



Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19 God judges justly
2Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Confidence in God
Luke 18:9-14 At rights with God

Psalm Response:
The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! (2x)
 God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

27 Oct Ray Wood
 3 Nov Pat Wicks

Readers

27 Oct	1st Reading	Lillis family
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Frances Huckstepp
3 Nov	1st Reading	David Buckley
	Intercessions	Anthony Gilchrist
	2nd Reading	Barbara Grieves

Ministers of the Eucharist

27 Oct Brian and Monica Bright
 3 Nov Margaret Davis and Elizabeth Doolan

Counters

27 Oct Robyn and Adrian
 3 Nov Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

27 Oct Frances Huckstepp
 3 Nov Jan Roberts

Church Care

1 Nov Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
 8 Nov Judy Harris and Vicky

Next Week: *Jesus' saving mission* Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 144 2Thes 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

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 27th October to Saturday 2nd November

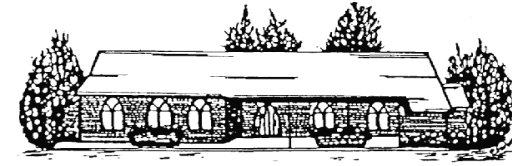
Sun 27th Oct	St Frumentius, Bishop (d380)
Mon 28th Oct	Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast
Tue 29th Oct	St Narcissus of Jerusalem, Bishop (d116)
Wed 30th Oct	St Mercellus, Centurion & Martyr (d298)
Thu 31st Oct	St Wolfgang, Bishop (925-994)
Fri 1st Nov	All Saints - Solemnity
Sat 2nd Nov	All Souls' Day



**Thirtieth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Year C
 27th October 2013**

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, that is, it reaches God, the righteous judge. In today's gospel passage, the Pharisee's praise is directed to himself, not to God, as he prides himself on all his good works. Yet at the same time he judges and despises the tax collector. Meanwhile, the tax collector acknowledges his sinfulness and cries to God for mercy. Where do we stand?

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

THE BUSHFIRE: Because of the circumstances under which this week's Bulletin is being produced, that is, on Wednesday morning with the threat of impending bushfires over all our heads, of necessity this bulletin is heavily focused on that bushfire and our survival through it. To date, we have been able to determine that only one of our parishioners has been evacuated from their home that being Maria Cora who resides on Mt York Road at Mount Victoria. You would be aware that one of the centres of the fire in that region was/is the Mt York Peninsula. Maria has taken temporary residence with her daughter who lives in Sydney. However, her home has survived.

Many people from both outside and within the mountains' community have been in contact with us to ascertain the level of danger for us under these trying circumstances. I have been particularly pleased to see the level of concern and support offered by a number of parishes in our Diocese. Bishop Anthony has also been in regular contact both in writing and by telephone, his obvious concern for our physical and spiritual welfare at this time has been most welcome for our whole community. To quote him ... *"Times of great difficulty are often also times of great solidarity. As we grieve over loss of life and property, we come together to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray that the fires soon abate and that God is with those most in need in these troubling circumstances. I assure you of my prayers for the victims and their loved ones, and all the affected communities."* His Holiness Pope Francis has also expressed his concern for us and for all who have been affected by these fires in our region and NSW. Should you or anyone you know need support of any kind, I have people and organisations available to assist. Please do not stand on ceremony but contact me at your earliest convenience should you need assistance.

Finally, congratulations and thanks to so many of our parishioners who, of their own accord, have supplied food and drinks for the fireys at the Mt Vic depot! Our parish has supported this effort with deliveries. Also, well done to Diana, Joe and their Mt Wilson friends for feeding about 150 fireys during this crisis.

BUSHFIRE PRAYER

Father, we know that your love, your compassion, your mercy is infinitely greater than we can ever imagine.

We, who through bitter personal experience know about bushfires, ask you, we pray, to help our suffering brothers and sisters in this crisis so that they may survive this holocaust which has destroyed, and is destroying the lives, homes, possessions and livelihood of so many of our people.

Too, we pray for the safety and wellbeing of all firefighters, many of whom have come great distances to sacrifice their time, energy and safety in an effort to protect us.

We also ask that you will make known to us ways we may assist all those in need both now and in the future.

We make this prayer through your only Beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless! Fr Bob

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Because of the bushfire and its aftermath, we will not have our usual Melbourne Cup festivities. However, as an alternative for those interested, **AFTERNOON CAPERS** in November will be held on Tuesday, the 5th, in place of the usual Wednesday. A table has been booked at the Imperial Hotel, Mt Victoria at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome!



OFFICE HOURS

Until 14th November, Thursday office hours will be 3.00pm to 5.00pm because of Annual Leave requirements.

GARAGE SALE

Do you have anywhere that we can store goods until February? We have had furniture donations already for our Monster sale in February but have nowhere to store these goods. If you can help out, please ring Marilyn on 0414 536 601.

~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ~

OUR SACRED HEART PARISH AGM WILL BE HELD ON **SUNDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER,** AT 11.00AM IN THE **PARISH HALL.** EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.



Happy Birthday
Tony Perriam
for 2nd November

Happy 43rd Anniversary
Judith and Frank Mackrell
for 30th October



WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL

This Sunday we have a guest speaker from Catholic Mission. Envelopes have been placed on pews and we invite parishioners to reach out and help with this appeal.

In memoriam

Marjorie Cowell - 29th October
Josh Morante - 2nd November

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The Diocese has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the NSW bushfires.

St Thomas Aquinas Parish at Springwood is one of the areas that has been hardest hit.

This appeal is for cash donations only. Donations can be made through CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta.

If making a donation by cheque, please make your cheque payable to

**CatholicCare
Social Services
Bushfire Appeal**

And post to:
Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 2023,
North Parramatta. NSW 1750