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Daniel 12:1-3 Final outcome
Hebrews 10:11-14,18 Christ's sacrifice
Mark 13:24-32 Everlasting words

Psalm Response

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may
be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

18 Nov Michelle Davis
25 Nov Jan Roberts

Readers

18 Nov 1st Reading Ian Maguire
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
25 Nov 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Pat Wicks
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

18 Nov Anthony Gilchrist and Michelle Davis
25 Nov Brian and Monica Bright

Children's Liturgy

18 Nov TBA
25 Nov TBA

Counters

18 Nov Barbara and Bill
25 Nov Marilyn

Morning Tea

18 Nov Monica Van Horen
25 Nov Carroll Family

Church Care

23 Nov Gatt Family
30 Nov Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: John & 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; Frances Leighton; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Kellie & Lee Piercy; Cy Schreiber and Martin Steddings.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th November

Sun 18th Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter (1620) and Paul (1854),
Apostles, optional
Mon 19th St Obadiah, OT, Prophet (c800BC)
Tue 20th St Bernward, Bishop (d1022)
Wed 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu 22nd St Cecilia
Fri 23rd St Columban, St Clement I
Sat 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions



**Thirty Third Sunday
Ordinary Time ~ Year B
18th November 2012**

Jesus instructs us on the transience of life and of all things here below. Even the universe is constantly changing. Jesus lived his earthly life as one of us, died, was buried, rose from the dead and was taken up into his Father's glory. He promises to come again, and call all who desire it to share in his glory in his Father's kingdom.

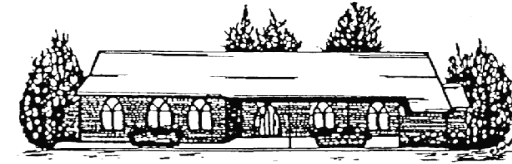
NEXT WEEK

Witness to the truth
Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92
Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

In
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**Allan D
Longmuir**
22nd
November



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

e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com

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	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

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - St Francis Xavier's Church, Wentworth Falls
Once more, I remind you that these celebrations are to take place today (18th November) commencing with a Mass to be celebrated from 2pm with afternoon tea to follow. Bishop Anthony will be the principal celebrant at this milestone event. All are cordially invited to attend.

While focusing our attention on Wentworth Falls, you are also again reminded that the **relic of St Francis Xavier** will be making a visit to that church on **Wednesday, 28th November**, commencing at 4pm. The relic will remain in the church until 7pm. Mass will be celebrated from 7.30pm on that day.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND

Once again, we extend an opportunity to those who may have missed this collection last week to contribute to this valuable and necessary work of the Parramatta Diocese which is also of benefit to us in this parish. Our collections last week totalled \$445 for which we are extremely grateful to those who contributed. However, our quota for this appeal is \$1502 so we do urgently seek your support to reduce the amount of funds we need. Once again, many thanks for your contributions.

NOVEMBER REMINDER

This being a special month for us to remember our departed loved ones in a special way, I invite all who have not done so to date, to enter their names in the Remembrance Book located near the baptismal font.

CONFIRMATION 2013

We have just been advised that Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will be celebrating a Confirmation Mass at Sacred Heart, Blackheath on 22nd September 2013 commencing at 9.30am. We have five local children who will be confirmed on that day. However, this number could be increased due to the addition of other children who may qualify for this Sacrament between now and September.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Congratulations to Frances Huckstepp, our Parish Council Chairperson, and to all other councillors for their great planning and presentation of last week's AGM at which were present about 50 parishioners. One comment from a new resident in our parish, praised the way in which so many parishioners are involved in so many different activities in the parish. This new parishioner was so impressed that he also is taking steps to become more involved in parish work. Morning tea was most welcome, as ever, plus the sausage sizzle prepared so ably by Frank. Congratulations to everyone concerned, including all who attended.

CHILD ABUSE, OUR CHURCH AND OUR FAITH

In recent times, unfavourable publicity has been directed to the Catholic Church in relation to the actions (alleged) of a very few priests and religious in past decades - actions which so victimised our innocent children as to be almost unbelievable for all who are part of our Catholic community. We, who promote love and family as being central to our way of life, are totally appalled at the events as they are now being presented to us. Today I will be reading to you from the pulpit a statement to all the people of the Parramatta Diocese on the Royal Commission into Child Abuse. In the meantime, let us pray for all those caught up in these sorry events, especially the children who have been so betrayed.
God bless! Fr Bob

Next Sunday, **Mary Kingston** will receive the **Diocesan Medal of Honour**, presented by **Bishop Anthony Fisher OP** at the **11am Solemn Mass** at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**.

The Medal of Honour acknowledges those who serve the Church and Community with honour and distinction.

Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Anthony in congratulating this year's recipients.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY PULPIT POINTS

- * Church welcomes government plan for child sexual abuse inquiry
- * Catholic Schools sports stars - 16-page tribute
- * Win \$1000 cash - and \$1000 for your parish, too
- * St John's College chairman calls for overhaul
- * Historic visit by Syro-Malabar Church leader
- * Parish profile: Fresh team for an old parish that flourishes with change

Updating the Parish Website

Pat Drummond, our webmeister, has requested that all parish groups/committees/ministeries/and social groups, email him a short report of one page or less detailing the function of their particular Parish group and also the contact person's info. Thanks!
Pat's email is patdrum@lisp.com.au

CLEANING ROSTER: It is time for the new cleaning roster! If you would like to become a new helper, (once every nine weeks) or if you are unable to continue in the new year, please let me know by the end of the month. Many thanks to all! Mary Kingston, ph 6352 1706 or email marykingston@bigpond.com

Religious Art Exhibition

This is a reminder to the adult artists to have their entry forms and photos of their work sent to Kevin Varney, 66 First Ave, Katoomba 2780 or email to artmarymackillop@gmail.com by November 23 for the Exhibition of Religious Art in the Christian tradition which will be held in St Canice's Hall, Katoomba, weekend 15-16 December 2012.

It is a reminder to the catechists, too, to collect any children's art by December 7. Entry forms are available from Corinne Buckland 4784 1587 or Sr Jacinta 4757 2290.

Vinnie's Christmas Cards are available for **\$6.00 per pack**. You can also purchase **Columban calendars** (2013) for **\$9.00 each**. Please see Laurie after mass today.

CHRISTMAS*STALL

We will be holding a Christmas Stall sale, sometime early in December, as a fundraising initiative. We are looking for donations of Christmas items. If you have any decorations, etc. in good condition, please leave them in the church for collection at your convenience. Many thanks!

Happy 31st Anniversary
Tong & Marzø Crawford
for 21st November

Happy Birthday
Brian Bright
for 19th November

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Once again, we are starting with an empty basket and asking you to donate suitable items to help fill it. There is a list of suggestions on the notice board and books of 10 tickets are available today. Please check 'use by dates' on all items. Sheilagh Kirkham has again offered to make a Christmas cake for 'Guess the Weight' competition.

'Singing Light and Peace'

An Advent workshop retreat with Trish Watts on the Songs and Prayers of Taize.
Sunday 25th November,
2pm-5pm followed by evening prayers 5.30-6.30pm.

We will weave prayer and meditation through this reflective afternoon and enjoy afternoon tea together. To be held at Leura Uniting Church, cnr of Grose & Megalong Sts, Leura. Donation of \$20 to cover costs of the workshop. Enquiries to Naomi 0404 137 149 or naomicooke@yahoo.com.au