TODAY

1 Kings 19:4-8 *Food for the journey*
Ephesians 4:30-5:2 *Live in love*
John 6:41-51 *Bread from heaven*

Psalm Response:
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
"I am the living bread from heaven", says the Lord; "whoever eats this bread will live for ever."
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

12 Aug	Diane Stewart
19 Aug	Pat Wicks

Readers

12 Aug	1st Reading	Barbara Grieves
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
	2nd Reading	Michelle Davis
19 Aug	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

12 Aug	Anthony and Jonathon Gilchrist
19 Aug	Bill Grieves and Margaret Davis

Children's Liturgy

12 Aug	TBA
19 Aug	TBA

Counters

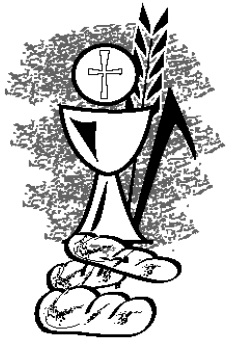
12 Aug	Laurie
19 Aug	Carla and Neil

Morning Tea

12 Aug	Monica Van Horen
19 Aug	Carroll Family

Church Care

17 Aug	Judy Harris and Vicky
24 Aug	Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
12th August 2012

Jesus is bread
for us in two ways:
he sustains and
directs our life by his
teaching, and nourishes
us with his Body,
the Eucharist.
To come to Jesus
is to believe in him
as sent by the Father.
It is the Father's work
to attract us to his Son,
and the Son's work to
lead us to the Father.
This is eternal life.
This is to participate
in God's life.

Next Week: **Bread of life** Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Feast Days for the Week: Sunday 12th August—Saturday 18th August

Sun 12th	St Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious (1572-1641), optional
Mon 13th	St Hippolytus, Priest & Martyr (170-235), optional
Tue 14th	St Maximilian Kobe, Priest & Martyr (1894-1941), Memorial
Wed 15th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity Dogma of the Church
Thu 16th	St Stephen, King (977-1038), optional
	Br Roger Schutz, Anglican, Taize Founder (1915-2005)
Fri 17th	St Clare of Montefalco, Virgin, Abbess (1268-1308)
Sat 18th	St Frances De Chantel, Religious (1572-1641)
	St Helena, Widow (250-330), Mother of Emperor Constantine

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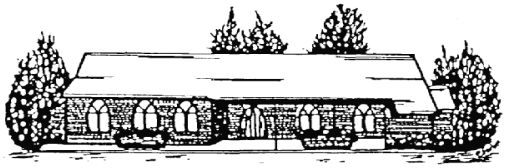

Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

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 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	Saturdays	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 4th Sunday of each month (after 9.30am mass). If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Frances Huckstepp (Chair), Diana Landsberg (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (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**

MARRIAGE SUNDAY: As mentioned last week, today is, among other things, Marriage Sunday, as designated by Bishop Anthony. As also related last week, today focuses on the vocation of marriage, particularly within our parish and community. As we all know, the Holy Sacrament of Marriage has been under siege for many years leading to today's situation where parliaments, both State and Federal, are considering same sex 'marriages'. There is to be an outdoor rally to Parliament House Canberra on Tuesday, 14th August, whose theme says it all – 'Don't Meddle with Marriage' – for those interested, bus bookings are available for anyone wishing to attend this rally for National Marriage Day (free bus service – only cost is food). Additional information or bookings may be had by phoning Lyn at CatholicCare on 9933 0222. At the conclusion of today's Mass, a special blessing will be imparted to all married couples.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: Today we celebrate the close of National Vocations Awareness Week. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for all those in the Priesthood and Religious Life. The Church has celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on 8th August, an inspirational model of what it means to say 'yes' to God. This week, right around the nation, we are invited to pray for the priests and consecrated men and women who serve us and that those whom God is calling to join them may perceive and pursue these vocations which enrich us. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at: www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations

ALTAR LIGHTING: As you can see, our altar lighting has been installed and is working quite effectively. We need to thank Colette Lillis' father, John O'Connor, for installing the lights on a 'gratis' basis. Many thanks John from all parishioners.

BAPTISM: Following today's Mass, little **Elaria Mary-Jane Walker**, daughter of Hahn and Bernadette, is to be baptised. All are invited to attend the Baptism of their seven week old beautiful baby girl.

ANOTHER PRIEST FOR THE DIOCESE: Friday evening last, **Brother Ruben (Martello) of Jesus FSF** was ordained into the priesthood by the Archbishop of Mount Hagen PNG, Most Rev. Douglas W. Young SVD DD into the Franciscan Religious Order at St Bernadette's Dundas. Congratulations Ruben on your ordination. May you enjoy a long and fruitful life as a member of God's presbyterate.

VINNIES: Did you know that SVDP is the largest and most extensive volunteer welfare network in the country with 18,209 members and 30,910 volunteers, and that it is the largest provider of trained personnel for the Third World?

PALMS AUSTRALIA: While on the topic of charities, we introduce you to Palms Australia – a Catholic organisation that has been sending volunteers to developing countries for 50+ years. Palms global volunteers are vehicles for development and social change through mentoring and exchange of skills. Palms partner communities in PNG, Tanzania, Samoa, Timor-Leste and Kiribati are in urgent need of skilled volunteers. Please see the flyer in the parish for specific positions available, and visit www.palms.org.au or contact 9518 9551 for more information.

God bless! Fr. Bob

MOTHERS' UNION AUSTRALIA: On Friday, 7th September, from 11am to 1pm, at St Aidan's Church Hall Blackheath, there will be a selection of cards and gifts for us to purchase, including Christmas Cards. BYO lunch if you wish. Tea and coffee will be provided. Judith Johnson, MU Rep, will be present on the day. All Welcome!

Reflection Morning

Our next Reflection Morning will be held on **Saturday**, **18th August**, in the parish hall from 10am to 1pm. Augustinian priest, **Fr Tony Banks**, will lead the reflection: ***"Augustine Today".*** All welcome, morning tea provided and no need to book. Enquiries to Carmel on 4787 8706.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTERS are available at the back of the church. Please take your copy today.

On the Sick List

Fr Kevin Bates sm; Marion Crowley, Leslie Dee; John Duggan; Neal Evans; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Arthur Fowler; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Kellie and Lee Piercy; and Cy Schreiber.

Update on Fr Kevin Bates

The operation went well and he is slowly recovering.

August Cosmology Morning

This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on **Friday**, **17th August**, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The prayerful reflection will centre on **"The Refreshment of Spring"**. Morning tea, song and a discussion on Chapter 4 called *'Passion, Risk and Patterns of Meaning'* in "From the Stars to the Street" by Fr Jim Conlon, will be included. Newcomers are very welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

The Heart of Our Believing

Composer: Kevin Bates sm

Our mountain air is breathing
A spirit of its own,
Like God's own breath creating
The Dreaming of our home.
We hold in trust the memories
Of many Thousand years,
Of families who have blessed us
Beyond our story here.

God whose heart we know so well,
Keep showing us your Dreaming!
Your mercy be our faithful song
The heart of our believing.

Now gathered round this story
Of Word made flesh on earth,
We ponder on the mystery,
And give the Word new birth.
We stand before the table
Where Jesus, Living Bread,
Gives taste to God's own passion
That hungry hearts be fed.

The joyful and the gentle,
The wounded and the free,
Can find a home among us
All hearts will welcome be.
So God of all our memory
Refresh our hope today,
When future dreams creating
We breathe your Word always.

Happy 21st Birthday to
Ascha Phillips for today!
Fr Kevin Bates ~ 66 on 13th August

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We invite you to join our online community at Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath.

† In memoriam †
Francis Doyle ~ 15th August

Happy 41st Anniversary to Claire and Ian Maguire for 14th August
Happy Anniversary Dulcie and Mick Davis for 18th August