

TODAY

Acts 2:14, 36-41 **Promise is for you**
1Peter 2:20-25 **Our shepherd**
John 10:1-10 **Fullness of life**

Psalm Response:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ROSTERS

Servers

11 May Diane Stewart
18 May Pat Wicks

Readers

11 May 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Lillis Family
18 May 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

11 May Diana Landsberg and Elizabeth Doolan
18 May Christa and David Buckley

Counters

11 May Barbara and Bill
18 May Marilyn

Morning Tea

11 May Christine Burke
18 May Monica Van Horen

Church Care

23 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

11th May 2014

'One by one he calls his own sheep and leads them.'

What a fantastic image of God's love for us! Notwithstanding the billions of people now walking the earth and all those of earlier centuries, God knows and cares for each of us personally, individually.

He looks for a return of love and gratitude on that same basis. What does he want to give us? Life to the full.

Please remember in your prayers:

Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans; James Ford; Karen Galiazzo; Fr Kevin Hay; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock and Roma Ziolkowski.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 11th May to Saturday 17th May

11th St Ignatius of Laconi, Religious (1701-1781)
12th St Epiphanius of Salamis, Bishop (315-403)
13th Our Lady of Fatima (1917) Optional Feast
14th St Matthias, Apostle
15th St Isidore, Farmer (1080-1130)
16th St Simon Stock, Carmelite Prior General (d1265)
17th St Paschal Baylon, Religious (1540-1592)



Next Week

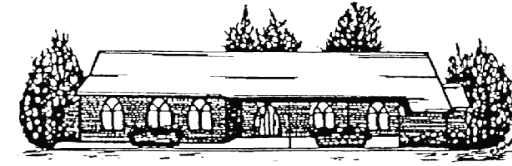
The Father's house

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 32

1Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



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:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm
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 Diana Landsberg (Chair); David Buckley (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: 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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS!

All mothers are special! Unique! As a mother, you are the heart of every family! Once each year we take time out to particularly honour our mothers. Today is that day! The strength of all mothers is that they are complete givers of themselves and of the things they have - without reservation - both to their family and to all with whom they share their lives. Mothers are love-driven for their families! So, it's time for each of us to reflect on the importance of our mother in our life, to tell her so, and then do something special for her alone as our great big "thank you" for looking after us. **Thank you to all our mums!**

This is also an appropriate time to thank our other Mother, Mary, for the perfect life she lived and her unqualified support of Son Jesus and husband Joseph (her family). Christianity has always honoured Mary as our Spiritual Mother from the time of Jesus' birth. The oldest Marian Feast in the Latin Church is that of Mary, the Mother of God, which we celebrate each year on 1st January. We especially rely on Mary to safely steer us through the vagaries of this life in her devotion to us and our responsive devotion to her. To this end, the Hail Mary is among our most basic prayers and the Rosary among the most often said. Thank you, Mary, our eternal Mum, for the love you impart to us and for bringing us closer to Jesus and our beloved Father in Heaven. By the way, look for our iconic statuette of Mary now well-shielded by its own protective casing!

CATHOLIC MISSION: As mentioned last week, today is also the time for the postponed annual collection for 2013. Appropriate envelopes are to be found in every pew. Once filled, would you place your envelope in the second collection, please? Many thanks! We are also to be addressed by the Diocesan Liaison Officer for Catholic Mission, Bernadette Sinclair. We are extremely grateful to her for making the long trek here to speak to us. Welcome, Bernadette!

EARLY YEARS OF MARRIAGE: Also, as mentioned last week, all couples who were married between 1994 and 2014 are invited to celebrate the early years of their marriage with their family during a special Diocesan Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Marist Place, Parramatta on Sunday next, 18th May, at 11am.** A light lunch will be supplied after Mass.

51ST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: It seems that many Sundays in our Church year these days have multiple themes. Such is the position today when, in addition to the above commitments, we have this very important subject on vocations - to the priesthood, religious and secular life. Pope Francis invites everyone to seriously re-examine our present status in life, particularly in the relationship we have with the Church and each other through our present vocations, and the need to review, revise and, perhaps recast those vocations to more fully serve God and our neighbour, and thus be drawn ever closer to Him. My homily today is focused on **Vocations!**

PS: Please return your **CARITAS** coin savings boxes ASAP. Many thanks!

God Bless! Fr Bob

Happy Mother's Day and gentle blessings to each and every one of the Mums in our community. Enjoy being nurtured by those who love you.

Diocesan Works Funds (DWF): Please support this collection as the DWF helps many different organisations within the Diocese. Our collection will be held on **Sunday, 25th May**, and all donations are tax deductible.



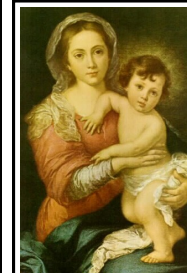
Catholic Mission ~ Mother's Day Online Catalogue

Life-giving Gifts start at only \$8 (a chicken for a family in Peru). A \$28 gift would provide a nourishing daily meal for 25 children. **When you give a Life-giving Gift, not only are you blessing your mother with a truly meaningful gift, you are also reaching out to those who truly need it.** When you purchase a Life-giving Gift, you will have the opportunity to either send an e-card, or receive a printed card at your own postal address to then write a message on it before forwarding to your mum. Both the e-cards and the printed cards are designed beautifully and portray a photo of the gift/s that you have selected. To view the catalogue, please go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au>

Catalyst Reflection Morning

The next Reflection Morning will take place on **Saturday 17th May** in the Parish Hall, 10am-1pm. **Jenny Washington**, the Pastoral Educator at St Vincent's Hospital, will lead the morning - **The Book of Lamentations and Our Own Personal Laments.** All welcome. Entry by donation. Morning tea provided. Enquiries to Carmel 47878706.

**Happy Birthday
Margaret Davis for 13th May**



A Prayer for Mothers

As Mary was the model of prayer, of love, and of obedience to the will of God, by your grace make mothers holy and rich with your gifts. Bind families together in the bonds of peace and safety so that mothers will feel nurtured by love. May all mothers enjoy good health and spiritual well being to enable them to care for their families.

(Source: Written by Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning)

Historical Context – A line of shepherds

When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to 'shepherd' their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did. (Liturgyhelp)

In memoriam: Kath Writer ~ 12th May; Leonard Kirkham ~ 12th May; Dawn Sheridan ~ 14th May; Jean McSweeney ~ 17th May.