

*Genesis 18:20-32 God will save
Colossians 2:12-14 Brought to life
Luke 11:1-13 Teach us to pray*

Psalm Response: Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

28 Jul Jan Roberts
4 Aug Bill Grieves

Readers

28 Jul	1st Reading	Frances Huckstepp
	Intercessions	Barbara Grieves
	2nd Reading	Ron Davis
4 Aug	1st Reading	Lillis Family
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Lillis Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

28 Jul Bill Grieves and Ray Wood
4 Aug Michelle Davis and Elizabeth Doolan

Counters

28 Jul Barbara and Bill
4 Aug Marilyn

Morning Tea

28 Jul Carmel Vanny / Barbara Smith
4 Aug Frances Huckstepp

Church Care

2 Aug Judy Harris and Vicki
9 Aug Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C**

28th July 2013

Abraham bargains with God in prayer, and God listens. After seeing Jesus at prayer, one of his disciples asks him to teach them to pray, and he gives them the 'our Father'. He tells them to persist in prayer, as Abraham did. If we ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our prayer will always be granted, for this is the gift of God's life within us.



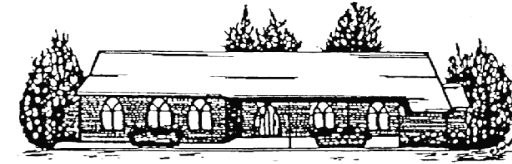
Please remember in your prayers: Christa Buckley; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Pauline Fallance; Pat Finch; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Paula Forbes; James Ford; Virginia Hayward; Mary Kingston; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; John and Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie and Irene Peacock.

Next week: *Seek lasting wealth* Eccl 1:2;2:21-23; Ps 89 Col 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August

Sun 28th	St Samson, Bishop (490-565)
Mon 29th	St Martha, Virgin (sister of Mary and Lazarus), Memorial
Tue 30th	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor (408-450), Optional
Wed 31st	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Founder of Jesuits) (1491-1556)
Thu 1st Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor (1696-1787) - Founder Redemptorists, Memorial; The Holy Maccabees - Martyrs
Fri 2nd	St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (d370); St Stephen I, Pope (254-257)
Sat 3rd	St Nicodemus Pharisee, Martyr; St Lydia (Acts 16:11-15)

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

POPE FRANCIS (Continued)

Pope Francis has just released his first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei*, or “the light of faith”. The importance of this, his first encyclical, is that it could signal the way in which he intends to govern the Church. What makes this encyclical even more intriguing for us is the fact that much of it was actually written by Pope Francis’ predecessor, Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI. To this, Pope Francis added his own ideas and edited this encyclical so as to represent his views, his thoughts!

To explain: First, an encyclical is a kind of letter. Papal encyclicals usually deal with matters of Church teaching (doctrine). Popes write them when they feel they have something important to say about particular teachings. Although they are not infallible, they are authoritative. This encyclical, *Lumen Fidei*, is addressed to a wide range of people - bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated persons and the lay faithful.

Originally begun by the then Pope Benedict, this encyclical was written to commemorate the Year of Faith and to complete a trilogy of encyclicals he had been writing on the three theological virtues - faith, hope and charity. The preceding two were *Deus Caritas Est*, on the theological virtue of charity, and *Spe Salvi*, on the virtue of hope. Pope Benedict’s health did not allow him to remain in office, however, and so the draft of the encyclical was inherited by Pope Francis, who chose to complete it. The last occasion where one pope completed an encyclical drafted by another pope was Pope Benedict’s first encyclical based, in part, on an encyclical that Pope John Paul II had begun but had not finished. (More next week!)

ANOTHER BAPTISM!

We congratulate baby **Toby James Graf**, 3 months old son of Gwen and Simon whom we also congratulate and who live in Megalong Valley. Needless to say, the baptism was carried out in Saint Joseph’s in “the Valley” on Saturday 13th July, 2013.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK!

Next Sunday is the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for vocations of all the baptised because the laity have such an important role to play in the life of the Church generally, and this Parish in particular.

While on this subject, the Catherine of Siena Institute, headquartered in Melbourne, are able to assist you discern your vocation as a lay person should you so desire. Their address is: Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation, PO Box 146, East Melbourne. VIC. 8002. **e-mail evangelisation@cam.org.au** Phone: 03 9926 5761 Fax: 03 9926 5767. I have one only brochure for you to peruse, should you want to further investigate this subject. Feel free to contact me at any time.

SEA SUNDAY!

Today is Sea Sunday! This special day of celebration relates to the Apostleship of the Sea - Stella Maris’ Catholic Mission for Seafarers. We would indeed be in a sad state without the work of our seafaring community, particularly in these days of mass importation of goods from other countries. These include those items we consider essential for our continued wellbeing. Our fishing communities are part of this scene! So, today, let us pray for, and render whatever other support that presents to us, to help these, our ‘brothers and sisters’ who travel the high seas on our behalf. **Blessings! Fr Bob**

'Lord, teach us to pray.'

This request from one of his disciples captures a desire on the part of his closest followers to learn from Jesus how he would like them to pray. They seek to learn a prayer that would be acceptable in his eyes. In a few words, the prayer acknowledges his Father and the Father's kingdom. It calls on the Father to sustain them with daily food, begs forgiveness of sins and calls on them to forgive others. Finally, they ask for the Father's help when confronting evil.

By this time through their association with Jesus, they would know very well that this prayer reflected the way Jesus lived his life. This prayer would become central to their lives and has been handed down from them, through centuries, to Christians as a model prayer. Let us pray for the grace to be a persistent pray-er.

- from *Daily Prayer online*

Formation Day for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers
Sr Mary Louise from the Diocese of Parramatta,
Office for Worship will provide training for
Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and anyone
who would like to join these ministries.

Where: Parish Hall, Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath
When: **Saturday ~ 7th September**
Timetable: **9.30am - 12 noon - Readers of the Word**
12.15pm - 1.00pm - Lunch
1.00pm - 3.00pm - Eucharistic Ministers
(Tea & Coffee provided. BYO Shared Lunch.)

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Michelle Davis or the parish office. This is a great opportunity to update our training and awareness of these Ministries and to come together as Ministers and support each other in our Christian calling and be renewed and strengthened in our Ministry.

August Benedictine Spirituality

The August Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on **Friday, 2nd August**, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. Preparational reading and input will be on ‘Stability of Heart and Humility’, chs. 20 and 21 in the *Monastery of the Heart*. Morning prayer, Lectio Divina and morning tea will be part of our gathering together. New participants are welcome. Enquiries Sisters Therese and Jacinta 4757 2290.

In Memoriam: † Eric Perriam ~ 28th July † Chris Commens ~ 2nd August

Sacred Heart Care Group

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here 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.

Happy Birthday

Ron O’Brign

28th July

Ingeborg Caplice

31st July

John Forster

1st August

Kevin Madden

3rd August

Coffee Capers

All welcome!
Come along and enjoy a great lunch, coffee and conversation.
Venue to be advised.

Wednesday
7th August
from 12 noon.

Any enquiries, please call Norma on 4787 5906.

