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Wisdom 2:12.17-20 **Evil intentions**  
James 3:16-4:3 **Roots of evil**  
Mark 9:30-37 **Welcome me**

**Psalm Response**  
The Lord upholds my life.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel. to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

23 Sep Pat Wicks  
30 Sep Bill Grieves

**Readers**

23 Sep	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Carla Endean
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
30 Sep	1st Reading	Ron Davis
	Intercessions	Carla Endean
	2nd Reading	Frances Huckstepp

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

23 Sep Anthony Gilchrist and Michelle Davis  
30 Sep Brian and Monica Bright

**Children's Liturgy**

23 Sep TBA  
30 Sep TBA

**Counters**

23 Sep Barbara and Bill  
30 Sep Marilyn

**Morning Tea**

23 Sep Barbara Grieves  
30 Sep Christine Burke

**Church Care**

28 Sep Julie Hodgkinson  
5 Oct Angie and Michelle Leman

Next Week: **Seek true good** Numbers 11:25-29;  
Psalm 18 Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43.45.47-48

**Feast Days for the Week: Sun 23rd to Sat 29th September**

Sun 23rd	Padre Pio Pietrelcina - Priest (1887-1968) Memorial
Mon 24th	St Gerard Sagredo, Bishop & Martyr (980-1046) Apostle of Hungary
Tue 25th	St Finbar, Bishop (d633)
Wed 26th	Sts Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs (d283), Optional
Thu 27th	St Vincent de Paul, Priest (1581-1660), Memorial Founder of Vincentians
Fri 28th	St Wenceslaus, Martyr (907-929), optional St Laurence, Priest & Companions - Martyrs (d633-637), optional
Sat 29th	Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels, Feast



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

**23rd September 2012**

After returning from the mountain where the Transfiguration took place, Jesus instructs his disciples about his forthcoming passion and death. They seem to miss the point entirely, arguing about which of them was the greatest. Jesus gives them the example of a little child, who has no exalted aims for greatness. Jesus equates himself with the poor and humble ones of the world. In welcoming them we welcome him.



**In Memoriam**  
**Amanda Saran**

24th September

**Ivan Naraj**

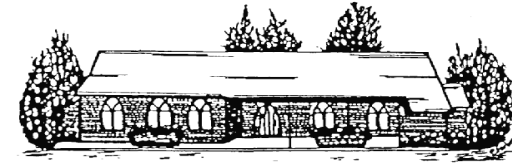
25th September

**Fr Don Griffin**

27th September



# 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)

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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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

### CONSULTATIVE MEETING REPORT

Our Parish Council chairperson, Frances Huckstepp, last Sunday gave a verbal summary of all that had taken place the previous afternoon at the much publicised joint consultative meeting with Upper Blue Mountains Parish and held in our parish hall. Over 50 people attended, the majority from our parish, in a well-planned and structured meeting led by Mr Daniel Ang, who has been given the responsibility to produce a draft plan on behalf of the Parramatta Diocese, early next year.

We thank our own parishioners once more for their generosity and hospitality in providing refreshments for all present. Their contribution was gratefully acknowledged and received by both visitors and locals alike. Mr Ang was particularly impressed with the depth of organisation and planning that we had invested in this meeting. As to the effectiveness of this gathering and the messages we sought to convey to the Diocese, time alone will tell! However, I am optimistic that we will have further opportunities to either qualify or make further representations relating to our needs, wants and issues in the coming months. I also take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the content of our submission, also to those who attended the meeting, and particularly to Frances Huckstepp and her committee for the considerable input of time, effort and expertise they gave to that submission. Well done, everyone!

### LAST WORD ON THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS

There can be but once in a lifetime when each of us received our First Communion. That time arrived last Sunday for Maddison Tebbet, Chantelle and Oliver Burke and Nina and Ruby Coetsee, following a lengthy period of instruction by Colette Lillis, supported by the children's families. What a great, moving event it was! Once more, congratulations to Colette and everyone else who contributed to the obvious success of this very, very special occasion.

### SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

Today's homily is the last of 12 homilies directed to an exposé of the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. We are still coming to grips with all the consequences of that significant church-wise, life changing proactive Council, whose 50th Anniversary occurs on the 10th October this year. I commend to you a copy of a brochure summarising the dogmatic Four Constitutions produced out of that Council. These copies are available on the pews today. Please feel free to take one. It has been said that the full implementation of all decisions taken during the Second Vatican Council will require up to 200 years to implement.

### AMENDED MASS TIMES 24/9 TO 24/10/2012

Due to my absence on annual leave between the above dates, and the limited availability of Fr Paul Hanna, he will be celebrating Sunday masses only during my absence. There will be no other masses celebrated within our parish, weekdays at Blackheath, Vigil Masses at Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley during this same period. However, Communion Services will be held at Blackheath on Wednesdays and Fridays up to, and including, the 10th October.

These services will commence at 9am. After that date, there will be no weekday services until my return. Physical access to the Sacred Heart Church cannot be guaranteed during the day after Wednesday, 10th October.

All contact with the parish should be routed through the office phone number - 4787 8540 - as neither house phone number or the emergency number will be available during this period. Emergencies should be directed to 4787 8540. I take this opportunity to thank each of you for the wonderful support and assistance I have received over the past year, and after a month's break, we can once again come together and do it all again!

Until 25th October then, take care, stay healthy, enjoy life and love God.

**God bless! Fr Bob**

### Religious Art Exhibition

An Exhibition of Religious Art in the Christian tradition will be held in St Canice's Hall, Katoomba, 16-17 December 2012. All artists, be they professionals or amateurs, are invited to participate with works in any medium.

The entry forms will be available in the next few weeks.

The deadline for adult submissions is 23 November.

There will be a section in the exhibition space for primary school children. Their deadline will be just before the exhibition. High school children are also being invited to participate.

Please help us make this a memorable event in the Upper Blue Mountains.

If anyone wishes to make a submission, the email is [artmarymackillop@gmail.com](mailto:artmarymackillop@gmail.com)  
Enquiries: Fr Ted 4782 2804  
or Sr Jacinta 4757 2290.

### Happy Birthday

**Roslyn James**  
for 23rd September  
**Barry Leeder**  
for 23rd September

*Happy Anniversary*  
*Marion and John*  
*Crowley*  
*for 29th September*

A message from the Fundraising Committee - Please note that there will be **no cake stall** on the Sunday of the October long weekend.

### *Have you thought? Last of all?*

*Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power - whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.*

*-from Liturgyhelp*

*"What a great favour God does to those he places in the company of good people!"*

**- St Teresa of Avila -**

**On the Sick List:** 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.