

TODAY

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 No favourites  
1 John 4:7-10 God's love for us  
John 15:9-17 Love one another

**Psalm Response**  
The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

13 May Ray Wood  
20 May Pat Wicks

**Readers**

13 May 1st Reading Ian Maguire  
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire  
20 May 1st Reading Ron Davis  
Ps/Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2nd Reading Carla Endean

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

13 May Diana Landsberg and Margaret Davis  
20 May Michelle Davis and Ray Wood

**Children's Liturgy**

13 May TBA  
20 May TBA

**Counters**

13 May Judith and Frank  
20 May Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

13 May Jan Roberts  
20 May Carroll Family

**Church Care**

18 May Angie and Michelle Leman  
25 May Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

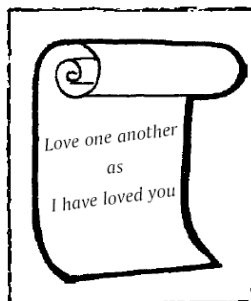
*Happy Birthday  
Margaret Davis  
for today*

Next Week: **He works with us**  
Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46  
Ephesians 1:17-23;  
Mark 16:15-20

✠ In memoriam: Dawn Sheridan ~ 14th May ✠

**Feast Days for this week: 13th -19th May**

Sun 13th Our Lady of Fatima (1917) Optional Feast  
Mon 14th St Matthias, Apostle  
Tue 15th St Isidore, Farmer (1080-1130)  
Wed 16th St Simon Stock, Carmelite Prior General (d1265)  
Thu 17th St Paschal Baylon, Religious (1540-1592)  
Fri 18th St John I, Pope, Martyr (d526), optional feast  
Sat 19th St Celestine V, Pope (1215-1296)



**6th Sunday of Easter  
Year B**

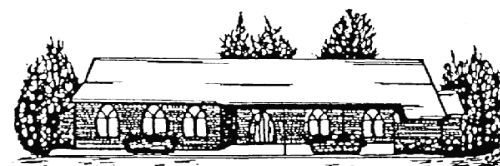
13th May 2012

It seems astonishing that Jesus says he loves us just as the Father loves him. Who are we in comparison with Jesus, God's beloved Son? With what dignity he endows every created person! Therefore, he commands us to love one another as he loves us. He calls us not servants but friends. The measure of his love is his willingness to lay down his life for us.



From **Mother's Day, 13 May to Saturday, 19 May, Tie a Yellow Ribbon on your car aerial for road safety to show solidarity for victims of road crashes and the mothers and families who have lost loved ones. Stay safe, everyone.**

# 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 (Emergency only)

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

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

**Parish Office hours:**

**Wednesday:** 9.30am - 1.30pm

**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>

<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 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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Penitential aspect of our Sacramental Program commenced on Friday last under the guidance of Colette Lillis and her team. Should there be any late starters, please see either myself or Colette after Mass today.

## ASCENSION and PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday next is the Solemnity Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven and is, therefore, a very special day for us to celebrate. Mass times, however, will be as normal, with the Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass being held at Mount Victoria and Sunday at 9.30am as normal at Blackheath.

The following Sunday - May 27th, is Pentecost Sunday, the commencement date for the Year of Grace which will continue until the subsequent Pentecost Feast on Sunday, 19th May, 2013. As will be seen from the below transcript of a letter from our Bishop, Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, this Year of Grace has been commissioned by the Bishops of Australia and enthusiastically taken up by our Diocese.

*"This year past the Diocese of Parramatta has celebrated its silver jubilee since Blessed John Paul II erected it on 8 April 1986. In 2012 the whole Church marks another anniversary: the golden jubilee of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Another blessed pope, John XXIII, gathered the world's bishops together as one to consider how the Church might best renew herself and respond to the challenges - both internal and external - of serving God and humanity today. Beseeking a new Pentecost, the Church had a Gospel confidence that Christ would be with her always and that her mission of worship and evangelisation would be carried forward in new ways. To mark this the Church in Australia will be celebrating a 'Year of Grace' from this coming Pentecost (27 May 2012 to 19 May 2013) and the Church throughout the world will be celebrating a 'Year of Faith' from later in the year (11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013). Grace might be said to be our experience of God, especially of His free and underserved gifts - gifts like our very existence, our being redeemed by Christ, our participating in His word and sacraments in the Church, our personal vocation as God's adopted children. Every God-given opportunity is a grace, from life itself to our family and friendships, from work and leisure to our participation in all that is true and good and beautiful. Faith is our personal response to those divine gifts or graces. It is our saying "yes" to them, internalising them, responding to them. So our two overlapping celebrations of grace and faith over the coming year will, as Pope Benedict XVI has said, be a chance "for an ever fuller conversion to God, to strengthen our faith in Him and to proclaim Him with joy to the people of our time".*

A special Year of Grace coordinator - Jim Eves - has been appointed for the Parramatta Diocese, and in a separate advice he encourages "every parish to hold their own launch this Pentecost". To this end we are already in receipt of a package of ideas and promotional materials that could assist us in launching the Year of Grace. The Year of Grace will be officially launched in our Diocese at St Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Anthony Fisher on Pentecost Sunday.

**Blessings! Fr Bob**



Happy Mother's Day to each and every one of the marvellous mums within our parish community. Relax and enjoy your special day.

The **Annual Parish Dinner** will be held at the **Blackheath Golf Club** on **Friday, 15th June**, commencing at 6.30pm. A new Chinese restaurant (very good!) has opened in the club, and we have arranged for a 50/50 Chinese and Australian Menu at \$30 per head. Please RSVP by Sunday, 3rd June, for catering purposes. (See Notice board)

## May Cosmology Gathering

This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on **Friday, 18th May**, from 10 am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The morning will include a quiet meditation on "*The Gift of Autumn*", a DVD "*The Beauty of Autumn*", morning tea and a discussion on Chapter 2 of "From the Stars to the Street". Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

*Please pray for those who are ill:*  
**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 & Lee Piercy;**  
**Jean Pye; Marilyn Rowe; Cy Schreiber**  
**and Shane Watson.**

Our Diocesan Works Funds (DWF) is once again with us during May. Please support this collection as the DWF helps many different organisations within the Diocese. Our collections will be held on **20th and 27th May** and all donations are tax deductible.

## Reflection Morning with Dr Laurie Woods

The next Catalyst Reflection Morning will be held in the parish hall on **Saturday, 19th May, from 10am to 1pm.**

**Dr Laurie Woods** will lead the Reflection: ***Reflections from Scripture on the Spirituality of Encouragement and Hope.***

Laurie is a parishioner of OLN Lawson, a Scripture Scholar and has taught and lectured at the Australian Catholic University for 26 years. Come and enjoy this time of input and quiet time. No need to book, morning tea provided and all welcome. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706

**Parish Working Bee**  
**Friday 25 May ~ 4pm to 5.30pm**  
**Saturday 26 May ~ 8am to 8.30pm**  
*We desperately need your help.*  
We are all busy people but a couple of hours from many of you will make a huge difference. Thanking you in anticipation.

## The Season of Letting go

*"It's that time of year again. As I drive down a tree-lined street, I'm captured by the beauty of the greens and yellows, the oranges and reds and I am drawn back to another time. It was a time when I was struggling with many changes in my life and I felt disillusioned, vulnerable and helpless. Each year for me the abundance of Autumn colours become a deep call to trust that each loss in my life holds the seeds of new life."* Sr Yvonne Parker - Terra Spiritus.