

TODAY

Numbers 11:25-29 *God's spirit abounds*
James 5:1-6 *Worthless wealth*
Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48 *Seek true good*

Psalm Response
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)
Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)



Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B

30th September 2012

We can be very keen to work for God, and if we belong to a group that is working well together, how good that can be!

Jesus asks us to be welcoming and open to others, even when their ways are different from ours. Each of us can do great things for the Kingdom of God, but it is important not to be exclusive in our attitude towards others.

Servers

30 Sep Bill Grieves
7 Oct Michelle Davis

Readers

30 Sep 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Carla Endean
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp
7 Oct 1st Reading Barbara Grieves
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Michelle Davis

Ministers of the Eucharist

30 Sep Brian and Monica Bright
7 Oct Anthony and Jonathon Gilchrist

Children's Liturgy

30 Sep TBA
7 Oct TBA

Counters

30 Sep Marilyn
7 Oct Laurie

Morning Tea

30 Sep Christine Burke
7 Oct Mary Batty

Church Care

5 Oct Angie and Michelle Leman
12 Oct Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

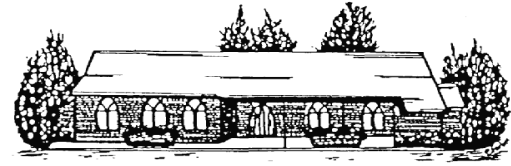
On the Sick List: Bill Capron; John & Marion Crowley; Leslie Dee; John Duggan; Neal Evans; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Arthur Fowler; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Kellie & Lee Piercy; and Cy Schreiber.

Feast Days for the Week: Sun 30th Sep to Sat 6th October
Sun 30 Sep St Jerome, Priest, Doctor (347-420), Memorial
Mon 1 Oct St Theresa of the Child Jesus - Virgin, Doctor (1873-1897), Memorial
Tue 2 Oct Guardian Angels, Memorial
Wed 3 Oct St Gerard of Brogne, Abbot
Thu 4 Oct St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), Memorial
Fri 5 Oct St Faustina Kowalska, Religious (1905-1938)
Sat 6 Oct Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin, Religious (1811-1849)

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In memoriam
Ced Ward
1st October
Lal Nott Mark
2nd October
George Cora
6th October

NEXT WEEK: **COME TO ME** GENESIS 2:18-24; PSALM 127 HEBREWS 2:9-11; MARK 10:2-16

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: 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This Sunday we are asked to reflect on the social and economic challenges presented to families today, and respond as a community of faith to those families in need (*Australian Catholic Social Justice Council*).

In the Social Justice Statement for 2012-2013, the Catholic Bishops of Australia focus on the social and economic challenges facing families today and call for concern for the families who are most vulnerable.

The statement is titled ***The Gift of Family in Difficult Times: The Social and Economic Challenges facing families today.***

The statement affirms the family as the basis of our community of faith and the very foundation of society.

Nurturing a family is a vocation, inspired by love, which faces many challenges. The Social Justice Statement names the social and economic structures of our society that impact in a significant way on the majority of families.

These are named as competing for time, competing for wealth and the pressure these factors put on family relationships.

It also calls for us to 'rediscover' the Sabbath and to show a special concern for poor and vulnerable families.

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

Prayer for Social Justice Sunday

*Sometimes in the rush of life
The prayer which most often escapes our lips is:
God help us!*

*So, God of all creation,
You who made the stars and the heavens,
Who created such wondrous gifts for this planet,
And created women and men in your own image,
Help us!*

*Each time we utter that plea, aloud or in our hearts;
in hope, or in exasperation,
Know that we are opening ourselves
to your unending love.*

*Help us to stop and take time:
Time to look deeply at the world you have created,
and give thanks.*

*Time to be with one another, in our families,
long enough to appreciate
each others' joys and sorrows,
and know in the depths of our hearts,
in the comfort of our kitchens,
and in the serenity of our sheds and gardens,
that we do not journey alone.*

*And from this strength,
face calmly the turmoils that arise.
Help us to value the work of our hands,
minds and hearts,*

*as a way of participating in your ongoing creation,
as a way of building relationships
and building a more just society.*

*Give us the insight and courage to build a society
where everyone shares the riches of the earth
and the wealth of our endeavours.*

*Help us to reach out
to those less fortunate than ourselves:
Indigenous families, asylum seekers and refugees,
people who are homeless, or living in poverty,
families struggling to meet the needs
of those with a disability.*

*Jesus, your Son,
knew the reality of living in a family.
Together they knew the harsh reality of a
forced journey to Bethlehem and then to Egypt.*

*In Nazareth he learnt the grind
and delight of daily work.
Through him we pray for all families,
that we may all live life to the full
and that we all, in our families, Church and society,
work tirelessly to bring this about.*

*We make our prayer through Jesus your Son
in the company of his family.
God, help us. Amen.*

Diocesan Youth Mass - Sunday 7th October: The Diocesan Youth Mass event aims to bring the youth and young adults from all over the Diocese together, to grow spiritually through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to fellowship with each other after the Mass.

Place: The Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 130-136 Hyatt Rd, Plumpton. **Time:** 5.30pm Confessions / 6pm Mass / Supper & Fellowship afterwards. Please RSVP by Monday 3rd October to youth@parra.catholic.org.au For any enquiries please call CYP on 8838 3418 or via email.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES: While Fr Bob is on annual leave (up to, and including, 24th October) and with the limited availability of Fr Paul Hanna celebrating Sunday masses only during Fr Bob's absence, please note that 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, Wednesday, 10th October.** These services will commence at 9am. After that date, there will be no weekday services until Fr Bob's 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 nor the emergency number will be available during this period. Emergencies should be directed to 4787 8540.

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 and enquiries

Fr Ted 4782 2804 or Sr Jacinta 4757 2290.

August Benedictine Spirituality

On Friday, 5 October, 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls,

the monthly first Friday gatherings on Benedictine Spirituality continue. Discussion and input on "The Monastery of the Heart" Chapter 6 on "Prayer Reading", recitation of the Prayer of the Church, lectio divina, silent prayer and morning tea are included. All welcome. Ph: Srs Therese & Jacinta on 4757 2290.

Happy Birthday

Chantelle Burkø is 9 Today
Barry Roberts ~ 3rd October

Afternoon Capers ~ Wed 3rd Oct
12pm at Weber's Nursery Café,
Mt Boyce. If you need a lift or more info, please phone Diane 4787 1357.



We invite you to join our online community at Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath.

On Tuesday, 2nd October, we will have our first "Just Because ..." dinner at Gardner's Inn. The thought is that from 6pm we will gather for drinks/coffee/dinner/dessert/glass of water, etc., and convivial company.

No agenda, no speaker, arrive when you want, leave at anytime.

The "Just Because" group will meet first Tuesday of each month. Hope to see you there!

Holy Hour for Vocations: 18 Oct

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations in St Patrick's Cathedral on the third Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place Parramatta, 7pm.

Happy Anniversary **Christine and Dominic Burkø** for 4th October