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Ez 17:22-24

The Lord will plant the crest of cedar

2 Cor 5:6-10

While in the body we are away from the Lord

Mk 4:26-34

Parable of the mustard seed

Psalm Response

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

17 Jun Jan Roberts

24 Jun Ray Wood

Readers

17 Jun 1st Reading Barbara Grieves
Intercessions Frances Huckstepp

24 Jun 1st Reading Ian Maguire

Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

17 Jun Anthony Gilchrist and Ray Wood

24 Jun Bill Grieves and Diane Stewart

Children's Liturgy

17 Jun TBA

24 Jun TBA

Counters

17 Jun Laurie

24 Jun Carla and Neil

Morning Tea

17 Jun Barbara Grieves

24 Jun Christine Burke

Church Care

22 Jun Karen Hayward and Jennifer Milani

29 Jun Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

Feast Days for this week (17th—23rd June)

Sun 17th St Theresa of Portugal (1178-1250)

Mon 18th St Gregory Barbarigo, Bishop (1625-1697)

Tue 19th St Juliana Falconieri, (1270-1341)

Foundress of Servite Nuns

Wed 20th St Helena, (d750), Benedictine Abbess

Thu 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (1568-1591), Memorial

St Eusebius, Bishop (d379)

Fri 22nd St John Fisher, Bishop & Martyr (1459-1535), Optional

St Thomas More, Martyr (1478-1535), Optional

Sat 23rd St Joseph Cafasso, Priest (1811-1860)



**11th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

17th June 2012

Jesus sought to describe the kingdom of God by comparison and analogy - 'The kingdom of God is like ...';

'To what can we compare the kingdom of God?' He never gave a lecture about the kingdom, rather, he painted a picture in terms that were readily recognised by his audience but forced them to think differently about the image he used.

It forced them to think about themselves and their world in a different way. Kingdom parables begin innocently enough with a familiar image but very quickly shift to a challenge about the way we normally perceive things. The kingdom is often portrayed as a contradiction.

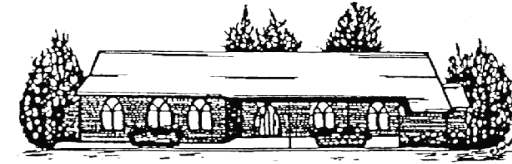
Next Week

Nativity of St John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 138:1-3;13-15

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

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

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Parish Mobile: 0428 878 810 (Emergency only)

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	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
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

SACRED HEART BLACKHEATH – A BRIEF HISTORY

The below detailed parish history of Blackheath was produced for the Blue Mountains Deanery of our Catholic Church. I trust that its content will be of interest to all parishioners.

Parish History – Established 1943

It seems the spiritual needs of Catholics in the Blackheath area were ministered to as early as 1842 by priests from St Bernard's, Hartley. This arrangement existed until 1890 when the Blue Mountains parish, centred in Katoomba, was established. It serviced the needs of the congregations of Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong until 1943.

The Sacred Heart Church was opened and blessed by Cardinal Moran on Australia Day, 1902. In May 1943, a new Parish District with its centre at Blackheath was created. The newly appointed resident priest assumed responsibility for a rather large area including Blackheath, Mt Victoria, Megalong Valley and a church hall at Medlow Bath.

The Sisters of Mercy from Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese opened a small school in Blackheath in 1912. A larger school and convent followed in the early 1940s, allowing the intake of boarders. This was closed in 1970 and the schoolhouse has recently been refurbished as a church hall. In the early 1990s, the steady decline in the numbers of clergy dictated the need for changes in the Blue Mountains. In 1993, two Sisters of Charity took up residence in the parish house and as a result of diocesan consultation, the parish continued without a resident pastor. These Sisters left at the end of 2002 and a Dominican Sister was appointed in 2003 and continued until January 2008. Rev. Robert Sheridan was then appointed to the parish on a full-time basis, first as Administrator and then as Parish Priest in 2010.

Includes: **Sacred Heart Church, 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath**
St Joseph's Church, Megalong Road, Megalong Valley
St Paul's Church, Great Western Highway, Mt Victoria

Parish Priests and Administrators

Rev. Joseph Purcell	1943-1947
Rev. R Ford	1947-1950
Rev. F O'Rourke	1950-1954
Rev. Tim O'Carroll	1954-1959
Rev. Leo Moran	1959-1960
Rev. Mahon	1960-1964
Rev. Frank Vaughan	1964-1970
Rev. Dennis Callaghan	1970-1979
Rev. Kevin Hay	1979-1992
Rev. Alexis Sciberris	1986, 1987, 1988-1990 (Administrator)
Rev. Don Griffith	1990-1993 (Administrator)
Rev. John Smith	1993-2008 (Priest Supervisor, Pastoral Care)
Rev. Robert Sheridan	2009-2010 (Administrator)
Rev. Robert Sheridan	2010-present

Pastoral Directors

Sr Mary Maguire RSC	1993-2002
Sr Lyn Eastmure OP	2002-2008

God bless! Fr Bob.

Living the gospel

Seed on the land

The first parable in the gospel passage describes the unerring work of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed, watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth. However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way – if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest. Even if we don't pay it attention, the kingdom is present and acting in our world.

The **Church Care Rosters** (July - Dec) are available at the back of the church. Please make sure you collect your copy.

By its Own Power the Seed Sprouts

'The mystery of the holy Church is manifest in its very foundation. The Lord Jesus set it on its course by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Kingdom of God, which, for centuries, had been promised in the Scriptures: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand." In the word, in the works, and in the presence of Christ, this kingdom was clearly open to the view of men. The Word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear the Word with faith and become part of the little flock of Christ, have received the Kingdom itself. Then, by its own power the seed sprouts and grows until harvest time.'

Extract from **Lumen Gentium**, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church
Full text at: http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html



We remember in our prayers **Barry Finch**, a former parishioner and Sacred Heart parish councillor, who died on 8th June. May his wife, Pat, and their family find peace and comfort in the memory of his love and may Barry enjoy the vision of God's glory forever.



Spirituality in the Pub

Speakers:

Mr Robert George,
Director, Centacare,

Bathurst, and Rev. Matt Trounce,
Uniting Church Minister, Lithgow
Venue: Wallerawang Bowling Club
Time: 28th June - 5.30pm for 6pm
(meal, \$20); 7-9pm (forum)

A basket is circulated for donations
towards the costs of the event
other than the meal.

Contact: Cassandra 0429 234 163
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Sacred Heart Care Group

is here to assist parishioners in
times of need. Please call Carmel
4787 8706 or Michelle 4757 2638
if you think we can help.

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 and Lee Piercy; Jean Pye;
Cy Schreiber and Shane Watson.*