea  
in the Hall after mass.  
Please bring a plate  
of food to share and  
stay to see the photos.  
A small stall will have  
items for sale for Awasa.  
*Norma Longmuir*

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.  
Thank you for your  
help during the year.



## Diocesan Works Fund Appeal - TODAY

The second date of our DWF appeal will be held in our Parish today. Last week's collection totalled \$524. Our quota for this appeal is \$1795. Please give generously to this fund as it helps numerous organisations within our Diocese including Family Support Program, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Relationship Education Program, Catholic Social Services and many more.



### Parish Dinner

As it's only 6 weeks to go before our Parish Dinner on 1st July, there is a list on the notice board for those who are intending to attend. Please note your name and table preference. A menu should be available within the next week or two. Ticket cost will be around \$40. This year's venue is St Mount's Trattoria at Blackheath so we expect to see all our Blackheathens on the night.

In memoriam



**Lorenzo  
Fusina**  
25 May  
**Thea Ellis**  
26 May  
**Rosemary  
Davis**  
27 May

## Handel's "MESSIAH"

**Leura Singers and Blackheath Phoenix Choir**

*directed by Walter Sutcliffe*

**Today, 2pm, at Leura Uniting Church, cnr Grose & Megalong Sts  
and**

**29 May, 2pm, Hoskins Memorial Uniting Church,  
cnr Mort & Bridge Sts, Lithgow.**

*Tickets - \$15 (Adult); \$10 (Concession) at the door.*

*Afternoon tea included.*

*Enquiries: 4758 8104 or 0437 255 816*

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.



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Please remember in  
your prayers, a former  
member of our Sacred  
Heart community,  
**Jean McSweeney**,  
who died during  
the week. May Jean's  
husband, Frank,  
and their son,  
Fr John McSweeney,  
experience God's  
comfort and peace in  
this time of sorrow.

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