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Isaiah 25:6-10 **God's lavish celebration**  
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 **Ready for anything**  
Matthew 22:1-14 **Come to the wedding**

**Psalm Response:** I shall live in the house  
of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

9 Oct Pat Wicks  
16 Oct Bill Grieves

**Readers**

9 Oct 1st Reading Carmel Vanny  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2nd Reading Carla Endean  
16 Oct 1st Reading Barbara Smith  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

9 Oct Diana Landsberg and Diane Stewart  
16 Oct Anthony Gilchrist and Margaret Davis

**Children's Liturgy**

9 Oct TBA  
16 Oct TBA

**Counters**

9 Oct Julie and Lance  
16 Oct Robyn and Adrian

**Morning Tea**

9 Oct Frances Huckstepp  
16 Oct Monica Bright

**Church Care**

14 Oct The Gatt Family  
21 Oct Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



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

Very frequently the  
Scriptures liken the  
kingdom of heaven  
to a banquet, as in  
today's Gospel.  
When the king's  
servants summon the  
guests to the wedding  
they make excuses  
and fail to come.  
Yet the heavenly  
banquet is one that  
abounds in rich foods  
and fine wines, where,  
as Isaiah tells us, weeping  
and mourning and death  
have passed away.  
Let us desire this  
wedding feast.

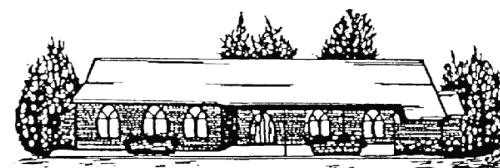
Next Week: **What is your opinion?** Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 95 1Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

**Feast Days for this week: (9th to 15th October)**

Sunday 9th Sts Donis, Bishop, Martyr & Companions, Martyrs (d250), optional  
St Abraham, OT, Patriarch & wife of St Sarah  
Monday 10th St Ghislain, Abbot (d680)  
Tuesday 11th Blessed John XXIII, Pope (1881-1963)  
Wednesday 12th Our Lady of the Pillar (Spanish Feast)  
Sts Cyprian & Felix & Companions, Martyrs (d484)  
Thursday 13th St Petka, Hermit (c950)  
Friday 14th St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr (d222)  
St Canice, Irish Saint (516-560)  
Saturday 15th St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin & Doctor (1515-1582), 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.

**Parish Priest:** Father Bob Sheridan

**Parish House:** 4787 8811

**Parish Mobile:** 0428 878 810 (24 hrs/7 days)

**Parish Office:** 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143

**e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

**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)

### NEW MISSALS

Advice has just been received from the Parramatta Diocese that our new Altar Missals have arrived at Parramatta and waiting on us to collect them. So hopefully, in the next week or so, arrangements will be made to collect and use them here. However, I have no information in relation to the availability of personal missals. Will further advise, once I know they are available for local purchase.

### MORE ON THE MASS

Repeated, again and again, many times during the Mass, we use a very familiar phrase, generally without giving any thought to its implication. That phrase is "through Christ Our Lord". The constant use of this phrase highlights for us two truths about the Mass:

- (1) The Mass is not primarily the worship of Jesus, but the worship of the Father by his children "through Christ Our Lord." For we are indeed the Father's creatures, his 'adopted' children - through the sacrifices made by his Son, Jesus.
- (2) Is the truth that we never stand alone at Mass. We are one with Christ. We pray and worship "through Christ Our Lord" who is with us. Jesus is our priest, our intercessor with the Father.

Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews says 'Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through Him, since he forever tries to make intercession for them'. The Mass then, is a prayer to the Father "through Christ Our Lord".

### UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH UPDATE

Father John visited, for the first time since his operation, the Katoomba Presbytery last Wednesday. He is slowly recovering from the cancer operation and is about to embark on a course of chemotherapy. Meanwhile, he will remain at the Bishop's house in Parramatta and tells me that at some time in the near future, he will be undergoing treatment at Nepean Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers for the foreseeable future. Insofar as the Parish is concerned, the new Parish Priest, Fr Ted Tyler, is to take up residence this Tuesday, 11th October, and no doubt he will publicise Mass and other Sacramental arrangements once there. However, at this time, no weekday Masses have been arranged for the coming week, although we might expect some Masses to be celebrated towards the end of the week, certainly at St Canice's, and perhaps at Leura as well. I have no idea at this time as to what weekend Masses will be celebrated within the Parish by Fr Ted. Should you require more information as it comes to hand, please contact Kathy in the office on 4782 2804.

### SCHOOL'S BACK!

Tomorrow (Monday, 10th October) is back to school day for our students. May they enjoy this last term for 2011 which concludes on Tuesday, 20th December. Good luck with your upcoming exams!

*God Bless! Fr. Bob*

### AWASA LUNCHEON SUNDAY ~ 16 OCTOBER

Tickets have been selling fast and only a few are left. We request final payment be made TODAY as we need to finalise the numbers. Please see the notice board for further details.



### MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Book your diaries, book your table, get your designer gear and hat out of storage. Our famous

**Melbourne Cup luncheon 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.**



**AFTERNOON CAPERS:** Last Tuesday's Capers saw nine guests enjoy an afternoon with Sr Jacinta. All reports suggest a good time was had by everyone. Why not come along to our Afternoon Capers and join in the fun? 'Capers' is held on the first Tuesday of the month in the church hall.

**REFLECTION MORNING:** Our next Reflection Morning will be held in the parish hall on **Saturday, 15th October, 10am - 1pm.** The reflection time is made of 2 half-hour presentations, with personal quiet time in between for prayer and reflection. All welcome, morning tea provided and entry by donation. **Sr Fran Nolan sgs will lead the Reflection - Conversion the Inner Journey to God.** Enquiries to Carmel on 4787 8706.

*Happy Birthday  
Ellen Carroll for 11th October*

*Happy 6th Anniversary  
Sue & Richard Holz for today*

### CAKE AND CRAFT STALL

A very big thank you to the fundraising committee for their efforts in difficult conditions last Sunday. Crowds were down and the weather was awful but, through it all, the team managed to raise \$375.00. *Well done, girls!*

In memoriam: † **Viktoria Juhas** ~ 12th October; † **Mark Bates** ~ 15th October

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; Jan and Michael Pettit; Lee Piercy; Jean Pye and Cy Schreiber.**

### Christian One Liners

Prayer: God answers knee-mail.  
Nutrition: The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.  
Tithing: Give God what's right - not what's left.  
Problems: The problem ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

### ♥LOVE♥

The mystery of love is that the more you give, the more remains in your heart.