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Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Listen to God's prophet
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Undivided attention
Mark 1:21-28 Authoritative teaching

Psalm Response
If today you hear his voice;
harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

29 Jan Pat Wicks
5 Feb Michelle Davis

Readers

29 Jan 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Carla Endean
5 Feb 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

29 Jan Michelle Davis and Ray Wood
5 Feb Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

29 Jan No Children's Liturgy during the holidays.
5 Feb Robert and Kate Forbes

Counters

29 Jan Julie and Lance
5 Feb Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

29 Jan Monica Van Horen
5 Feb Jan Roberts

Church Care

3 Feb Karen Hayward and Jennifer Milani
10 Feb Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

Next Week: **Came to preach** Job 7:1-4.6-7; Ps 146 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Feast Days for this week (29th January to 4th February 2012)

Sun 29th Jan St Aquilinus - Priest & Martyr (d1015)
Mon 30th Jan St Bathildis - Queen & Widow (d680AD)
Tue 31st Jan St John Bosco - Priest & Founder (1815-1888), memorial
Wed 1st Feb St Brigid of Ireland - Virgin & Abbess (c451-525), optional
Thu 2nd Feb Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day), Feast
Fri 3rd Feb St Blaise - Bishop & Martyr (d316), Patron of Throat Diseases
- optional
Sat 4th Feb St Veronica (Stations of the Cross)



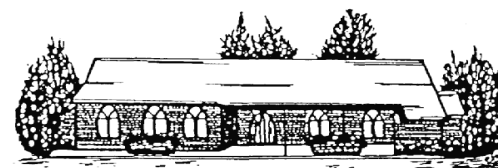
**4TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

29th January 2012

The people in the synagogue at Capernaum were struck with the great difference between the teaching of Jesus and that of the scribes.

Jesus taught with authority. He also acted with authority: with a simple word of command he expelled the unclean spirit. What is the source of Jesus' authority? Surely, it is his union with his Father, whose will he sought in silent prayer.

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 Office hours:

Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm

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	22nd 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 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Michelle Davis (Chair), Frances Huckstepp (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (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

Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, the new Parish Pastoral Council met after mass last Sunday for its first official meeting. It is with great joy I announce the new executive team of your Parish Pastoral Council and wish them well. The **Chair is Frances Huckstepp, Deputy Chair is Diana Landsberg and Secretary is Colette Lillis.** Fr Bob has sent his congratulations to the new executive team. The other members of the council are **Bill Grieves, Michelle Davis, Marjanna Gilchrist, Norma Longmuir and Julie O'Keeffe.** *Michelle D.*

Bill Grieves reports that **Fr Bob is recovering well** and is hoping to be back with us by Tuesday, 14th February. We look forward to Fr Bob's return.

PARISH GARAGE SALE

Sat 4th/Sun 5th Feb in the Parish Hall.
You may leave your saleable goods over the coming week. No electricals, thanks.
Sheets are outside the church today for helpers for Thursday Afternoon, Friday, and workers at the sale on Saturday and Sunday with cleanup afterwards.
Lots of helpers are needed, so please give a few hours if you can spare the time.

'Afternoon Capers in the morning' Tuesday, 7th February.



Meet at The Bakehouse in Wentworth Street at **11am** for coffee and a chat. Need a lift? Please call Diane on 4787 1357.

Institute for Mission (IFM)

IFM is now taking enrolments for its February 2012 **Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses.** The courses will cover an introduction to liturgical ministry, as well as sessions for Ministers of the Word and for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. There is no cost for this course. Applications close: 20 February
For more information:
<http://www.instituteformission.com.au/>

Please remember in your prayers: **Fr Bob Sheridan; Iris Austin; John Duggan; Neal Evans; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Lee Piercy and his mother, Kellie; Jean Pye and Cy Schreiber.**

Happy Birthday

Jeremy Lillis ~ 6 on 30th January
Megan Carroll ~ 3rd February
Laura Carroll ~ 4th February

Campion College Bishop of Parramatta Scholarship

Closing date extended to noon on Tuesday 31 January.
The main criteria for this prestigious award, tenable for three years, are academic excellence and active membership of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Parramatta. The value is \$6,000 per annum. Successful applicants will have an ATAR or equivalent of at least 90 and enrolment in the BA in the Liberal Arts at Campion College, in Toongabbie. Wide-ranging extracurricular interests in such areas as community service and leadership will also be taken into consideration in making the award.
For further information, please contact:
Shauna Wood Ph: 02 9896 9313
e-mail: s.wood@campion.edu.au

† In memoriam †
Hugo Riggs ~ 2nd February

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Composer: Bernadette Farrell
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Longing for light, we wait in darkness, longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled, longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us, make us Your living voice.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come.

Historical Context ~ He said what?

In an age when most people were illiterate, Jesus appears to have been quite well educated. Some suggest that he may have spoken three or four different languages. He obviously spoke everyday Aramaic, as it was spoken in that region. Jesus also appears to have been taught Hebrew, the language of religious texts and religious practice. Greek, the language of trade in marketplaces, was a language that Jesus probably used when helping Joseph sell his carpentry products at stalls and markets. Finally, Jesus probably picked up a reasonable amount of Latin, the language of the Roman occupiers - he was able to hold a conversation with Pontius Pilate. *- from Liturgyhelp online*

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Text: Ps 27:1-2, 4, 13-14 Music: David Haas
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**The Lord is my light and my salvation,
of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom should I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom should I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord; for this I long:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living; hope in God, and take heart. Hope in the Lord!



Teachers of the love of God

Saints and mystics are the great teachers of the loving kindness and fascination of God. Watching them, we become aware of that mysterious give and take between His Spirit and us by which human personality is transformed and changed; and of the fundamental fact that, in all such give and take, the Divine action comes first... God's impact on the soul always seems to them to involve, first, a gift, next a demand, and last, the response, gradual growth, and ultimate transfiguration of that soul.
Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)