

TODAY

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 *God's chosen one*
Acts 10:34-38 *Lord of all people*
Matthew 3:13-17 *My Beloved Son*

Psalm Response

The Lord will bless his people with his peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ROSTERS

Servers

12 Jan Bill Grieves
19 Jan Ray Wood

Readers

12 Jan 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp
Intercessions Christa Buckley
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
19 Jan 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Anthony Gilchrist
2nd Reading Lillis Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

12 Jan Diane Stewart and Margaret Davis
19 Jan Diana Landsberg and Elizabeth Doolan

Counters

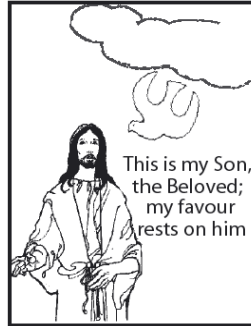
12 Jan Monica
19 Jan Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

12 Jan Barbara Grieves
19 Jan Mary Batty

Church Care

17 Jan Julie Hodgkinson
31 Jan Angie and Michelle Leman



**Baptism of the Lord
Year A**

12th January 2014

The time has come for Jesus to begin his public ministry. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is my servant... my chosen one in whom my soul delights'. Although John the Baptist is reluctant to baptise Jesus, he is persuaded to do so. Afterwards, Jesus is publicly acknowledged as the beloved Son of God, and we are commanded to listen to him.

Please remember in your prayers:

Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans; Pauline Fallance; James Ford; Virginia Hayward; Judy Harris; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leader; John and Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie and Irene Peacock.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th January

12th Jan St Marguerite Bourgeoys, Foundress of Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame (1620-1700)
13th Jan Bl. Yvette, Christian Prophet (1158-1228)
14th Jan St Hilary of Poitiers, Doctor of the Church, (315-368)
15th Jan St Maura and St Britt, (4th century) Martyrs, Virgins
16th Jan St Dunchaid O'Braoin, (d.988) Hermit, Abbot
17th Jan St Anthony of Egypt (251-356)
18th Jan St Margaret of Hungary, (1242-1271), Nun



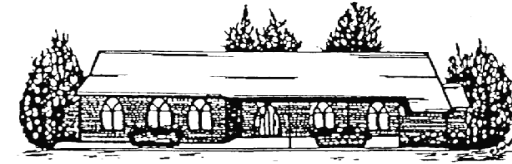
Next Week

Baptist's Witness

Isaiah 49:3,5-6
Psalm 39
1Cor 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



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



AUSTRALIA DAY PICNIC

The annual Parish Picnic will again be held on the Australia Day Weekend (Saturday 25th - Monday 27th January), with our hosts Diana and Joe Landsberg welcoming us to their beautiful property, Withycombe, at Mount Wilson. Diana will advise the date of the picnic as soon as possible.

~ GARAGE SALE ~

Our 2014 Garage Sale will take place in the Parish Hall on the weekend of 8th and 9th February. If you have goods of any description that are saleable, please leave them at the office.

We are not looking for unwanted electrical items or things that cannot be sold as the Parish has to take unsaleable or broken items to the dump at a cost to the Parish.



The Parish Office will reopen on 22nd January but Fr Bob will keep an eye out for items left prior to this, which can be placed in the office anteroom due to the hall being used for a wedding reception on 18th January. We thank you all for your generous donations of items for the Garage Sale which is one of the Parish's important fundraising efforts of the year.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT at St Thomas Aquinas Primary Springwood: "The Sapphires" ~ Saturday 25th January

(Includes a PG rated movie, popcorn, sausage sizzle and more)

Entry from 4pm, Music concert 4-5pm, Jumping castle 4-6pm, Movie starts 8pm

Venue: The grounds of St Thomas Aquinas Primary,
168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood.

(Part of a series of outdoor movie nights being hosted by St Thomas Aquinas Springwood Parish and CatholicCare Social Services - Diocese of Parramatta - in January.)

"Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. (Mt 3:13-15)

Gospel Focus: There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, 'Leave it like this for the time being'. We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives - we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things, a right time for them to come about. 'Leave it like this for the time being' says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

(Greg Sunter - Liturgyhelp)

PARISH DINNER

As the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on Friday 27th June this year, it is planned to hold our Annual Parish Dinner on either 27th or 28th June. We are planning a spit roast with the trimmings to once again be held in the Parish Hall along with entertainment. *More to follow.*

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE



Congratulations and a big **THANK YOU to Sue Gracey and her helpers** for once again making our annual

Christmas Raffle the success it was. Some \$1005 was raised to assist the Parish.

- The lucky winners were:
- 1st Prize: Alice Reeves**
 - 2nd Prize: Ray Taylor**
 - 3rd Prize: Kate and Peter**
 - 4th Prize: Marilyn Rowe**

Thanks to all Parishioners for donating, buying and selling tickets. Without you, the raffle would not have been a success.

*It is with much sadness that we announce the death of **Reverend Father James Stack.** Fr Stack was the parish priest of Holy Family, East Granville. Please remember him at Mass and keep him in your prayers.*

- ☐ **In memoriam** ☐
- Henry Columbine** ~ 10th January
 - John Lorant** ~ 11th January
 - Gerard Johnston** ~ 11th January
 - Joyce Malkin** ~ 14th January

Sacred Heart Care Group: This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact Carmel Vanny 47878706 or Michelle Funnell 47572638 if you need help.



Mark your calendar for our Trivia Night to be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 15th March.** Cost \$10 per person or \$20 per family. BYO nibbles. Cake/Coffee will be provided. It will be a great night.

~Diary Date~

'Just Because Dinner'
Tuesday 21st January
from 6pm at the **Gardner's Inn, Blackheath.**
Everyone is welcome.



Anointed with the Spirit

Today the Holy Spirit floats over the waters in the form of a dove, so that by this sign it might be known that the world's universal shipwreck has ceased, as the dove had announced to Noah that the world's flood had subsided. Nor does this dove carry a branch of the old olive, but it pours the whole richness of the olive on the head of the author of the new anointing, in order to fulfil what the prophet foretold: *'Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above other kings.'*

St Peter Chrysologus (c.400-c.450)