

**TODAY**

**Acts 4:8-12** Our Saviour  
**1 John 3:1-2** Love lavished on us  
**John 10:11-18** The good shepherd

**Psalm Response**  
 The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 I am the good shepherd,  
 says the Lord;  
 I know my sheep,  
 and mine know me.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B**

**29th April 2012**

Jesus follows in the line of David, the shepherd King of Israel.

He describes himself as the 'Good Shepherd', because he cares for his sheep even to the point of laying down his life for them. He knows and loves his sheep and they know and love him. He equates this knowledge and love to that which exists between him and his Father. How overwhelming this is!

**Servers**

29 Apr Michelle Davis  
 6 May Jan Roberts

**Readers**

29 Apr 1st Reading Ian Maguire  
 Ps/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
 2nd Reading Claire Maguire  
 6 May 1st Reading Monica Bright  
 Ps/Intercessions Patricia Dee  
 2nd Reading Brian Bright

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

29 Apr Margaret Davis and Diane Stewart  
 6 May Bill Grieves and Ray Wood

**Children's Liturgy**

29 Apr Robert Forbes  
 6 May TBA

**Counters**

29 Apr Carla and Neil  
 6 May Monica

**Morning Tea**

29 Apr Monica Bright  
 6 May Monica Van Horen

**Church Care**

4 May Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston  
 11 May Julie Hodgkinson

**Benedictine Spirituality Gathering**

The next gathering will be 4 May. Enquiries: Srs Therese & Jacinta 4757 2290.

In memoriam

✠ **Miriam Helby** ~ 4th May

Next Week: **Vine and branches**

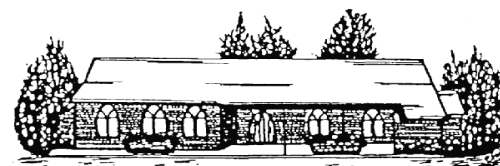
Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21 1John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

**Feast Days for this week: 29th April to 5th May 2012**

Sun 29th St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor (1347-1380), Memorial  
 Mon 30th St Pius V, Pope (1504-1572), Optional  
 Tue 1st St Joseph the Worker, Optional  
 Wed 2nd St Anthanasius, Bishop & Doctor (296-373), memorial Feast  
 Thu 3rd Sts Philip and James, Apostles, Feast Day  
 Fri 4th St Florian, Martyr - Patron of Poland (3rd-4th Century)  
 Sat 5th Blessed Edmund Rice, Founder Christian Brothers (1762-1844)



**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:** 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>

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

## VOCATION SUNDAY

Today is Good Shepherd's Sunday and, also in the Parramatta Diocese, Vocation Sunday. This is the one day each year when the church focuses on vocations to religious and laity life. This is the time to address the well known shortage of religious in our church including Priests, Brothers and Sisters. The Good Shepherd (Jesus), works through his Priests and religious to bring himself and his message into the heart of all Catholics. Without Priests and religious, the church cannot continue to function. Our Vocations Director for the Parramatta Diocese (Fr Warren Edwards) has asked all Catholics to pray for vocations. His suggested prayer is: *"God of life, You speak to us through the life of our Church community. In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit so that men and women among us will respond to your call to service and leadership in our Church as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers. May those who open their hearts and minds to this call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm and support. We make this prayer through our Lord. Amen."* A bookmark containing this prayer will be freely available today.

Lay vocations are also essential for the continued wellbeing of our Catholic life. Whether married or single and irrespective of our trade or profession in life, our vocation to Christ is all encompassing - a lifestyle, if you like! So, when we speak of vocations, no Catholic is excluded from that discussion. We are all part of the church with our own particular contribution to be made through our vocation in life.

## CHRIST THE WORD

Given that Mass consists of both Word and Sacrament, it *'is important for us to remember that Christ himself is present in his word, since it is he who speaks when Scripture is read in Church'*. Indeed, *'the liturgical celebration becomes the continuing, complete and effective proclamation of God's word. The word of God, constantly proclaimed in the liturgy, is always a living and effective word through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. It expresses the Father's love that never fails in its effectiveness towards us.'* The Church has always realised that in the liturgical action the word of God is accompanied by the interior working of the Holy Spirit who makes it effective in the hearts of the faithful.

## SUNDAY MISSALS

Now available from Sanctus in Katoomba (4782 3133), copies of St Paul's Sunday Missal priced at \$39.95 or the gift edition priced at \$49.95. Both editions contain all the prayers of the missal, together with the full three year cycle of scripture reading. Included are Feasts of special importance for Australia and New Zealand, e.g. Australia Day, ANZAC Day and St Mary MacKillop. A poster to this effect is on the notice board.

## OFFICE HOURS

Because of Marilyn Rowe's recent operation and needed extended recovery period, we have had to change our office hours to Wednesday 9am to 11am and Thursday 9am to 11am for the time being. Marilyn is expected home from hospital this week. Keep Marilyn in your prayers for a quick and speedy recovery.

## BAPTISM

Yesterday, seven month old **Arabella Stewart-Rowley**, daughter of Luke and Lydia, was baptised here at Sacred Heart. We congratulate Arabella and her parents and family, relatives and friends on becoming a full member of Christ's family, and ask your prayers for her. Next Saturday, Logan Hunter Nagy, son of Gregory and Marie, will be baptised at Mt Victoria at 11.30am. All baptisms are public events within our church, and you are invited to be present at any or all baptisms.

## ANZAC DAY

While our Sacred Heart Mass on ANZAC Day attracted a relatively small number of parishioners, overall the attendances at both Blackheath and Mt Victoria War Memorial Services attracted a very large number of people. We thank Jan Roberts for organising the parish wreath which was laid at the Blackheath service. **Easter Blessings! Fr Bob**

Our Diocesan Works Funds (DWF) is once again with us during May. Please support this collection as the DWF helps many different organisations within the Diocese. Our collections will be held on **20th and 27th May**. All donations are tax deductible.

**Happy 90th Birthday**  
**Paula Schreiber ~ 28th April**  
**Happy Birthday**  
**Shzlagh Kirkham for today.**

**Coffee Capers**  
**Tuesday ~ 1st May**  
from 11am to 1pm.  
Margaret Davis has kindly invited us to her home at 29 Hillier Avenue (cnr Pittendrigh St), Blackheath. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome. Please ring Diane 4787 1357 for info or if you need a lift, or Margaret on 4787 8846.



**YOU ARE MINE**  
Composer: David Haas  
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I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice,  
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light, come and rest in me.

***Do not be afraid, I am with you.***  
***I have called you each by name.***  
***Come and follow me, I will bring you home;***  
***I love you and you are mine.***

I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name. *(Refrain)*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,  
stand up, now walk, and live. *(Refrain)*

***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.***