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Saturday 10th St Nicholas of Tolentira, Priest

(1245 - 1305)

share ideas,

prayers and just

have fun.

SACREDHEARTPARISM 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 Office hours: Parish House: 4787 8811 Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm **Parish Mobile**: 0428 878 810 (24 hrs/7 days) 4787 8540 Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Parish Office: e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com 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 Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Morning Mass 9.00am Thursday 8.00am Benediction 2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass Exposition 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

PRIESTS' DOINGS

As mentioned at last Sunday's Mass, I confirm that **Fr Roderick Bray**, Parish Priest of Merrylands over many years, passed away on 27th August and was found by parishioners attending the Saturday morning Mass, at rest, deceased in his chair. His funeral was held on Friday, 2nd September, at St Margaret Mary's Merrylands with burial at Rookwood. Our sincere condolences have been extended to his family and parishioners via a floral tribute sent on behalf of all our parishioners.

I also confirm that **Fr John Smith**, Parish Priest at Katoomba, is suffering from bowel cancer and is shortly to undergo surgery. We extend to Fr John our every good wish and prayers for a speedy and complete recovery from his unexpected illness.

Fr Gerry Nworie, former Administrator of Lawson Parish, has returned to Nigeria to attend his father's funeral. He will not be returning to Parramatta Diocese. We wish him well in his future priestly life and thank him for his contributions to the work of our Deanery.

FATHER'S DAY

Today we take time out to pause in our appreciation of the unique person that our fathers are in our lives. Most of the time we just take their presence among us for granted including all the odd jobs that they do around the home. On this one day a year, all families have the opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to our Dads for the love and support they give to each of us. **God Bless our DADS!**

WYD CLOSURE

Despite a couple of minor hiccups in Madrid, this year's World Youth Week was an outstanding success bringing together, as it did, over one million of the world's Catholic youth in a massive celebration of their faith and commitment to each other through this amazing experience. At the conclusion of mass today, **Jonathon Gilchrist**, our sole representative, will briefly share that experience with us.

AGM

Now that membership of the incoming Parish Council has been determined (see last week's bulletin for details), planning is now underway for the conduct of the AGM to take place after Mass on Sunday, 18th September. So, please keep a little time available on that day to share in this vital parish event.

ROME ACCOMMODATION

The Archdiocese of Sydney has advised that Domus Australia, the new Australian Pilgrim Centre in Rome, is now open for business. Accommodation aside, this facility will also be an information and cultural centre in Rome and is expected to be well used by the Australian Government and Business. Domus is located at Via Cernaia 14/B 00185 Rome, a ten minute walk from the central railway station and close to the metro and major bus routes, including those to the Vatican. Brochures are available at the back of the Church. God bless! Fr Bob

courage, strength and love.' Happy Father's Day to each of the Dads in our Parish Community (Saint Anthony of Padua) with wisdom, Lord, bless our fathers and those who have been like fathers to us, loving father shows us the way of God. \mathcal{T}

