

TODAY

**Amos 7:12-15 God sent me
Ephesians 1:3-14 God chose us
Mark 6:7-13 The Twelve sent**



Psalm Response

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation

Gospel Acclamation

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



**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

15th July 2012

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact, they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passage challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

**Next Week
Teaching the flock**
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22
Ephesians 2:13-18;
Mark 6:30-34

Servers

15 Jul Diane Stewart
22 Jul Michelle Davis

Readers

15 Jul 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Carla Endean
22 Jul 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

15 Jul Michelle Davis and Diane Stewart
22 Jul Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

15 Jul No Children's Liturgy during holidays
22 Jul TBA

Counters

15 Jul Robyn and Adrian
22 Jul Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

15 Jul Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith
22 Jul Frances Huckstepp

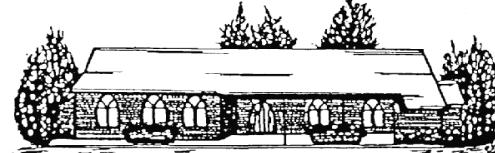
Church Care

20 Jul Julie Hodgkinson
27 Jul Angie and Michelle Leman

Feast Days for the Week: Sun 15th to Sat 21st July

Sun 15th St Bonaventure, Bishop, Cardinal, Doctor (1218-74);
St Vladimir of Kiev, King
Mon 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Tue 17th Blessed Martyrs of Compiegne
Wed 18th St Bruno; St Frederick
Thu 19th St Macrima the Younger (330-379) Virgin
Fri 20th St Apollinaris, Bishop/Martyr (d200) - optional
St Margaret, Virgin, Martyr (d304)
Sat 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor (d619),
optional

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: 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143

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Parish Office hours:

Wednesday: 9.30am - 1.30pm

Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

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

Evening Mass Sunday 9.30am

Morning Mass Tuesday 6.30pm

Benediction Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9.00am

Exposition Thursday 8.00am

Reconciliation 2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass

Healing Mass All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass

Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass Saturdays 9.30am

Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass 1st Saturday of the month 9.00am

1st and 3rd Saturdays 6.00pm

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 shbheathe2@bigpond.com

Vinnie's Winter Appeal

Today we have the second round of the appeal for funds to assist our needy families and individuals. There will be envelopes on the pews which may be deposited on the second collection, plus a leaving collection for those who prefer to use that system. As ever, the need is great and is always greater than the support we are able to render, so PLEASE give generously.

Religious Decline in the Blue Mountains

Just in case you missed this article in the Blue Mountains Gazette of 4th July (page 8), I thought it desirable to detail an excerpt from that article which has an obvious interest for us Catholics. The article reads: *"The move away from religion in the Mountains was dramatic between the 2006 and 2011 censuses with an increase of almost 25 per cent in those not identifying with any faith. The overall number of people counted in the Mountains as part of the census (75,464) increased by a steady 2.4 per cent. But it was religious identity that showed the most dramatic change with 3869 more people checking 'no religion' on their forms than in 2006, representing a rise of 24 per cent. There was a 2.8 per cent decrease in those identifying with a Christian religion, though almost 60 per cent of people still considered themselves bound to one of those faiths".* Quite obviously, there is a real need for us to evangelise within our own communities, and that is what the Year of Grace and our Future in Faith is all about.

On CatholicCare

Bishop Anthony has advised that this has been a big year for CatholicCare despite the many changes that have occurred to meld its many different services into one agency. Their largest project for the year was the completion of the purpose-built facility for Aboriginal Catholic Services at the Holy Family Parish Centre at Emerton. The Centre was the vision of a group of Aboriginal women several years ago and makes good on a promise by the Church to provide a centre for Aboriginal Services where it is most needed. This has not been without its heartaches and controversies but I am hopeful that the Centre will become a home for various services that the local Aboriginal community can be proud of. We are grateful to the Federal and State governments for their assistance. The Bishop also indicated that CatholicCare is a service of which we can be very proud, when he says, "I am constantly impressed by the dedication and commitment of its staff to ensure that their clients receive the best possible support, care and advice". CatholicCare is one of the recipients of our DWF parish collections.

World Youth Day (WYD Rio)

Parramatta Diocese is establishing the "Go and Make Disciples of all Nations" youth volunteers' program. This is a similar project to the previous program, where, instead of giving handouts to random young parishioners or students to attend WYD, parishes sponsored young people who are willing to give of themselves to some ministry or activity in the Church and to be formed as pilgrims. The Bishop is confident that this effort will bear great fruit across our Diocese. Parishes, chaplaincies, schools, youth movements and agencies are asked to sponsor young people to attend World Youth Day 2013 in Rio de Janeiro and, in turn, the young people are asked to volunteer themselves in order to serve the Church.

Other Matters

- I've received no further advice as to the health of Fr Kevin Bates, however, during the past week, we did celebrate a Mass for his speedy recovery of his illness, with more Masses to follow.
- I am advised that Bishop Robert McGuckin's ordination as Bishop of Toowoomba went without a hitch on Wednesday last.
- Our new system of candles has, to date, been very successful.

God bless! Fr Bob

Happy Birthday Christa Buckley for 19th July

Marjanna and Anthony Gilchrist welcome with great delight their second grandchild, MARY THERESE GRACE, born 10th July.

Mary (Molly) is the 2nd daughter for Elizabeth and Gerard Gilchrist and a little sister for Maggie.

Reflection Morning

The next Catalyst Reflection Morning will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, 21st July, 10am to 1pm. All welcome and morning tea provided.

Sr Libbey Byrne rsc

will lead the Reflection:

'Everyday God: Where Are You?'

Sr Libbey has a background in secondary education, parish ministry, adult faith formation and leadership in her own Congregation, the Sisters of Charity. Come and enjoy the talks and quiet time for prayer. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

July Cosmology Morning

This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on Friday, 20th July, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The morning special will be a DVD, "Creation as the Body of God" a vivacious talk by Sr Ilia Delio, morning tea and, if time, a discussion on Chapter 4 of "From the Stars to the Street". Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

Knitting Needles Wanted

I run a craft group in the Women's Health ward at Westmead Hospital (for expectant mums who can be in hospital up to three months prior to delivery) and quite a lot of the ladies want to learn how to knit. I was wondering if any parishioners would have spare/old knitting needles to donate, so I can teach the women to knit. Spare wool would also be appreciated but I really need knitting needles as I can buy cheap wool but the needles are expensive and many go out and none come back. Many women do not have family in Australia or mothers that work and so they do not get many visitors and the days get long and boring, as most have to remain in bed. If you can help, please give any spare knitting needles you have to me or Frances Huckstepp. Many thanks. Michelle Davis

† In memoriam †

Keith Malkin ~18th July; Fr Alex Sciberras ~ 18th July; John Briggs ~ 19th July