

*Acts 1:1-11 Taken to heaven
Ephesians 1:17-23 God's infinite power
Luke 24:46-53 Joy of the Ascension*

Psalm Response: *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
*Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

12 May Ray Wood
19 May Pat Wicks

Readers

12 May	1st Reading	Lillis Family
	Intercessions	Michelle Davis
	2nd Reading	Frances Huckstepp
19 May	1st Reading	David Buckley
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

12 May Brian and Monica Bright
19 May Anthony and Jonathon Gilchrist

Counters

12 May Carla and Neil
19 May Monica

Morning Tea

12 May Jan Roberts
19 May Christine Burke

Church Care

17 May Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
24 May Julie Hodgkinson

Next week: With us forever Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103 Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16.23-26

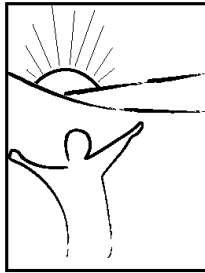
The next **Catalyst Reflection Morning** will take place on **Saturday, 25th May** (4th Sat) **10am-1pm** in the parish hall. **Trish Watts** will lead the morning - **Wild Creative Spirit (Pentecost)**. Trish is known internationally as a singer, songwriter and liturgist with her music featuring in *As One Voice* and her liturgies recently published in the book *Sanctuary: Where Heaven Touches Earth*. All welcome. Enquiries Carmel 47878706.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th May

Sun 12th	St Epiphanius of Salamis, Bishop (315-403)
Mon 13th	Our Lady of Fatima (1917) Optional Feast
Tue 14th	St Matthias, Apostle
Wed 15th	St Isidore, Farmer (1080-1130)
Thu 16th	St Simon Stock, Carmelite Prior General (d1265)
Fri 17th	St Paschal Baylon, Religious (1540-1592)
Sat 18th	St John 1, Pope, Martyr (d526), optional feast St Eric of Sweden, Martyr (d1161), Patron of Sweden



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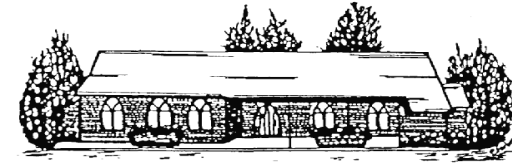
**Ascension of the Lord
Year C
12th May 2013**

Today's feast is integral to the paschal mystery of Christ. His glorification is achieved through his passion, death, resurrection and ascension.

Having come from the Father, he completes the cycle by returning to the Father. His disciples are to continue preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name.

They are to be his witnesses to the ends of the world through the power of his Spirit.

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.
e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com	

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

Ascension Sunday: Today we celebrate the second of the three major feasts which collectively make up the Easter Season. First, of course, was Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Today we celebrate His return to His Father in Heaven via the Feast we call The Ascension. Last of all is the Feast of Pentecost where we celebrate the descent of the Advocate (the Most Holy Spirit) to take Jesus' place among all people, then and now. Tradition tells us that Jesus' Ascension took place in the same Garden of Gethsemane where He had just a few weeks earlier, suffered the beginning of the trauma which was His Passion and Death. With Him on this occasion were those closest to Him to bear witness to His departure from us. We perhaps need to be reminded that once ascended into Heaven, Jesus, as our Saviour, has supported us on our difficult journey in this life, and in the judgement to follow for us.

Pentecost Sunday: Sunday next is the Feast of Pentecost, as referred to above. This Feast of the Descent of the Most Holy Spirit, the Advocate promised and sent by Jesus, is the birthday of the Church. As one of the antiphons reads "*Lord, send out Your spirit and renew the face of the earth*". There is much in our world that needs renewing. Pentecost Sunday invites us into the mystery of the Trinity - the love that God has for us and how we are held in that love. The Trinity is about relationships - the love of the Father for the Son and the love of the Son for the Father - this love being so perfect that is the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. More about Pentecost next week.

Mother's Day: Mother's Day has historically been a day to honour mums. Traditionally, mums were recognised in church. Parishioners wore symbolic carnations as a means to honour mothers both living and deceased. So it is natural that prayers would take a central part in any Mother's Day celebration. As for me, I take this opportunity to honour all mothers including my own, who are both special and unique. Mothers are the heart of every family. As this is the day we set aside each year to honour our mothers, at the conclusion of today's Mass we will certainly share a prayer with all parishioners to honour our mothers.

Audio Visual Equipment: As you can see, we have today commissioned our new AV equipment. Many thanks to Matthew (our operator) and Marilyn for their work to bring this about. Obviously as time passes, and we become more familiar with this equipment, its operation will improve. Congratulations everyone involved for making this possible!

Caritas: Final figures are now available for Project Compassion conducted under the Caritas banner. The final figure is \$1386.90. Many thanks to all who contributed to this most worthwhile charity. *Blessings! Father Bob*

Are you new to our Parish?
If you are new to our Sacred Heart Parish, you are very welcome! So that we may know who you are and bring our Parish records up to date, please fill in a "New Parishioner Information" form located at the doors of the Church and return to either Fr Bob or the parish office.
Thank you.

May Cosmology Gathering
This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on **Friday, 17th May**, at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls from 10am till noon. The prayerful reflection will centre on "**Our Interconnectivity**" and the discussion will be on Ch 4 of "*Awe-filled Wonder*". This is an invitation to anyone interested and please feel free to bring a friend or two. Enquiries Sister Jacinta 4757 2290.

SANCTUS SALE: See Notice Board - 25% discount on all religious artefacts and 10% off all printed material.

Happy Mother's Day and gentle blessings
to each and every one of the Mums in our community.
Enjoy being nurtured by those who love you most.

THE SERVANT KING

Composer: Graham Kendrick
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From heaven you came helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled.
Not to be served, but to serve
And give your life, that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow him;
To bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load, he chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn,
Yet not my will but yours, he said.

Come, see his hands and his feet;
The scars that speak of sacrifice.
Hands that flung stars into space,
To cruel nails surrendered.

So, let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him.
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

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Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and
blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death, Amen.

*Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright.
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom, teach us love.*

You were chosen by the Father,
You were chosen for the Son,
You were chosen from all women,
and for woman, shining one.

Gentle woman...

Blessed are you among women.
Blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Gentle woman...

Happy
Birthday
Margaret
Davis
for 13th May

In memoriam
Kath Writer
12th May
Leonard
Kirkham
12th May
Dawn Sheridan
14th May

GOD'S SPIRIT IS IN MY HEART

Words: Alan Dale / Music: Hubert Richards
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God's spirit is in my heart; He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

**He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
and set the downtrodden free,
and go tell everyone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,
and go tell everyone
the news that God's Kingdom has come.**

Just as the Father sent me, so I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world, the whole of the world.