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Acts 1:1-11 Taken to heaven
Ephesians 1:17-23 God's power at work
Mark 16:15-20 He works with us

Psalm Response

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

20 May Pat Wicks
27 May Diane Stewart

Readers

20 May 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Carla Endean
27 May 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

20 May Michelle Davis and Ray Wood
27 May Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

20 May TBA
27 May TBA

Counters

20 May Julie and Lance
27 May Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

20 May Carroll Family
27 May Carla Endean

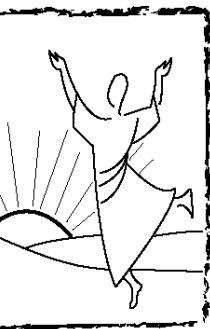
Church Care

25 May Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
1 Jun Carla Endean and Gail Shepherd

Happy Birthday Anthony Gilchrist ~ 23 May

Feast Days for this week: 20—26 May

Sun 20 May St Bernadine of Siena, Priest (1380-1444), optional feast
Mon 21 May St Constantine, Emperor (d313)
Tue 22 May St Rita of Cascia, Widow & Nun (1381-1457), optional feast
Wed 23 May Bl Girolamo Savanarola, Religious & Martyr (1452-1498)
Thu 24 May Mary, Help of Christians, Solemnity
Fri 25 May St Madeline Sophie Barat, Religious (1779-1865),
Foundress of Society of Sacred Heart
Sat 26 May St Philip Neri, Priest (1515-1595)



Ascension of the Lord

Year B

20th May 2012

During forty days
Jesus appeared to his
disciples to assure them
of the reality of his
resurrection, to comfort
and to strengthen them.
He now commissions
them to go out to
the whole world to
proclaim the Good News.
This preaching is to be
perpetuated through the
Church down the ages.
In this week, we pray for
the unity of all Christians
under Christ our head.

✠ In memoriam: ✠

Lorenzo Fusina ~ 25 May
Thea Ellis ~ 26 May

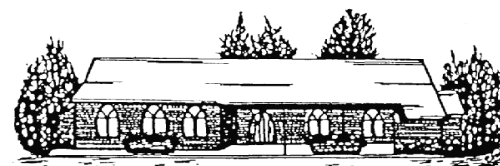
Next Week

Spirit of truth

Acts 2:1-11;
Psalm 103
Galatians
5:16-25;
John 15:26-
27;16:12-15



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>

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

A NEW BISHOP FROM PARRAMATTA DIOCESE

I have just been advised by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP that the Right Rev Monsignor Robert McGuckin VG EV has been appointed Bishop of Toowoomba, and in our Bishop's words:

"The Holy Father has appointed Right Rev Monsignor Robert McGuckin, until now Vicar General of the Diocese of Parramatta, as Bishop of Toowoomba. I am confident that the priests and people of the Diocese share my delight in this appointment. Since his ordination in 1973, he has served in several parishes of the Archdiocese of Sydney and, from its inception in 1986, of the Diocese of Parramatta. An expert in Canon Law, he has served as a lecturer, judge and president of the Canon Law Society. He has long been a member and, is presently, Judicial Vicar of the Regional Tribunal for New South Wales.

In the Diocese of Parramatta, he has been Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia since 1997, servicing with great diligence and dedication. He has also served as Episcopal Vicar for Religious (1991-2011), Episcopal Vicar for Health and Welfare (2010-2012), member of the Council of Priests and College of Consultors (1994-2012), and on several other committees. Both Bishop Manning and I have been immensely assisted by his advice and administration. He has worked tirelessly for the bishops, priests, religious and people of the Diocese of Parramatta and we are very sad to see him go. I trust that Bishop McGuckin will be warmly welcomed in Toowoomba and will serve his new diocese with equal distinction."

Congratulations to Bishop-elect McGuckin from all at Sacred Heart Parish. May he enjoy a long and fruitful appointment in the Toowoomba Diocese.

GLENMORE PARK PARISH

We are all very aware of the problem concerning Father Kevin Lee, the former Parish Priest of Glenmore Park, and the very public manner in which he walked away from that appointment. Our Bishop Most Reverend Anthony Fisher issued a media statement at 8pm on 1st May that reads as follows:

"On Tuesday, 1 May 2012, Channel 7 News aired an interview with Fr Kevin Lee, Parish Priest of Glenmore Park. In the interview, Fr Kevin stated that he entered a civil marriage a year ago. I share with the priests of the diocese and the people of Glenmore Park and beyond their shock and disappointment at this revelation. I deny Fr Kevin's claim that 'most priests lead a double life'. This impugns the reputation of the great majority of priests who faithfully serve God and their people. I also deny that the hierarchy of the Church knew that Fr Kevin had married or was leading 'a double life'. My paramount concern is the people of Glenmore Park and the Diocese. As Fr Kevin is aware, by his actions he can no longer operate as a priest and, as a result, I will immediately be appointing an Administrator to Padre Pio Parish. I am trying to contact Fr Kevin to arrange for his care also.

You are probably also aware that Bishop Anthony celebrated all masses at Glenmore Park last weekend and a copy of his homily to those parishioners is to be found in last week's Catholic Weekly, an excerpt of which is to be found on the notice board. My sentiments are the same as those of my Bishop.

JESUS' ASCENSION

"A high point in a relay race is the moment when one runner passes the baton to another runner. More races are won or lost at that moment than at any other moment in the race. The Ascension of Jesus might be compared to the passing of the baton. Jesus passes the baton of God's Kingdom to his disciples to complete the work that He began on earth."

That baton is now in our hands, so it up to us to continue the race begun this day those 2000 years ago on this wonderful Feast of Jesus' Ascension. **Blessings, Fr Bob.**

*For Reflection...
How is the work I am doing right now related to the completion of God's Kingdom on earth?
How might I relate it more closely?*
<http://www.strobert.com/PDF/052012.pdf>

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)

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.

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.

GOD'S SPIRIT IS IN MY HEART

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God's spirit is in my heart.
He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.

**He sent me to give
the Good News to the poor
tell prisoners that they are
prisoners no more,
tell blind people that they can see
and set the downtrodden free,
and go tell everyone the news
that the Kingdom of God has come,
and go tell everyone the news
that God's Kingdom has come.**

Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.

Diocesan Works Funds (DWF)
Please support this collection as the DWF helps many different organisations within the Diocese. Our collections will be held **Today and 27th May** and all donations are tax deductible.

Interested in joining a brand new, totally revamped, liturgy committee?
If so, please see Marjanna after mass today. We welcome your ideas, too.