

*Exodus 17:8-13 Persistent prayer
2Timothy 3:14-4:2 Learn wisdom
Luke 18:1-8 Never lose heart*

**Psalm Response: Our help is from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

**Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Servers

20 Oct Bill Grieves
27 Oct Ray Wood

Readers

20 Oct	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Pat Wicks
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
27 Oct	1st Reading	Lillis family
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

20 Oct Anthony Gilchrist and Ray Wood
27 Oct Brian and Monica Bright

Counters

20 Oct Julie and Lance
27 Oct Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

20 Oct Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith
27 Oct Frances Huckstepp

Church Care

25 Oct Angie and Michelle Leman
1 Nov Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



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

20th October 2013

Moses on the hilltop, arms extended interceding for his people, is a figure of Christ on the hill of Calvary, arms extended, interceding for all people. In today's gospel passage the widow persistently pleads her cause despite being unwelcome. Paul exhorts Timothy to persevere in proclaiming Christ, welcome or unwelcome. Do we have the courage and faith to 'pray and not lose heart'?

Next Week: **At rights with God** Eccl 35:12-14,16-19; Ps 32 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

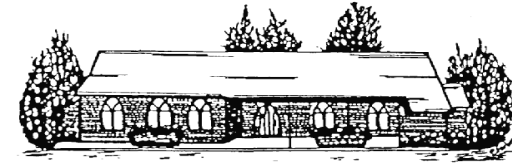
*Please remember in your prayers: **Christa Buckley; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Pauline Fallance; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford; Patricia Frazer; Virginia Hayward; Judy Harris; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; John and Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie and Irene Peacock.***

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 20th to Saturday 26th October

Sun 20th	St Paul of the Cross, Passionists Founder (1694-1775)
Mon 21st	St Hilarion, Abbot (291-371)
Tue 22nd	St Salome, Mother of Apostles James and John
Wed 23rd	St John of Capistrano, Priest (1386-1456)
Thu 24th	St Mary Anthony Claret, Bishop (1807-1870)
Fri 25th	St Jeanne Jugun, Founder Sisters of the Poor (1792-1879)
Sat 26th	St Evaristus, Pope & Martyr (d105)



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, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.
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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

POPE FRANCIS – ANOTHER INSIGHT: On October 7, the Holy Father addressed over 100,000 pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square to listen to his weekly Angelus address on that Sunday. Regarding the Sunday Gospel in which the disciples ask Christ to increase their faith, the Holy Father said that Jesus' reply indicates that though one's faith may be small, it is enough to achieve the impossible. *"We all know people who are simple, humble, but with an incredibly strong faith, who truly move mountains!"* the Pope exclaimed. *"Think, for example, of certain mothers and fathers who face very hard situations; or certain sick people, even gravely sick people, who convey serenity to those who visit them. These people, precisely because of their faith, do not boast about what they do, rather, as Jesus asks in the Gospel, they say: 'We are useless servants. We have done what we are supposed to do'. How many people among us have this strong, humble faith and do so much good!"* Pope Francis also cited the example of missionaries around the world who give their life for the Gospel every day. Each Christian is also called to bear witness to Christ, he reminded the faithful, adding that the power of faith is strong even if it is small. *"With this strength bear witness to Jesus Christ, be Christians with your life, with our witness!"* the Holy Father exhorted the faithful. Concluding this address, the Holy Father told the 100,000 pilgrims that the true source of this strength comes from prayer, which he called *"the breath of faith."* To sum up the Holy Father's message to us on this occasion – **all things are possible through prayer!**

To add emphasis to our need for prayer, the Pope, on another recent occasion said that it is not enough to understand Jesus through the mind. *"It is necessary to know him in dialogue with him, talking with him, in prayer, kneeling. If you do not pray, if you do not talk with Jesus, you do not know him. You do know things about Jesus, but it does not go with that knowledge that your heart gives in prayer. To know Jesus with the mind, in the study of the Catechism; to know Jesus with the heart, in prayer, in dialogue with him."*

MISSION AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL FUND RAISER: Yes! It's that time of the year once more when Catholic Mission Australia seeks our financial support for its missionary work throughout the world. Catholic Mission is the official mission aid agency of the Catholic Church and once a year, on the run-up to Christmas, we are given this opportunity to support their endeavours. The collection will be made next **Sunday, 27th October**, at our 9.30am Mass. Envelopes will be available on each pew, while a representative of Catholic Mission, Sonya (plus a short video) will speak with us about the things they do for the poor, suffering and deprived of this world. So, please keep this need in mind for next week! Last year we raised \$964! Let's see how much we can contribute this year! Many thanks to you, and you and you for your generosity on this occasion.

ABOUT GOD'S CREATED UNIVERSE: How great is our God! How puny are we! Consider for a moment Morris Mandell's revelation to us that, in his words...*"The sun is so large that, if it were hollow, it could contain more than one million worlds of the size of our earth. There are stars in space so large that they could easily hold 500 million suns of the size of ours."*

MORE BAPTISMS: Our little St Joseph's Church in Megalong Valley is certainly being well used these days, what with the recent wedding held there, and yesterday's four baptisms. Congratulations to **Benji, Lewis and Bohdi Lee-Billinghurst** on their baptisms plus parents Sarah and Tobias (very Biblical names), also **Henry Hogan** on his baptism, plus his parents Naomi and John.
God bless! Fr Bob

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

**Happy 7th Anniversary
Mark and Maria Slatø
21st October**



**Happy 30th Anniversary
Jennifer and Wayne Kelly
22nd October**

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 their 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 and I can start a list. Failing that, they can do things around parish grounds. *Fr Bob*

**Happy Birthday
Maria Slatø for 21st October
Patricia Øzø for 24th October**

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

Lumen fidei 'The mystery of God's hiddenness'

'The opposite of faith is shown to be idolatry. While Moses is speaking to God on Sinai, the people cannot bear the mystery of God's hiddenness, they cannot endure the time of waiting to see his face. Faith by its very nature demands renouncing the immediate possession which sight would appear to offer; it is an invitation to turn to the source of the light, while respecting the mystery of a countenance which will unveil itself personally in its own good time.'

From Encyclical Letter, *Lumen fidei*, Pope Francis, June 29, 2013

**† In memoriam †
Jaroslav Zeman ~ 20th October; Edna Bentick ~ 25th October**

Have you thought? A parable about God

When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down – like the judge – but rather to demonstrate the genuine need. - Liturgyhelp