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Ezekiel 18:25-28 **Our choice**
Philippians 2:1-11 **Our life in Christ**
Matthew 21:28-32 **Change of heart**

Psalm Response:
Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

25 Sep Michelle Davis
2 Oct Ray Wood

Readers

25 Sep 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Ron Davis
2 Oct 1st Reading Ian Maguire
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

25 Sep Diane Stewart and Ray Wood
2 Oct Michelle Davis and Elizabeth Giddey

Children's Liturgy

25 Sep TBA
2 Oct TBA

Counters

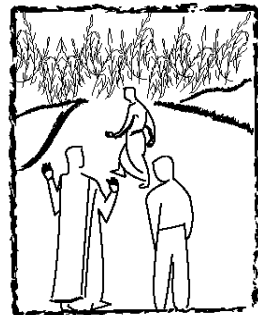
25 Sep Monica
2 Oct Judith and Frank

Morning Tea

25 Sep Fiona Evans
2 Oct Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith

Church Care

30 Sep Karen Hayward and Jennifer Milani
7 Oct Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



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

It is not outward appearances, status or insincere protestations that gain us a place in God's kingdom.

We gain this only by believing, by turning from our sins and doing the Father's will. We may fail at first, but later repent. The tax collectors and prostitutes, the despised sinners, responded this way to the preaching of John the Baptist and won entry into the kingdom.

Next Week: **The vineyard leased** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79 Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

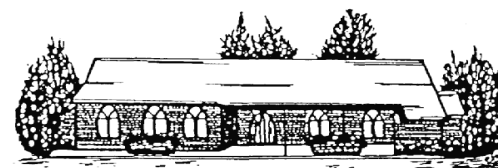
✠ In memoriam: **Ivan Naraj** ~ 25th September; **Ced Ward** ~ 1st October ✠

Feast Days for this week: 25th September to 1 October 2011

Sun 25th St Finbar, Bishop (d633)
Mon 26h Sts Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs (d283) Optional
Tue 27th St Vincent de Paul, Priest (1581-1660) Founder Vincentians, Memorial
Wed 28th St Wenceslaus, Martyr (907-929) Optional
St Laurence, Priest & Companions, Martyrs (d633-637), Optional
Thu 29th Michael, Gabriel, Raphael - Archangels, Feast
Fri 30th St Jerome, Priest & Doctor (347-420) Memorial
Sat 1st St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor (1873-1897) - Memorial



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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Parish Office hours:

Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm

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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>

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today is Social Justice Sunday for 2011. The Social Justice focus for this year is titled **"Building Bridges, Not Walls: Prisons and the justice system"**. This heading asks Catholics to think about conditions in our prisons, who is sentenced to prisons and why. Rates of imprisonment in Australia have risen sharply although levels of crime have remained steady. The most disadvantaged in Australia are the most likely to be imprisoned.

In this parish we are now given an opportunity to consider how we can make a difference for those in prison and seeking bridges to a new life. For further details, please visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or phone 02 8306 3499.

BLUE MOUNTAINS DEANERY UPDATE

Dating from last Friday until the new Parish Priest, Fr Edward Tyler, takes up his posting from 11 October, I will be celebrating a Midday Mass each Friday at St Canice's Church, Katoomba as per arrangements made with our Vicar General Mons. R McGuckin.

Fr John Smith was discharged from Nepean Private Hospital last Monday, 19 September, and is presently recuperating in the Bishop's house at Parramatta. Latest available information suggests that he is being well looked after, though he is experiencing some pain.

BAPTISMS

Yesterday, **Elliot Christian Gray**, son of Kylie and Jacob, was baptised at Sacred Heart Church, while today at midday **Maddison Charlotte Tebbet**, daughter of Ruth and Craig will be baptised also at Sacred Heart Church. Congratulations to both families on the Baptism of their children and we welcome them into our Parish Community.

AGM WRAP-UP

Congratulations to everyone involved in the organisation and very well attended AGM held last Sunday. Particular congratulations are in order to Michelle Davis, Frances Huckstepp, Marjanna Gilchrist and Diane Stewart for the interesting and very successful arrangement of the agenda, especially with regard to the group reports. Congratulations to our five new councillors, also a huge thanks to our four retiring councillors. Too, we take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those parishioners who unheralded do so much behind the scenes outside the ambit of our groups and committees to improve our quality of parish services. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 20 October from 7.30pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Just a reminder that daylight saving commences next Sunday, 2 October. Clocks are advanced one hour. **God bless! Fr Bob**

Next Afternoon Capers and Seniors' Lunch - Tuesday, 4 October - 12 to 2pm

Happy Birthday Chantelle Burke ~ 8 years old on 30th September

Dear Parishioners,

A heartfelt thank you to all those people who attended the AGM and to those that presented reports and shared so enthusiastically about the life of their groups. Since the last AGM in 2010, two new groups have formed: Afternoon Capers and the Ecumenical group, both with an outward focus to embrace the wider community - these have been wonderful initiatives. Thank you to all who have taken part in these groups.

Thank you to the people who volunteered to get involved in the Parish Ministries. May this sharing of your gifts be life-giving for you.

It was greatly appreciated that so many people took part in the paraliturgy and filled in leaves. The parish will hear the responses in the coming weeks and will have an opportunity for comment.

Once again, thank you to the outgoing Parish Pastoral Councillors for their generous sharing of gifts and the time they have given to the Parish. A special note of thanks to Heather Carroll who has resigned after eight years of co-ordinating the Parish Sacramental Program and congratulations Heather and Brett on the announcement of your engagement. Blessings to all. Michelle

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.

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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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.**