

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Free in Christ  
 Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23 Heavenly city  
 John 14:23-29 Spirit will come

**Psalm Response: Let the peoples praise you,  
 O Lord, let all the peoples praise you.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**All who love me will keep my words, and my  
 Father will love them and we will come to them.**  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

5 May Jan Roberts  
 12 May Ray Wood

**Readers**

5 May	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Carla Edean
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
12 May	1st Reading	Lillis Family
	Intercessions	Michelle Davis
	2nd Reading	Frances Huckstepp

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

5 May Anthony Gilchrist and Margaret Davis  
 12 May Brian and Monica Bright

**Counters**

5 May Laurie  
 12 May Carla and Neil

**Morning Tea**

5 May Frances Huckstepp  
 12 May Jan Roberts

**Church Care**

10 May The Gatt Family  
 17 May Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Next week: **Joy of the Ascension** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46  
 Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

*Please pray for those who are ill: Joe Blansjaar; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans;  
 Pat Finch; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford; Bill Grieves; Virginia Hayward;  
 Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; John and Jenny Mackrell;  
 Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Cy Schreiber and Roma Ziolkowski.*

**Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 5th May to Saturday 11th May**

Sun 5th	Blessed Edmund Rice, Founder Christian Brothers (1762-1844)
Mon 6th	St Dominic Savio, Youth (1842-1857)
Tue 7th	St Domitian, Bishop (d560)
Wed 8th	St Acacius, Martyr (d 2nd Century)
Thu 9th	St Pachomius, Abbot (292-346)
Fri 10th	St Job, OT Wise Man (c1500BC)
Sat 11th	St Ignatius of Laconi, Religious (1701-1781)



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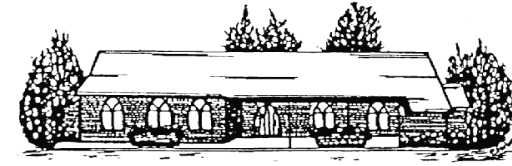
**6th Sunday Easter  
 Year C  
 5th May 2013**

Jesus teaches us today something of the mystery of the Trinity in human terms that we can understand and of which we have experience.

He tells us of the relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Marvellously, Jesus promises that they will come and be at home in us.

What is the condition? That we keep his word. What is his word? That we love one another. His gift? Peace!

# 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>

<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)

**Audio Visual Equipment:** Following the successful installation of our audio visual equipment, we have conducted tests designed to shape its use to best satisfy our needs. We currently have in training one potential operator and we are able to use our existing software program as the basis for this operation, saving costs.

**Faith in Our Future (Progress Report):** Subsequent to last week's report in this matter, this week we have received from Bishop Anthony a printed report and a number of feedback forms that you will find in your pew this morning. We ask you to complete this form and return it to the office at your earliest convenience. Should you have any difficulty with any aspect of this request, please contact Fr Bob.

**Meetings:** Sunday last, the Parish Council met. A report on matters discussed at that meeting will be verbally given at the conclusion of today's mass. A Blue Mountains Deanery meeting was also held at Glenbrook last Wednesday and two matters of interest to us came under discussion. The first related to any parishioner interested in becoming a permanent Deacon (permanent Deacons may be either married or single with or without family). The second matter of interest is the desire for our Deanery to bring together the range of independent religious courses, mostly part day, presently available in the Mountains, and to supplement those courses with additional groups to locally cover a wider range of subjects. More on this in the next few months.

**Demographics:** Thought you might be interested to see the statistics on the 0-14 children's age group within Australia and their religious identity:

Religion	1996	2001	2006	2011	Change 2001-2011
Catholic	1,104,844	1,108,575	1,081,231	1,115,633	+ 0.3%
Anglican	662,223	628,705	565,006	543,796	-15.6%
<b>All Christians</b>	<b>2,504,888</b>	<b>2,430,266</b>	<b>2,292,249</b>	<b>2,332,462</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>
Buddhist	n/a	63,803	66,375	78,232	+22.6%
Muslim	65,524	86,586	101,898	138,917	+60.4%
Hindu	16,320	20,749	28,459	53,185	+156.3%
<b>Non-Christians</b>	<b>109,458</b>	<b>136,465</b>	<b>162,318</b>	<b>234,752</b>	<b>+72.0%</b>
No Religion	791,557	733,492	913,403	1,107,929	+51.0%
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>3,837,932</b>	<b>3,891,941</b>	<b>3,937,217</b>	<b>4,144,030</b>	<b>+6.5%</b>

**Pope Francis:** The first comprehensive book on the life of Pope Francis written by Matthew Bunson is now available from the Mustard Seed Bookshop at a price of \$19.95 [bookshop@caec.com.au](mailto:bookshop@caec.com.au) or [www.mustardseed.org.au](http://www.mustardseed.org.au) or phone 9646 9000.

**Catholic Outlook:** Available for collection in the Church. Please take your copy - they are free!

Institute for Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, invites YOU to 4 Monday evening sessions (20/5, 27/5, 24/6 and 1/7) on being a Faith-Centred Family. Break open the 2012-13 Social Justice Statement 'The Gift of Families in Difficult Times' issued by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Time: 7pm-9pm. Cost: \$10 RSVP 13 May. Info: <http://www.instituteformission.com.au/>

**No Mass on Wednesday 8th May:** Due to my required attendance at a one day seminar to be held from 10am at St Patrick's Hall Parramatta, there will be no 9am Mass on this day. I apologise for this inconvenience.

**Smart Loving Workshop:** An afternoon of marriage renewal titled 'Smart Loving Workshop' is to be held this afternoon (5th May) from 2pm to 5pm at the Holy Family School Hall, Lot 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham. A fee of \$10 per person or \$15 per couple (afternoon tea provided) applies.

*Blessings! Father Bob*

**Save the date: Saturday 7th September Sr Mary Louise from the Diocesan office for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.**

Instead of us all having to go down the Mountain for a six week course, Sr Mary Louise will do an abridged course for us in our Parish Hall.

**Readers: 9.30am - 12 noon**

*12.15pm - 1.00pm shared Lunch for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers*

**Eucharistic Ministers: 1pm - 3pm**

This day is for existing Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and those who wish to take on either or both of these Ministries. Please register for the day: a list will go up on the notice board.

If you are toying with the idea of joining either of these ministries, please feel free to come to the formation day and find out more.

**Liturgical Ministers' Rosters**

Due to the unavailability of Servers Diane Stewart and Bill Grieves, Eucharistic Ministers Diane Stewart, Margaret Davis and Bill Grieves for the next few months, a lot of duplication of these ministries has taken place for the roster 12<sup>th</sup> May—30<sup>th</sup> June.

*If you are a new or existing parishioner who would like to participate in any of the Sunday ministries, please let Patricia know after Mass.*

Current rosters are available today. Please collect a copy.

**Happy Birthday**

**Ken Kirkham ~ 6th May**

**Annabel Dignam ~ 9th May**

**Jacob Wooldridge ~ 10th May**

**Happy 35th Anniversary Monica and Brian Bright for 6th May**

**'TIE A YELLOW RIBBON'** - Over 1300 Australians are killed each year with tens of thousands suffering injury, physically and psychologically, therefore, we seek your support for the 2013 "Yellow Ribbon" Road Safety Campaign.

By tying a yellow ribbon to your car aerial, it will show others that you

"DRIVE SO OTHERS SURVIVE!". The week long campaign

will culminate on **Mother's Day, Sunday, 12 May**, with the slogan,

**'All any Mum really wants this Sunday is for her loved ones to arrive home safely...'**

**"Protect her loved ones - DRIVE SO OTHERS SURVIVE!"**

Mother's Day is not about a false commercialism but, as a community, showing that we look after each other. Stay safe, everyone.

*Peter Frazer, Safer Australian Roads and Highways Inc*



In memoriam: **† Percy Potts ~ 9th May; † Kathleen Columbine ~ 10th May**  
**† Arthur Jenner ~ 10th May**