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Exodus 22:20-26 **Have compassion**  
1Thessalonians 1:5-10 **Great example**  
Matthew 22:34-40 **Greatest commandment**

**Psalm Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

23 Oct Diane Stewart  
30 Oct Michelle Davis

**Readers**

23 Oct 1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Pat Wicks  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley  
30 Oct 1st Reading Ron Davis  
Intercessions Carla Endean  
2nd Reading Barbara Smith

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

23 Oct Monica and Brian Bright  
30 Oct Monica and Brian Bright

**Children's Liturgy**

23 Oct TBA  
30 Oct TBA

**Counters**

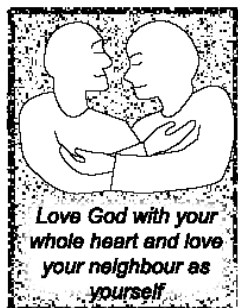
23 Oct Barbara and Bill  
30 Oct Marilyn

**Morning Tea**

23 Oct Monica Van Horen  
30 Oct Jan Roberts

**Church Care**

28 Oct Julie Hodgkinson  
4 Nov Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**30th Sunday - Year A  
Ordinary Time**

23rd October 2011

Jesus is in the final stage of his public ministry and again the religious leaders are plotting to trap him in his teaching.

Jesus' reply embraces the greatest commandment - to love God with our whole being - and couples it with the command to love our neighbour as ourselves. This is the teaching of the Law and the Prophets. His whole ministry has been illustrating this.

Next Week: *Practise what you preach* Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Ps 130 1Thess 2:79, 13; Matt 23:1-12

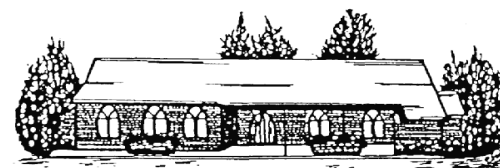
*In memoriam: † Edna Bentick ~ 25th October;  
† Marjorie Cowell ~ 29th October; † Roger Johnstone ~ 29th October*

**Feast Days for this week: (Sunday 23rd Oct to Saturday 29th Oct)**

Sunday 23rd St John of Capistrano, Priest (1386-1456)  
Monday 24th St Mary Anthony Claret - Bishop (1807-1870)  
Tuesday 25th St Jeanne Jugun, Founder Sisters of the Poor (1792-1879)  
Forty Holy Martyrs, England/Wales (1535-1610)  
Wednesday 26th St Evaristus, Pope & Martyr (d105)  
Thursday 27th St Frumentius, Bishop (d380)  
Friday 28th Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast  
Saturday 29th St Narcissus of Jerusalem, Bishop (d116)



# 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)

### BISHOPS' 'AD LIMINA' VISIT TO ROME (10TH - 22ND OCTOBER)

The Catholic Bishops of Australia travelled to Rome this month on a spiritual pilgrimage designed to celebrate and strengthen their communion with the universal Church and the Successor of Peter, Pope Benedict XVI. Included in their number, our Bishop Anthony Fisher and immediate past Bishop Kevin Manning. The pilgrimage is known as the 'Ad Limina Apostolorum' visit - or 'to the threshold of the Apostles'. All Bishops with the leadership of a Diocese are required to make an Ad Limina visit every five years and present a report on the pastoral situation of the local church. The Australian Bishops consider *"the greatest challenge facing the church in Australia to be one of convincing people of the importance faith has in their everyday lives. This is reflected in the influential power of sectarian views of life, where people believe it is possible to live a fulfilled life without belief in God"*, Archbishop Philip Wilson told Vatican Radio. *'And the people then think that faith and the experiences of living in the Church are irrelevant in their lives'*. In addition, he said *'the leaders of the Church must return over and over again to the freshness of the power of the Gospel... And the freshness of the relationship with Jesus that should be the centre of our lives'*. On a more positive note, Archbishop Wilson said that the majority of Australian Catholics are committed to and want to live out their faith. Catholics make up the largest Christian denomination in Australia, with 33 dioceses representing around five million Catholics, or 25% of the population. The prelate said he and his fellow bishops come to Rome with a *"deeply spiritual sense of pilgrimage. This is a very important moment for us for prayer and conversation"*, he said, calling the visit an experience of *"communion with the Holy Father."*

### AWASA LUNCHEON

Huge thanks to Karen and Les Hayward for making available their home to 55 paying guests at a special Awasa luncheon held last Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. To date, over \$1200 has been collected with more still to follow. Many thanks also to all who planned and organised this wonderful event on a weather-wise magnificent day amidst all the springtime display of our district's unique flora.

### NEW MISSALS

Displayed on our notice board is an array of brochures from St Paul's Publications encompassing a range of new liturgy missals available from that publisher. We are advised that this supplier has an exclusive franchise for the distribution of these missals. Should you wish to place an order for any of these missals, please contact the publisher on 9394 3400 or visit their website [www.stpauls.com.au](http://www.stpauls.com.au) or email: [sales@stpauls.com.au](mailto:sales@stpauls.com.au)

### OBITUARY

Last Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, a funeral mass was held for Blackheath resident **Robyn Lynette Kay**, with burial at Blackheath Cemetery. Please keep Robyn in your prayers, also her family, particularly Les, her husband, at this time. May Robyn rest in peace. Amen.

*God Bless! Fr. Bob*

### Today is the 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 give generously.

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

### Liturgical Ministers' Roster

Rosters for the period, **30th October to 18th December**, are available for collection at the back of the church. Please note your name is highlighted on your roster. Thanks.

### MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON: "... and they're racing!"

Book your diaries, book your table, get your designer gear and hat out of storage. Our famous Melbourne Cup lunch 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. See notice board.



Prayers are requested for: Gabrielle Byrne; 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; Fr John Smith; and Cy Schreiber.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Patricia Dee**  
for 24th October  
**Anne Hartigan**  
for 25th October

### JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU

Text: Henry Van Dyke  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before You,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,  
earth and heaven reflect Your rays,  
stars and angels sing around You,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
praising You eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
God our Father, Christ our brother,  
let Your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

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