



**Deuteronomy 30:10-14** *The word is near*  
**Colossians 1:15-20** *All is in Christ*  
**Luke 10:25-37** *Who is neighbour?*

**Psalm Response**

Turn to the Lord in your need; and you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
 you have the words of everlasting life.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

14 Jul Pat Wicks  
 21 Jul Michelle Davis

**Readers**

14 Jul	1st Reading	David Buckley
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
21 Jul	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Pat Wicks
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

14 Jul Anthony and Jonathon Gilchrist  
 21 Jul Elizabeth Doolan and Diana Landsberg

**Counters**

14 Jul Julie and Lance  
 21 Jul Robyn and Adrian

**Morning Tea**

14 Jul Barbara Grieves  
 21 Jul Mary Batty

**Church Care**

19 Jul Angie and Michelle Leman  
 26 Jul Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

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

**Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th July**

Sun 14th	St Camilleos, Priest (1550-1614)
Mon 15th	St Bonaventure, Bishop, Cardinal, Doctor (1218-74); St Vladimir of Kiev, King
Tue 16th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wed 17th	Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne
Thu 18th	St Bruno; St Frederick
Fri 19th	St Macrima the Younger (330-379) Virgin
Sat 20th	St Apollinaris, Bishop/Martyr (d200) - optional St Margaret, Virgin, Martyr (d304)



**Fifteenth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time  
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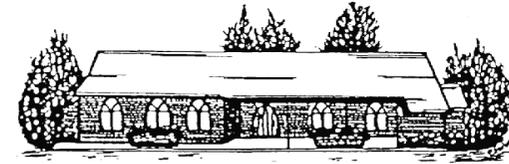
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The lawyer asked Jesus 'who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied with the parable of the Good Samaritan, turning the question around, asking to whom he shows himself as neighbour. Do our attitudes and actions show us as neighbours to the poor and disadvantaged, to refugees and asylum seekers, to the people in our society who come from different races or religions? Do we welcome or marginalize them?

**Next week**

**One thing needed**  
 Gen 18:1-10;  
 Psalm 14  
 Colossians 1:24-28;  
 Luke 10:38-42

# 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.

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	<b>Father Bob Sheridan</b>	<b>Office hours: Wed:</b> 1.30pm - 4.30pm
<b>Parish House:</b>	4787 8811	<b>Thu:</b> 9.00am - 12.00pm
<b>Parish Mobile:</b>	0428 878810 (Emergency only)	<b>Fri:</b> 3.00pm - 4.00pm
<b>Parish Office:</b>	4787 8540 <b>Fax:</b> 4787 6143	All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.
<b>e-mail:</b>	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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

### Retreat – A time of Renewal and Prayer

By the time you read this Bulletin, I will have been to Jamberoo, completed my Retreat and returned home to my fold here at Blackheath. One of the qualities a priest has to have is a close, confident and personal relationship with Our Lord 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Without that closeness, that special openness between us, my purpose for being in our Blackheath Parish to preach Jesus' message and to bring Him personally into all of our lives (my own as well), particularly through the Eucharist, would be compromised. I (we) should never take for granted either Jesus or the love and concern He has for each of us and for our welfare, nor the cost to Him of making those sacrifices that He has so freely given to ensure our ultimate eternal unity with Him.

A Retreat, especially a live-in one, creates the right quiet environment for us to communicate with Our Lord, and more particularly, to enable Him to communicate with us and thereby draw us ever closer to Himself. Sounds simple! That depends on how quickly and how effectively we are able to really let go and let God take over our lives. The variety of Parish life and the vagaries of the wider world in which we live and work can very easily distract us, and distort what we do/promote in our Parishes as distinct from that which we as priests should be doing. Just like you, and all people, priests can and do go "stale"! Prayer is what brings a priest (or anyone else for that matter) into direct contact with God! How privileged is that! Re-finding, renewing and establishing an ever-closer relationship with Our Lord is my reason – my purpose – for investing one week a year of your, and my, time on retreat. Hope that makes some sense to you! Incidentally, the opportunity is always there for you and you and you to undertake your own retreat in exactly the same way that I have! Go on! Give it a try!

### Blackheath Church Signage!

I have just been advised that our two new roadside Sacred Heart Church signs have been completed. All we now have to do is arrange for their transport from Peachtree, Penrith to Blackheath. That, and their mounting will be organised for this coming week. So keep your eye on our old signs over which the new signs will be mounted.

### More on Pope Francis



Today we continue the commentary by Pope Francis on the Ten Commandments. Our Pope exhorted, "Let us trust God! Let us trust in Him! The Ten Commandments point out a path to follow" in a world of injustice. They indicate "a path of liberty." "We must not see the Ten Commandments as limitations to liberty. They are indications for liberty! They teach us to avoid the slavery to the many idols that we build ourselves – that slavery we are experiencing today. They teach us to open ourselves to a dimension that is larger than the material, to live respect for persons, overcoming the avidity for power, for possession, for money and to be honest and sincere in our relations, to protect the whole of creation and to nourish in our planet lofty, noble and spiritual ideals.

### More on Pope Francis (cont.)

To follow the Ten Commandments means to be faithful to ourselves, to our authentic nature, and to walk towards the genuine liberty that Christ taught in the Beatitudes." He noted that the heart of the Decalogue is "the Love that comes from God and that gives meaning to life, love that makes us live not as slaves but as true sons, love that animates all our relations; with God, with ourselves – we often forget this – and with others."

God Bless! Fr. Bob



### Update on Christa Buckley

Greetings Dear Family and Friends - Thank you for all the Best Wishes and Prayers leading up to Christa's 'epic' operation today – the best part of 5 hours 'on the table' – her lower back undergoing spinal nerve decompression and fusion of 4 vertebrae in her lower back. Reportedly all went well. Christa is in ICU overnight (with her self-administered PCA (Patient Controlled Analgesia) pump – but limited to once every 5 minutes max – just as well or she would O/D!). All going to plan she will be back on the ward by late morning tomorrow and then the plan is to remain in hospital for about 1 week and then off to rehab for 2 weeks before returning to Blackheath around end July. Further update in a few days! Best Wishes and Love, David Buckley.

\*\* PS. Happy Birthday Christa for 19<sup>th</sup> July \*\*

**July Cosmology Morning:** This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls. The morning will include a quiet meditation on "The Wind of the Spirit", some input on the Powers of the Universe, morning tea and discussion on Prayer and Christ Jesus, the last chapters of *Awe-Filled Wonder*. The new book: *Women, Earth, and Creator Spirit* by Elizabeth Johnson is available (\$10). Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: Sr.Jacinta 4757 2290

### World Youth Day – 9 days to go till the Opening Mass 23 – 28 July in Rio de Janeiro

#### Tuesday 23 July WYD OPENING MASS

Wednesday 24 July Australian Gathering & Youth Festivals

Thursday 25 July Catechesis and Papal Welcome

Friday 26 July Catechesis and Stations of the Cross

Saturday 27 July Pilgrimage Walk to WYD Vigil and WYD Vigil Sleep out

#### Sunday 28 July WORLD YOUTH DAY FINAL MASS

Parramatta Diocese pilgrims or "Parrawyd Pilgrims" left on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.



Follow the pilgrims at <https://www.facebook.com/ParraWYD>



Please keep in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Keith Malkin & Fr Alex Sciberras (18<sup>th</sup> July); John Briggs (19<sup>th</sup> July).