



Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 **What's the point?**
 Colossians 3:1-5.9-11 **Life in Christ**
 Luke 12:13-21 **Seek lasting riches**

Psalm Response: In every age, O Lord,
 you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Happy the poor in spirit;
 the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

4 Aug Bill Grieves
 11 Aug Ray Wood

Readers

4 Aug	1st Reading	Lillis Family
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Lillis Family
11 Aug	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

4 Aug Michelle Davis and Elizabeth Doolan
 11 Aug Bill Grieves and David Buckley

Counters

4 Aug Marilyn
 11 Aug Laurie

Morning Tea

4 Aug Frances Huckstepp
 11 Aug Jan Roberts

Church Care

9 Aug Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
 16 Aug Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

*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: **Stand ready** Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 4th to Saturday 10th August

Sun 4th	St John Vianney, Cure of Ars, Priest & Patron of Priests, Memorial
Mon 5th	St Dominic, Priest, Founder (1170-1221), Memorial
Tue 6th	Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast
Wed 7th	Dedication of St Mary Major, Patriarchal Church, Rome (c432)
Thu 8th	St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842-1909), Solemnity (Virgin, Religious), Patron of Australia
Fri 9th	St Julian, Martyr (d730), Feast
Sat 10th	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (d258), Feast

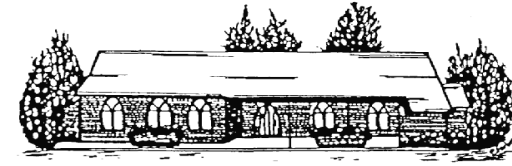


**Eighteenth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Year C**

4th August 2013

The freedom of the children of God is shown particularly in the way we use money and possessions. We need to be thrifty, but we must remember that our earthly goods do not go with us when we die. We will be judged on how we loved God, and how we loved and cared for others. Love enables us to grow gradually into the image of our creator.

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

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK!

Today is the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for vocations of all the baptised. The laity hold an important role in the life of Christ's Body, the Church. This week we pray that we will fearlessly use the unique gifts God has given us to bring Christ to the world. Today our homily and Prayers of the Faithful will be focused on vocations. This week's initiative is the work of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, whose design is to make people more aware of their personal vocation both within and outside our Church.

POPE FRANCIS (Continued)

Last week we introduced Pope Francis' first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei*, and gave a rough outline of its content. Today, we amplify on that information. Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI's contribution to this encyclical was very considerable, indeed, as Pope Francis inherited an almost completed first draft of that encyclical. Much of its content reflects that influence, and that fact is readily acknowledged by Pope Francis when he writes: "*These considerations on faith...are meant to supplement what Benedict XVI had written in his encyclical letters on charity and hope. He himself had almost completed a first draft of an encyclical on faith. For this I am deeply grateful to him, and as his brother in Christ I have taken up his fine work and added a few contributions of my own.*" As a result, much of this encyclical sounds like Pope Benedict. For example, it contains many references to history, including early Christian history, Jewish history, and pagan history. It also includes references to the thoughts of historical figures including Church Fathers Justin Martyr and Irenaeus. Pope Francis, however, also leaves his imprint on this encyclical, for example, in the way he signs the encyclical. Normally, popes give their name in Latin, followed by "PP" (a Latin abbreviation for "pope") and followed by their number. For example, Pope Benedict wrote - "Benedictus PP XVI". Because Pope Francis is the first to use that title, he has no number to use. So he prefers to use the title "Franciscus, Bishop of Rome." Note, there is no mention of the term "pope". (More next week!)

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Saturday week last, on 20th July, I confirm that two of our young Megalong Valley residents - Hannah Carlon and Jared Harris - received their first Holy Communion during the normal 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St Joseph's in the "valley." Both are students at the Megalong Valley Public School. Congratulations to both Hannah and Jared, also their families for their involvement in the required preparation that had its beginning in February this year. We are all proud of your wonderful achievement!

POST-WORLD YOUTH DAY GATHERING

All WYD 2013 pilgrims and the Youth and Young Adults from the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to attend the Post WYD Gathering & Catechesis with Bishop Anthony OP. To be held from 6.00pm, Sunday 18th August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. BBQ to follow! If wanting to attend, please RSVP by Monday, 12th August to Madonna on 0407 938 196 or Annabelle on 0408 420 331.
God Bless! Fr Bob

Just Because... Tuesday, 6th August, is the first Tuesday of the month so there will be a "Just Because" gathering from 6pm at Gardner's Inn, Great Western Highway, Blackheath. Enjoy a coffee, dinner or just dessert and conversation with friends. See you there.

"Letters of Kindness" is a new pen pal service for the elderly, isolated and lonely. A small personal gesture can mean so much to the poor in spirit. Please consider either registering someone to receive letters or volunteering yourself. The website is www.lettersofkindness.org"

Happy Birthday

Mary Forster for 6th August
Marze Crawford for 6th August
Adrian Carroll for 10th August
Marie Johnston for 10th August

*Happy 34th Anniversary
Julie and Lance Hodgkinson
for 4th August*

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, Blackheath
When: **Saturday ~ 7th September**
Timetable: **9.30am - 12 noon**
Readers of the Word
Lunch: **12.15pm - 1.00pm**
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.

CATH PILKINGTON ~ 4TH AUGUST
LARRY SMITH ~ 4TH AUGUST
MADGE CAREY ~ 6TH AUGUST
FLO GILLETTE ~ 7TH AUGUST
MAURIE BYRON ~ 7TH AUGUST
WILLIAM FRAZER ~ 9TH AUGUST

In Memoriam

The Heart of Our Believing

Composer: Kevin Bates sm

Our mountain air is breathing
A spirit of its own,
Like God's own breath creating
The Dreaming of our home.
We hold in trust the memories
Of many thousand years,
Of families who have blessed us
Beyond our story here.

**God whose heart we know so well,
Keep showing us your Dreaming!
Your mercy be our faithful song
The heart of our believing.**

Now gathered round this story
Of Word made flesh on earth,
We ponder on the mystery,
And give the Word new birth.
We stand before the table
Where Jesus, Living Bread,
Gives taste to God's own passion
That hungry hearts be fed.

The joyful and the gentle,
The wounded and the free,
Can find a home among us
All hearts will welcome be.
So God of all our memory
Refresh our hope today,
When future dreams creating
We breathe your Word always.

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Coffee Capers ~ All Welcome!

Come along and enjoy a great lunch, coffee and conversation on **Wednesday, 7th August, at 12 noon.** The venue is **Brown's Siding Cafe**, (opposite Medlow Bath railway station) at 1 Railway Parade. Simply turn left at the lights on the highway at Medlow Bath. Should you need a lift, please call Norma Longmuir on 4787 5903.