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Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8 Observe God's law
James 1:17-18.21-22.27 Word planted in you
Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23 Listen and understand

Psalm Response

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message
of truth, that we might be as the
first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

2 Sep Michelle Davis
9 Sep Jan Roberts

Readers

2 Sep 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Pat Wicks
2nd Reading Lillis Family
9 Sep 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Sep Diana Landsberg and Ray Wood
9 Sep Diane Stewart and Margaret Davis

Children's Liturgy

2 Sep TBA
9 Sep TBA

Counters

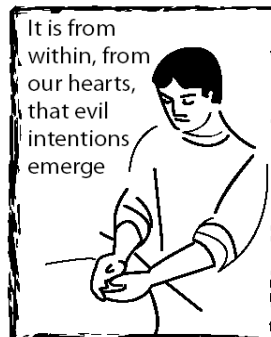
2 Sep Judith and Frank
9 Sep Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

2 Sep Michelle Funnell
9 Sep Margaret Davis

Church Care

7 Sep Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
14 Sep Gatt Family



**Twenty-Second
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

Laws and customs are necessary, but true religion is more than observance. Jesus teaches that our attitudes, and the actions that flow from them, reflect the intentions in our hearts. We are to accept and submit to the word of truth that has been planted in us by God. If we love God and try our best to love others, we will indeed be true children of God.

Next Week: *Deaf hear, dumb speak* Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145 James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

In memoriam

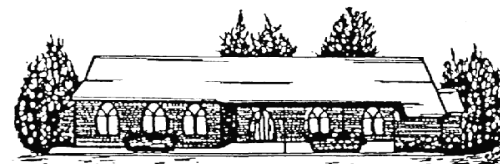
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Bernie Tierney
5th September
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Ray Thomas
8th September

Feast Days for the Week: Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th Sept

Sun 2nd St Ingrid of Sweden, Virgin (d1282)
Mon 3rd St Gregory the Great, Pope/Doctor, Memorial (540-604)
Tue 4th St Rosalia, Virgin (d1160)
Wed 5th Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)
St Lorenzo Guistiniani, Bishop (1381-1455)
Thu 6th St Zechariah (c520BC) - Minor Prophet
Fri 7th St Regina, Virgin/Martyr (d251AD)
Sat 8th Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast



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

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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

FATHER'S DAY

Today we take time out to pause in our appreciation of the unique person that our fathers are in our lives. Most of the time we just take their presence among us for granted including all the odd jobs that they do around the home. On this one day a year, all families have the opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to our Dads for the love and support they give to each of us. God Bless our DADS!

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

In 2006, Bishop Manning established the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta to assist in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and in 2007 authorised an annual special appeal, "The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests", to be held on Father's Day each year. It is hoped to raise \$150,000 each year through this appeal. Bishop Fisher has asked that this appeal continue to support our retired and sick priests.

Last year, you gave over \$170,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held this weekend. A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes are available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Receipts for those claiming the tax deduction will be sent out in February 2012. Thank you for your generosity.

SPRING EMBER DAY

Friday next, 7th September, is the Spring Ember Day, with ancient origins dating back to Roman times where it was related to rural practices. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays in Autumn and Spring (March and September) each year as special days of prayer and penance. The choice of Fridays reminds us that they are days of penance; the Australian Bishops Conference recommends penitential practices such as prayer, self denial and helping others on these particular Fridays. You are, therefore, invited to make an extra special effort next Friday in line with the aspirations of Ember Day.

HAPPY DAYS IN THE OFFICE

Our annual audit has just been concluded by the Diocesan Office's people. The audit was both a financial and physical undertaking by the two personnel who attended. Physically, our three churches were visited and received high commendation for their high standard. We have been advised that our record keeping is of the highest order. Overall, we have to thank both Marilyn and Patricia for these excellent results. And while on this subject, we have also received a clean bill of health from Blue Mountains City Council for the high standard of our fire safety protection in all five properties.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

The coming week is Child Protection Week leading up to Child Protection Sunday (next Sunday 9th September). Child Protection Sunday highlights the preventative efforts of the Church in the area of Child Abuse. Every Catholic is invited to be part of making the future safer for children than has been the case in the past. So, next Sunday, we will focus especially on our need to be ever vigilant in the protection of our children in today's world. Our Prayers of the Faithful for this Sunday will also be a guide to us in supporting our children in their everyday life. For more information contact: www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=158

God bless! Fr Bob

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

How will we recognise the great love and dedication of our Fathers this year? This Sunday will provide an opportunity to reflect once more and honour all those great men who, in their words and actions, have recognised us, empowered us and loved us. In the scripture, this sentiment and empowerment is eloquently expressed in the Gospel of John 13:34 "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Have a wonderful day!
Frances Huckstepp

Happy Birthday

Diane Stewart for 5th September
Yvonne Thomas for 7th September
Michelle Funnell for 7th September
Lance Hodgkinson for 8th September

On the Sick List

Fr Kevin Bates sm; Bill Capron;
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;
Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock;
Kellie & Lee Piercy; and Cy Schreiber.

"FAITH IN OUR FUTURE"

OUR DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS HAS BEGUN

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP has initiated a process of pastoral planning for our future as a Diocese and invites you to share your faith and vision. Our consultation session is scheduled for **Saturday, 15th September, 2pm - 4pm in the Church Hall at Blackheath.** It will be a chance to listen to one another, share your thoughts and offer suggestions at this important time in our life as a Diocese.

The **September Benedictine Spirituality** gathering will meet on **Friday, 7 September**, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls. Preparatory reading is Chapter 6, *Prayerful Reading* in **Monastery of the Heart**. Morning Prayer, Lectio Divina and Morning Prayer will be part of our gathering together. New members always welcome. Enquiries: Sisters Therese & Jacinta 4757 2290.

Reflection Morning

The next Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning will take place **on Saturday, 15th September**, 10am to 1pm in the parish hall.

Sr Marian McClelland sss will lead the morning of prayer and retreat - **A Spirituality of Staying Awake.**

All very welcome, no need to book and morning tea provided. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)

And now, let the weak say:
'I am strong',

Let the poor say, 'I am rich',
Because of what the Lord
has done for us. (repeat)