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*Isaiah 25:6-10 God's salvation*  
*Phil 4:12-14,19-20 Ready for anything*  
*Matthew 22:1-14 Everyone invited*

**Psalm Response:** I shall live in the house  
of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called. Alleluia! ...

**Servers**

12 Oct Jan Roberts  
19 Oct Michelle Davis

**Readers**

12 Oct 1st Reading Ron Davis  
Intercessions Christa Buckley  
2nd Reading Christine Helby  
19 Oct 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

12 Oct Pat Wicks and Michelle Davis  
19 Oct Ray Wood and David Buckley

**Counters**

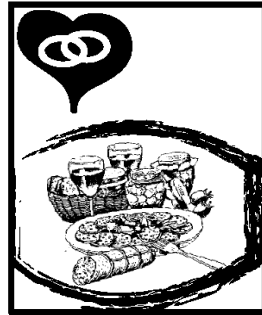
12 Oct Carla and Neal  
19 Oct Pamela and John

**Morning Tea**

12 Oct Barbara Grieves  
19 Oct Frances Huckstepp

**Church Care**

24 Oct Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**Twenty Eighth  
Sunday Year A**

12th October 2014

God is very lavish in his  
preparations for his son's  
wedding feast. All is ready,  
yet the invited guests  
refuse to come.

God has prepared his  
people for many centuries,  
and yet they will not  
accept his son, Jesus.

All and sundry,  
including us, are now  
invited to be part of the  
Kingdom. Are we ready  
to accept his invitation?  
Do unnecessary things  
blur our spiritual vision?

Please remember in your prayers: **Siobhan** Atkin; **Michael** Cooper; **Leslie** Dee;  
**Neal** Evans; **Anne** Farindon; **James** Ford; **Anthony** Gilchrist; **Fr Kevin** Hay;  
**Craig** Huckstepp; **Kenneth** Kirkham; **Barry** Leeder; **Jenny** Mackrell;  
**Lorraine** McKelvie; **Junko** Odawa, **Frances** Slater, **Betty** Zeman & **Roma** Ziolkowski.  
*Please let us know if any name needs to be removed from this list.*

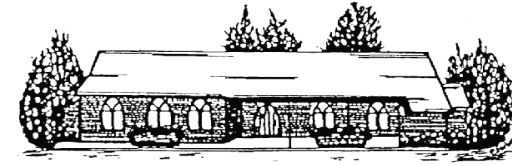
**Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th October**

12th Sts Cyprian, Felix and Companions - Martyrs (d484)  
13th St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr (d222)  
14th St Canice, Irish Saint (516-560)  
15th St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin & Doctor (1515-1582),  
Memorial  
16th St Margaret Mary Alacique, Virgin (1647-1690), optional feast  
17th St Ignatius of Antioch (c.AD 50 - c.AD 110)



*Next Week*  
**Hypocrisy**  
**unmasked**  
*Isaiah*  
45:1.4-6;  
*Psalm* 95  
*1Thess*  
1:1-5;  
*Matthew*  
22:15-21

# 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>

<b>Blackheath</b> - 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
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - 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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

### POPE FRANCIS' SYNOD ON THE 'FAMILY' (continued):

Following last week's excerpt from Archbishop Jose Gomez from Los Angeles in which he stated, "as Pope Francis has said in our times, **'the family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis.'**" So we continue ... "There is widespread confusion over the meaning of marriage and family and our obligations to children in our society. Our society's growing secularism and emphasis on individualism and a consumer lifestyle are making it harder for people to make commitments and form lasting relationships. More and more in our culture, family is not valued or is taken for granted. So this Synod is important. We need to pray for the bishops and our Holy Father as they prepare to consider the great question of the family in our time. And I encourage you to join me in making this time leading up to the Synod, a time of prayer and reflection.

We need to think not only about the challenges we face. Those challenges are real and we must confront them. But the key to true renewal is for us to rediscover the natural beauty and joyful simplicity of marriage and family in God's plan for our lives and our society. Jesus was born from a mother's womb and nurtured and raised in a holy family with his mother Mary and Joseph her spouse. He performed his first 'sign' at a wedding in Cana. As the prophets had promised, he came calling himself the bridegroom and he called the Church his Bride. Jesus gave his Church the mission of completing God's plan for history - by proclaiming the good news that God is our Father and inviting men and women of all nations to live as one family of God in his Church." End of article.

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS:** Finally, the financial audit for our Sacred Heart Parish encompassing the 2013/14 financial year is to be carried out by Parramatta Diocese auditors this coming Friday, 17th October. We should then be able to declare our operating results for that year. More after next Friday!

By the way, I will be away on annual leave from Saturday, 18th October, until my return to duty on Wednesday, 5th November. During my absence there will be no weekday Masses nor the 25th October Megalong Valley Vigil Mass. The Mt Victoria Vigil Masses will be celebrated as will our normal Blackheath 9.30am Masses. Fr Paul Hanna will be conducting all Masses during my absence. Those wishing to attend weekday Masses will need to attend those held daily in Katoomba Parish. Urgent matters should be directed to Fr Ted Tyler (Katoomba 4782 2804) or Fr Paul Slyney (Lawson 4759 1034 - Springwood 4754 1052). More on this subject in next week's Bulletin.

**OUR NEW PAPAL SAINTS:** A reminder to all that Saturday, 11th October 2014, was the first feast of Pope Saint John XXIII, while Wednesday 22nd is the first feast of Pope Saint John Paul II. Thought you would like to know!

**God Bless! Father Bob**

*Happy Birthday Father Paul Hanna for 14th October.*

*Happy 69th Anniversary Barbara and Charles Hodgkinson for 16th October.*

### Prayer to the Holy Family for the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

1. *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.*

2. *Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.*

3. *Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.*

4. *Holy Family of Nazareth, may the Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.*

*A huge 'Well done!' goes out to Sue Gracey and the team of chefs, book sellers and all who set up, cooked and donated cakes, jams, craft, etc., at last week's Cake and Craft Stall. A special thanks to Jenny Inman for her beautiful craft work. A total of \$726.30 was raised for the Parish. Thank you to all our parishioners - you are truly amazing!*

#### **Blackheath Phoenix Choir - Gabriel Fauré 'Requiem' Léon Boëllmann Suite Gothique for Organ - Faure's sublime Requiem**

transcends the sorrow of mourning with the hope of eternal peace.

**Experience this and other masterworks of the French tradition in a concert dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Great War 1914-1918.**

Tickets are \$20 adults / \$15 concession.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/FLRS](http://www.trybooking.com/FLRS).

Enquiries: 0417 200 487

There will be 3 performances (our own Joe and Rasa Blansjaar will be singing at these performances).

#### **Bathurst**

All Saints Anglican Cathedral  
Sunday 26th October ~ 2.30pm

#### **Lithgow**

Hoskins Memorial Uniting Church  
Sunday 2nd November ~ 3.00pm

#### **Leura**

St Alban's Anglican Church  
Sunday 9th November ~ 3.00pm



**Congratulations to Matthew Drummond** (son of Pat and Carol) who recently won the Emmy Award in New York for *Outstanding Achievement: Graphic Design and Art Direction on a project called 'The History Of The World In 2 Hours'*. Matthew has been nominated twice before. His new movie, 'Dinosaur Island', also features Pat (not as a dinosaur).

*In memoriam: Viktoria Juhas ~ 12th October; Eileen Smith ~ 16th October; Tony Van Horen ~ 17th October and Ron Drummond ~ 18th October.*