

2Kings 5:14-17 God acknowledged
 2Timothy 2:8-13 God always faithful
 Luke 17:11-19 Thank God

Psalm Response: The Lord has revealed
 to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 For all things give thanks to God, because this
 is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

13 Oct Jan Roberts
 20 Oct Bill Grieves

Readers

13 Oct	1st Reading	Ron Davis
	Intercessions	Michelle Davis
	2nd Reading	Barbara Grieves
20 Oct	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Pat Wicks
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Oct Diane Stewart and Elizabeth Doolan
 20 Oct Anthony Gilchrist and Ray Wood

Counters

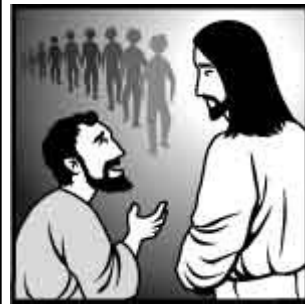
13 Oct Monica
 20 Oct Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

13 Oct Mary Batty
 20 Oct Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith

Church Care

18 Oct Julie Hodgkinson
 25 Oct Angie and Michelle Leman



**Twenty Eighth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Year C**

13th October 2013


Today's readings
 highlight thanksgiving
 to God for his blessings,
 his saving love and
 his healing power.
 The healing of Naaman the
 foreigner elicits faith in the
 God of Israel, while the
 healing of the Samaritan
 leper elicits faith in Jesus,
 God's messenger.
 Paul suffers hardships
 for the sake of Jesus,
 witnessing to the one
 who is always faithful.
 How strong is our faith,
 how manifest our
 gratitude?

NEXT WEEK: NEVER LOSE HEART EXODUS 17:8-13; PSALM 120 2TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2; LUKE 18:1-8

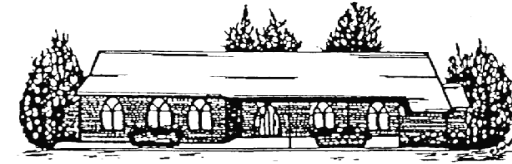
*Please remember in your prayers: **Christa Buckley; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Pauline Fallance; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford; Patricia Frazer; Virginia Hayward; Judy Harris; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; John and Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie and Irene Peacock.***

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th October

Sun 13th	St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr (d222)
Mon 14th	St Canice, Irish Saint (516-560)
Tue 15th	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin & Doctor (1515-1582), Memorial
Wed 16th	St Margaret Mary Alacique, Virgin (1647-1690), optional feast
Thu 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch (c.AD 50 - c.AD 110)
Fri 18th	Luke the Evangelist
Sat 19th	Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions, Martyrs (d1640)



SACRED HEART PARISH



**Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
 Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
 Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley**

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,
 the traditional custodians of the Blue Mountains' 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 **Office hours: Wed:** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Parish House: 4787 8811 **Thu:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 0428 878810 (Emergency only) **Fri:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com 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

CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: As mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin, today (Sunday, 13th October), through the good offices of our Beloved Pope Francis, the whole world is to be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a very special celebration in Rome. Here in our Sacred Heart Parish at Blackheath, we also will consecrate ourselves and our Parish to the same Immaculate Heart of Mary, as first requested by Our Lady herself way back in 1917 at Fatima. During Mass, following the homily, you will be asked to make your Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary via the following prayer of Consecration:

"O Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, Mother of Mercy, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart. To you we consecrate our country, our families, our hearts, our souls, all that we have and our Blackheath Sacred Heart Parish. And in order that this consecration may be truly effective and lasting, we renew today the promise of our Baptism and Confirmation; we undertake to live as good Christians - faithful to God, the Church and the Holy Father. We desire to pray the Rosary, partake in the Holy Eucharist, attach special importance to the first Saturday of the month and work for the conversion of sinners. Furthermore, we promise, O most holy Virgin, that we will zealously spread devotion to you, so that through our consecration to your Immaculate Heart and through your own intercession, the coming of the Kingdom of Christ in the world may be hastened. Amen."

In support of this consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, you are invited to pray your own personal prayers privately, including the rosary, for the fulfilment of every desire Our Beloved Mother may have to unite us ever more closely to her Son, Jesus.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL 'OPEN' DAY: Sunday, 3rd November, is to be a special day for those people interested in visiting and learning more about our Parramatta Diocese Cathedral, including guided tours of this Church, an organ recital, an 11am Solemn Mass with Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Fisher, a sausage sizzle and Devonshire teas. There will also be a cloister expo involving a number of Church ministries. The day is to conclude at 3pm with a Solemn Sung Afternoon Prayer.

BEHIND THE SCENES: Particularly during this year, we have attracted favourable attention from couples and families resident outside our Parish, including those living in and around Sydney. Right now we have four couples who are to be married in one of our three churches. They found us on the internet, would you believe, and have been attracted by the district and the more intimate size of our churches! We also have six children about to be baptised and, finally, I am presently occupied with four funerals - none of which originate from our parish. These activities do not appear in the bulletin because the people concerned do not come from here. Thought you might like to know just how popular we are right now!

God Bless! Fr Bob

Can we help? A group of year 10 students are coming to the mountains on 28th/29th November. They will attend Mass here on both days and have asked to do manual work either in the parish grounds or if any of our elderly parishioners would like help with anything either in garden, windows or anything else, they will be happy to oblige. The home would have to be within walking distance as they do not have transport. If anyone is interested, please contact myself or the office (Marilyn) and I can start a list. Failing that, they can do things around parish grounds. Fr Bob

LAST SUNDAY'S CAKE, ARTS AND CRAFTS' STALL: Collectively, we decimated all that our volunteer ladies had for sale both before and after Mass - especially, the cakes. There was very little of anything left after the dust settled. Sue Gracey and her 'team' once again excelled in raising the amount of \$695.85. A big thanks to Jenny Inman for her craft items which were a big hit. Thank you all!

Catalyst Reflection Morning
Our next Reflection Morning will be held on **Saturday, 19th October, 10am-1pm.**

Dr Tim O'Hearn will lead the morning **'Seeing Things Differently'**.
Tim is retired, has a teaching background and was formerly a lecturer in English and the Dean of Students and Director of Ministry at the Australian Catholic University.
You are most welcome to join us, morning tea provided and no need for bookings. Enquiries Carmel 47878706.

Happy Birthday Fr Paul Flanna
for 14th October

Happy 68th Anniversary Barbara & Charلز Hodgkinson
for 16th October

Save this date - 15th October
The next **'Just Because'** dinner will be held at the Piedmont Inn, 248 Great Western Highway, Blackheath, on Tuesday, 15th October, from 6pm. All welcome. Come along - it's always a lovely gathering.

Liturgical Ministers' rosters are now available. Please collect yours today.

Our Sacred Heart Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday, 17th November**, at 11am in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. More details to follow.

The Champion College Schola presents the Magnificat Concert

What: A special performance of beautiful sacred choir music in honour of Our Blessed Mother.
Where: In the world-class acoustics of **Cathedral Chamber of Lucas Cave**, Jenolan Caves.
When: Sunday, 20th October, at 4pm
Cost: \$35 per person

Tickets are available for purchase from Jenolan Caves. Call 6359 3923 during office hours and save on the booking fee. Tickets are also available for purchase online from Ticketmaster at: www.ticketmaster.com.au

For further information, visit www.jenolancaves.org.au or www.champion.edu.au

October Cosmology Gathering:
This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on **Friday, 18th October**, at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls from 10am till noon. The Prayerful reflection will centre on "Being Fully Alive" and the discussion will be on Ch.3 "Harkening to Women's Wisdom" in our new book, *Women, Earth, and Creator Spirit* by Elizabeth Johnson. Please feel free to bring a friend or two. Enquiries: Sister Jacinta 4757 2290.

† In memoriam †
Mark Bates ~ 15th October; **Eileen Smith** ~ 16th October
Tony Van Horen ~ 17th October; **Ron Drummond** ~ 18th October