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Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 A warning
1Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 God's message
Matthew 23:1-12 Practise what you preach

Psalm Response:

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

30 Oct Michelle Davis
6 Nov Jan Roberts

Readers

30 Oct 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Carla Endean
2nd Reading Barbara Smith
6 Nov 1st Reading Brian Bright
Intercessions Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reading Monica Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

30 Oct Monica and Brian Bright
6 Nov Anthony Gilchrist and Ray Wood

Children's Liturgy

30 Oct Robert and Kate Forbes
6 Nov TBA

Counters

30 Oct Marilyn
6 Nov Laurie

Morning Tea

30 Oct Jan Roberts
6 Nov Carroll Family

Church Care

4 Nov Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
11Nov Carla Endean and Gail Shepherd

Next Week: **Sensible preparation** Wisdom 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

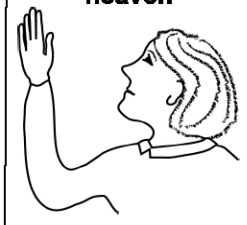
In memoriam: † **Josh Morante** ~ 2nd November; † **Pat Dowdell** ~ 4th November

Feast Days for this week: (Sunday 30th Oct to Saturday 5th Nov)

Sunday 30th St Mercellus, Centurian & Martyr (d298)
Monday 31st St Wolfgang, Bishop (925-994)
Tuesday 1st All Saints - Solemnity
Wednesday 2nd All Souls' Day
Thursday 3rd St Martin de Porres - Religious (1579-1639), optional
St Winifred, Virgin & Martyr (d650)
Friday 4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (1538-1584), Memorial
Saturday 5th Sts Elizabeth & Zechariah (John the Baptist's parents)



**You have only one
Father, and he is in
heaven**



**31st Sunday - Year A
Ordinary Time**

30th October 2011

Jesus teaches the people and his disciples that religious leadership must be characterised by humble service.

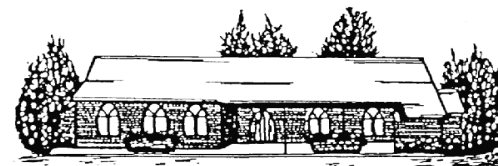
It is not given for self-exaltation.

It is not to be marked by an arrogant attitude towards others or by burdening them.

We have a duty to listen to and to be guided by our leaders, but leaders must likewise live what they ask of others.

We have the one Father in heaven.

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 - 1.00pm

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>

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

MESSAGE FROM FR HENRI NOUWEN - To live with hope!

“All the great spiritual leaders in history were people of hope. Abraham, Moses, Ruth, Mary, Jesus, Gandhi and Dorothy Day all lived with a promise in their hearts that guided them toward the future without the need to know exactly what it would look like. Let’s live with hope”.

A LITTLE ABOUT ALTARS

It is appropriate to have a fixed altar in every church since it more clearly and permanently signifies Christ Jesus, the living stone. The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God are called together to participate in the Mass as well as the centre of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist. The altar should be built apart from the wall in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated at it, facing the people, which is desirable wherever possible. The altar, moreover, should be in the place where it is truly the centre towards which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns.

YEAR OF FAITH

Pope Benedict XVI has announced a special Year of Faith to help Catholics appreciate the gift of faith, deepen their relationship with God and strengthen their commitment to sharing faith with others. The Pope said the Year of Faith would give “renewed energy to the Mission of the whole Church to lead men and women out of the desert they often are in and toward the place of life; friendship with Christ who gives us fullness of life”.

He said the observance would begin on October 11 next year - the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council - and conclude on November 24, 2013, the Feast of Christ the King. “It will be a moment of grace and commitment to an ever fuller conversion to God, to reinforce our faith in him and to proclaim him with joy to the people of our time”, the Pope said. “Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy”, he wrote.

A SHORT BREAK

I have arranged to take a week’s annual leave commencing **Thursday, 8th December up to and including Wednesday, 14th December.** Fr Paul Maloney from the Augustinians, who is well known to all our parishioners, will be celebrating the Sunday Mass in my absence, however, there will be no week day masses or Saturday Vigil Mass during my short absence.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

Marjorie from the Sanctus Shop in Katoomba has advised that the new Liturgy Sunday Missals will be available AFTER 11th November. Week Day Missals will not be available until January 2013. **God Bless! Fr. Bob**

A VOCATION VIEW: We must stop just putting band-aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God’s people. God loves us and we were created to serve God, and others in God.

The November Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on Friday, 4th November, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. Preparational reading and input will be on the Benedictine Cellarer Part 3 (pp. 62-69) 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 on 4757 2290.

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 & Michael Pettit; Lee Piercy; Jean Pye; Fr John Smith and Cy Schreiber.

Afternoon Capers is on Tuesday, 8th November, 12pm-2pm. This month we will be making Christmas cards with help from Norma Longmuir. Come along and join the fun. Enquires for this month - phone Marilyn on 4787 5276.

Happy Birthday

Gabrielle Byrne for Today
Tony Perriam for 2nd November
John Paul Illis for 3rd November
Janz Nolan for 3rd November
Barbara Hodgkinson for 4th November

Liturgical Ministers’ Roster 30 Oct to 18 Dec are available for collection at the back of the church. Please note your name is highlighted on your roster.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
It’s Carnival time! Dress up in your finest carnival themed clothing and enter the best dressed at this Tuesday’s Melbourne Cup luncheon. Don’t have your name down yet? Well hurry - you don’t want to miss out on one of the ‘social events’ of the parish year!



Please note: Parish Office hours for Thursdays are now 10am to 1pm.

The Servant King
Composer: Graham Kendrick
From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served, but to serve
And give your life, that we might live.
**This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow him
To bring our lives as daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King**
There in the garden of tears
My heavy load, he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet not my will but yours he said.
Come see his hands and his feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.
So, let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone him
Each others’ needs to prefer
For it is Christ we’re serving.
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Happy 41st Anniversary Frank & Judith Mackrell for 30th October