



Is 49:14-15 Can a mother forget her child?  
 1 Cor 4:1-5 The Lord will reveal what is in the heart.  
 Mt 6:24-34 Do not worry about tomorrow.

**Psalm Response:**  
 Rest in God alone, my soul.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)  
 The word of God is living and active;  
 it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

**Servers**

27 Feb Bill Grieves  
 6 Mar Ray Wood

**Readers**

27 Feb	1st Reading	Christa Buckley
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
	2nd Reading	David Buckley
6 Mar	1st Reading	Carmel Vanny
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Pat Wicks

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

27 Feb Anthony Gilchrist and Diane Stewart  
 6 Mar Diana Landsberg and Heather Carroll

**Children's Liturgy**

27 Feb Fiona/Wayne Evans  
 6 Mar Frances Huckstepp

**Counters**

27 Feb Julie and Lance  
 6 Mar Robyn and Adrian

**Morning Tea**

27 Feb Barbara Grieves  
 6 Mar Christine Burke

**Church Care**

4 Mar Julie Hodgkinson  
 11 Mar Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

Next Week: **A wise person builds his house on rock, not on sand.**  
 Dt 11:18. 26-28. 32 Ps 30:2-4. 17. 25. R. v.3 Rom 3:21-25, 28 Mt 7:21-27

**Feast Days for this week! (27th February to 5th March)**

Sunday 27th	St Leander of Seville, Bishop (565-500) St Anne Line, Martyr (1565-1601)
Monday 28th	St Hillary, Pope (d1468) Blessed Carlo Gnocchi (1902-1956)
Tuesday 1st	St David, Bishop (d672) Patron of Wales
Wednesday 2nd	St Chad, Bishop (d672)
Thursday 3rd	Blessed Katherine Drexel, Virgin & Founder (1858-1955)
Friday 4th	St Casimir, Prince (1458-1482), Patron of Poland World Day of Prayer
Saturday 5th	St John of the Cross, Priest (1651-1734)

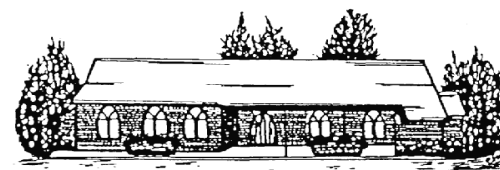


**Eighth Sunday**  
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When we read in today's gospel that we are 'not to worry', the word, worry, might better be translated as distracted. Jesus says to not be distracted or consumed by the pursuit of money, food and nice clothes. He says that it is the gentiles - those who do not know the love of God - who set their hearts on attaining these things. We are immersed in a culture in society that values these outward signs of success above all else. The challenge is to avoid being caught up in the distractions of our material society. One way to do that is through regular prayer and reflection.

-from Liturgyhelp online

# SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath  
 Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria  
 Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We wish to acknowledge the Dharug 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	7.00am
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)

## LOOKING AHEAD

As we continue our preparations for the new Roman Missal, it is easy to become overly focussed on the changes in wording alone. Rather, the advent of a new Missal is a wonderful opportunity for all of us - clergy and laity - to delve into the liturgy more deeply and more intentionally. What is it that we do in the liturgy, why do we do what we do, and how can we do it with greater devotion and attention?

More than just changes to words or rubrics, the new Missal calls us to a more profound engagement with the Mystery made present in our worship - so that, transformed, we may more fully live Eucharistic lives. The new Missal is our Church's next step in following the directives of the Second Vatican Council, which called all of us to a full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy.

## SILVER JUBILEE!

Twenty five years ago, on 19th May this year, the first Bishop of Parramatta Diocese (Bishop Bede Heather DD) took possession of this newly-created Diocese. There is to be a special anniversary Mass(es) held on that day, and a range of special Jubilee material/activities are also planned to cover this important milestone in our Diocesan history. The Silver Jubilee Calendar, now being distributed (available in the Church) without charge, is but one of these activities. School competitions, the production of a 60 page Commemorative Booklet featuring the pre-history of the Diocese and regular features in both the Catholic Outlook and local newspapers are also planned for our Jubilee Year. Enjoy!

## MADRID WORLD YOUTH DAY

Last Sunday we were privileged to welcome Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS, Diocesan Youth Director, and his youth 'team' who addressed all at our 9.30am Mass. The Diocese would dearly like the Blackheath Parish to facilitate at least one of our youth to represent us at Madrid's WYD to be held in August this year. The cost will be about \$6,000 which is beyond our Parish to finance. Jonathon Gilchrist has long indicated a desire to attend Madrid and he has confirmed that interest with me and Fr Suresh during the latter half of last year. Attempts have been made to involve adjoining parishes to secure the necessary funds but, as recently as last week, that hope was dashed. So now we are on our own! The problem is that there are interim deadlines (travel, accommodation bookings, etc.), the first of which becomes due about a fortnight from now. I haven't spoken to the Finance Committee, but am confident that the Parish can find \$1,000 as its contribution to one of our keen youth. I am also seeking another \$1,000 contribution from another source. Thus, there remains \$4,000 to be raised from other sources including that which Jonathon can himself raise. That amount would have to come from you, our parishioners, otherwise Jonathon will not be among the millions of Catholic world youth attending Madrid's WYD.

We talk a lot about doing more for our Blackheath Parish youth. We now have that opportunity. Should you be able to assist on this occasion, contact me as soon as practicable, please!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

**March Benedictine Spirituality:** The March Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on **Friday, 4 March, from 10am till noon** at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The reading in preparation is on "Compassion" in "The Gift of Saint Benedict". The input by Sr Therese will be on the same subject. 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.

### COMMISSIONING

Please note that a special commissioning ceremony for our **Catechists** will take place on **Sunday, 6th March**, after the 9.30am Mass Homily.

### LENTEN GROUPS

Have you noted your name on the list on the Notice Board? If you are interested in leading or being part of a Lenten Group this year, please contact Monica Bright, Michelle Davis or myself.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

To be held this **Friday, 4th March**, commencing at **1pm** at **Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath**. This is an **ecumenical service** to which everyone is invited. There will be afternoon tea supplied following the hour long prayer gathering.

**HOME MASSES:** To date, we have only had one parishioner prepared to commit themselves to a Home Mass, however, there have been several other expressions of interest from other parishioners who have yet to confirm that interest and to provide suggested Mass dates. Should you and your family wish to host one of the once a month Home Masses, please note your name on the notice board.

## St Patrick's Get Together Trivia Night & Sausage Sizzle

**Friday, 18th March, in the Parish Hall.**

Come dressed in green or dressed like the Irish. As well as being green for St Patrick's Day, there will be a sausage sizzle starting at 7pm, and at 7.30pm, the Trivia will start. Big things are planned for the evening, including prizes!

**Entry: \$5 per person or \$10 per family**

BYO Nibbles and drinks for your table.

**Gather in family and friends**

**to make up tables of 8. All welcome!**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER MASS TODAY.**

See Patricia or Diane.



### Afternoon Capers:

This Tuesday, 1st March, at the new time of 12pm - 2pm. Light lunch served, good conversation and board games. For information, and if you need transport, please phone Diane 4787 1357.

*The Parish Dinner has been booked for Friday, 1st July, the Feast of the Sacred Heart.*

*This year's venue is St Mount's Trattoria, 194 Great Western Highway, Blackheath, commencing at 6.30pm.*

