

*Genesis 18:1-10 Guests welcomed  
Colossians 1:24-28 Mystery revealed  
Luke 10:38-42 One thing needed*

**Psalm Response**

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

21 Jul Michelle Davis  
28 Jul Jan Roberts

**Readers**

21 Jul	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Pat Wicks
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
28 Jul	1st Reading	Frances Huckstepp
	Intercessions	Barbara Grieves
	2nd Reading	Ron Davis

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

21 Jul Elizabeth Doolan and Diana Landsberg  
28 Jul Bill Grieves and Ray Wood

**Counters**

21 Jul Robyn and Adrian  
28 Jul Barbara and Bill

**Morning Tea**

21 Jul Mary Batty  
28 Jul Carmel Vanny / Barbara Smith

**Church Care**

26 Jul Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons  
2 Aug Judy Harris and Vicki



**Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year C**

21st July 2013

To welcome visitors hospitably is something we all try to do.

Yet, in our eagerness we can overlook the one thing necessary, which is to sit and enjoy the gift of each other's company.

Jesus comes to be a friend to each one of us.

When we just sit with Jesus, we grow in friendship with him, and his love pervades our mind and heart.

*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.*

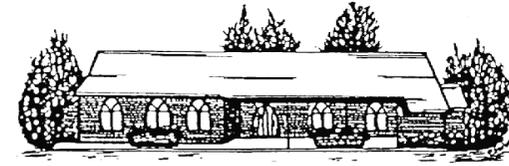
Next week: **Teach us to pray** Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 137 Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

**Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th July**

Sun 21st	St Lawrence of Brindin, Priest, Doctor (d619), optional
Mon 22nd	St Mary Magdalene (1st Century), Memorial
Tue 23rd	St Bridgid of Sweden (1303-1373), optional
Wed 24th	St John Boste, Bl George Swallowell, Bl. John Ingram, Martyrs (d1594)
Thu 25th	St James the Greater (Son of Zebedee) Apostle (d42)
	St Christopher, Martyr (patron of motorists) (d250)
Fri 26th	Sts Anne and Joachim, Memorial; Bl. Titus Brandoma, Priest (1881-1942)
Sat 27th	St Pantaleon, Doctor & Martyr (3rd Century)



# 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>

<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 Ends!

So concludes my personal Retreat for this year! Mine was a quiet Retreat as distinct from some other people who prefer a guided Retreat involving another (experienced) Spiritual Leader - a Spiritual Guide. As I indicated last week, I sought an environment with which I was comfortable and at "home" - hence my choice of the Benedictine Nuns' Monastery with its separate Retreat facility located half-way up Jamberoo Mountain. Nature, solitude, God, myself, prayer and very basic living quarters. Just what The Lord ordered! Easy! Restful! Holiday maybe? Not quite! Prayer was/is the centrepiece of all my Retreats because that is how I talk to my Lord. I also listen for Him to respond to me in any one or more of the myriad ways He has available to "speak" to me. And He certainly did that on at least three occasions during my stay. Probably more! For the record, each day began in the Nuns' Chapel (with them) to share Vigil prayers (Office) at 4.30am, then Lauds (Morning Prayers) at 7.30am, Mass at 9.00am, Midday Hour at 1.00pm (that's strange), followed by supplied lunch and Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 5.00pm. Compline (Night Prayer) was prayed about 8.00pm in the privacy of my hermitage that was about a 500 metre uphill walk to the Chapel. A Retreat can be as energetic or as restful as one wants it to be. I made sure mine was full on! I also ask your prayers for Sister Mary Bernadette at whose Solemn Profession (Final Vows) I was privileged to witness in a two hour special Mass on the Thursday. Finally, I bring you a thought from Psalm 99 that struck me during my stay "... *He made us; we belong to him; we are his people!*" Then "...*From God the relationship draws forth a steadfast love, for he cannot but love what is his own.*"

### Blackheath Church Signage!

We at last have taken delivery of the two exterior signs for placement outside Blackheath Church in both Wentworth and Inconstant Streets, overlaying the existing two signs. Many thanks to Paul and Marilyn Rowe for transporting both signs from Penrith for us. Lindsay, Lance and team are arranging to install them within the week. At least then, everyone will be able to see for themselves exactly when our Masses are celebrated, also days and times for the other liturgical services.

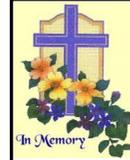
### Finances 1 July 2012 - 30 June 2013

A couple of weeks ago, I indicated that our Sacred Heart Parish had produced a small trading profit for the financial year just ended. While there could still be a couple of minor adjustments to be made, I can confirm that this year's figures will be marginally less than last year's \$2,210.30 after we have paid for all the extra things we have done! Thank you, everyone! A great result!

### Working with Children Security Checks!

Everyone within our Parish who has contact with children in our Parish environment, whether they be paid staff or volunteers, will eventually have to undergo the new NSW Government checks. I jumped through that hoop a week ago, and have now been accredited to have such contact with children. While I acknowledge the need for these checks, it saddens me greatly that respect for each other, particularly our children, has reached such a low ebb as to necessitate this law-driven protection. *Blessings! Fr Bob*

Please remember in your prayers,  
**Mrs Billie (Jean Mary) Blayney**,  
whose funeral was held last Thursday,  
18th July. Mrs Blayney was the  
mother of Rev. Fr Peter Blayney,  
Parish Priest of Guildford.



*In Memoriam*  
**Nikola Sandor** ~ 22nd July  
**Bert Carlon** ~ 23rd July  
**David Ridoutt** ~ 24th July  
**Jean Pye** ~ 25th July

### Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) ~ Portland

SIP will take place this coming  
Thursday, **25th July**, at The Coronation  
Hotel, Portland. **Fr Paul Hanna and**  
**Sr Mary Stafford will speak on**  
**'The Church's Ministries with**  
**Indigenous People'.**  
**Time: 5.30pm to 6pm for the meal**  
**and talk from 7pm to 9pm.**  
RSVP required if having a meal.  
Phone Cassandra on 0429 234 163  
by 22nd July. Cost of meal: \$20

**Happy Birthday**  
**Laurie Noyes for 27th July**

For your Diary  
~ **Catalyst for Renewal** ~  
Dates for the remainder of 2013  
**September 21st ~ Barbara Smith**  
*'God as Gift and Present'*  
**October 19th ~ Dr Tim O'Hearn**  
*'Seeing Things Differently'*  
**November 16th ~ Fr Kevin Bates sm**

**Sacred Heart Care Group**  
This is just a reminder that our  
Care Group is inder to assist  
parishioners in times of need.  
Please contact our Care Group  
if you think we can help.  
Call Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or  
Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.

### ~ Reflection ~

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke,  
this week's passage is, at its heart,  
all about hospitality. This theme has  
featured in the gospel readings for the  
last couple of weeks. It is a theme  
that the writer returns to over and  
over again throughout the gospel to  
reinforce not only the importance of  
welcoming the message of Jesus,  
but also the extravagantly generous  
hospitality and welcome that  
God extends to all people.

Taken at a literal level, this week's  
gospel passage can be a problematic  
one. Jesus is dining at the house of  
Martha and she busies herself trying  
to be a good host and serving her  
guest, while her sister, Mary, simply  
sits and enjoys the company of Jesus.  
Martha complains about her sister's  
apparent laziness and finds herself  
chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the  
right thing: providing hospitality for  
her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose  
actions are affirmed. Like in the  
parable of the Good Samaritan last  
week, the gospel writer reminds us  
that being preoccupied with one's  
duty - even in service of God - is not  
what God desires. Martha has  
forgotten that the guest is also a gift!

Having welcomed and shown  
appropriate hospitality to her guest,  
Martha should have then accepted the  
gift of the guest, that is, the company  
and presence of the welcome guest.  
Instead she continues to busy herself  
with serving while her sister shows  
true welcome: accepting the gift  
of the guest's company.

When we welcome a guest into our  
house, we can be too worried about  
impressing the guest with lavish  
hospitality and our best serving ware,  
rather than relaxing and enjoying the  
company of the guest. Like Martha,  
we can overlook the fact that God is  
present when we welcome a guest.

By Greg Sunter - from Liturgyhelp