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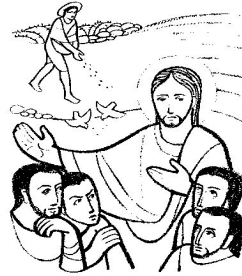
Isaiah 55:10-11 **God's fruitful word**
Romans 8:18-23 **God's design**
Matthew 13:1-23 **Hear and understand**

Psalm Response

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
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The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia, Alleluia ...



Fifteenth Sunday Year A

13th July 2014

Perhaps during our life's journey the word of God has fallen in all the places mentioned in the parable of the sower. By being attentive to Jesus in our daily lives, we will gradually find that his words will sink deep into our hearts. We will then become people who have heard the word and allowed the seed to grow and yield fruit.

Servers

13 Jul Diane Stewart
20 Jul Ray Wood

Readers

13 Jul 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Brian Bright
20 Jul 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Jul Christa and David Buckley
20 Jul Jan Roberts and Michelle Davis

Counters

13 Jul Monica
20 Jul Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

13 Jul Frances Huckstepp
20 Jul Mary Batty

Church Care

18 Jul Angie and Michelle Leman

Please remember in your prayers: Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans; James Ford; Anthony Gilchrist; Fr Kevin Hay; Virginia Hayward; Mary Kingston; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock and Roma Ziolkowski.

A Vocation View: God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Cultivate good soil in yourself and in your family. May the seed take root in your heart. (Matthew 13:1-23)

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th July

13th St Henry II, Emperor (973-1024), optional feast
14th St Camilleos, Priest (1550-1614)
15th St Bonaventure, Bishop, Cardinal, Doctor (1218-74)
16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel, optional memorial
17th Blessed Martyrs of Compiegne (d1794), Nuns, Lay & Extern Carmelites
18th St Dominic Nicholas Dat (d1839), Vietnamese martyr
19th Sts Justa and Rufina, Virgins & Martyrs (d287) Patron saints of potters

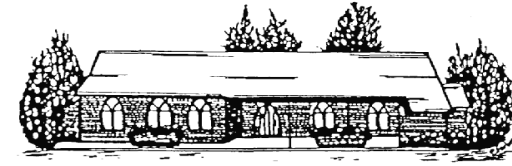


NEXT WEEK

Sower's patience

Wisdom 12:13.16-19
Psalm 85
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

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

SEA SUNDAY COMMEMORATION: While hardly a seaport in this mountainous region of the Blue Mountains, we nonetheless gain untold benefits from our exports of primary produce and exported finished products, also the imported manufactured goods, including food, clothing, vehicles, building materials, light and heavy industrial plant and equipment – yes, and even toys - that contribute so much to our personal comfort and quality of life. We both send to and receive from all corners of our ever-smaller world a mind-boggling array of “goodies” that we so take for granted. Shipping is the answer! Shipping is the means to this end, except for the miniscule quantity that comes to us by air.

Hence today, this one day of the year, we feature those who man the ships and make all this possible for us. To this extent, seafarers are important for our economy and our balance of payments. Seafarers are not a number. They are not a commodity. They are a crucial part of Australia competing in the global market.

In November 2012, the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Itinerant People held the 5-yearly Apostleship of the Sea World Congress at the Vatican. It encouraged all member countries to remember that during this year in which we celebrate the New Evangelisation, to not forget that seafarers are also part of our global parish. It is also important to note that the Apostleship of the Sea is the Catholic Church's evangelisation response to both male and female seafarers working on vessels throughout the world. Should you wish to support these otherwise voiceless people to return to them a little of the quality of life they make possible for us, please give freely on a leaving collection at the end of today's Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM OUR BISHOP: In a recent communication with his priests, Bishop Anthony made several comments in relation to the canonization of our two new pope Saints – John XXIII and John Paul II. I quote...“*I was privileged to celebrate with Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 800 bishops and a million of the faithful the canonisation Mass for St John XXIII and St John Paul II, the two most famous priests of the 20th Century. The two new saints were widely dubbed ‘the bookends of the Second Vatican Council’ and their canonisations as the ‘canonisation of the Council’ because Good Pope John instigated it in 1959 and John Paul the Great was its great interpreter.*

To see the canonisations only in these terms, however, risks missing the crucial point about this and every other canonisation: that here the Church was recognising heroic virtue, great holiness, communion with God on earth and in heaven and calling us to imitation. For priests, it is particularly important that these men were priests – shepherds of souls whose eye was always to their flocks, whether these were parishes, university chaplaincies, archdioceses, or the universal Church.”

NEW APPOINTMENT: Last weekend, Father John McSweeney (who is well known to us as a past Blue Mountains' Dean), and who has just recovered from a stroke earlier this year, has been appointed Parish Priest of the massive Glenwood/ Stanhope Gardens Parish to replace the recently deceased classmate of mine – Father Dave Hume. We wish Fr John every success in his new appointment and congratulate him on that appointment.

SUNDRY: Tuesday next (16/7) is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Finally, in the presence of serious illness in our midst at this time, I ask you to pray for the welfare and healing of everyone so afflicted.

God Bless! Fr Bob

Living the Gospel Scatter that seed!

The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context.

The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it. What Jesus suggests

to his disciples – and to us – is that the ‘good soil’ can’t always be predicted.

Jesus doesn’t tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest.

(Liturgyhelp)

Happy Birthday Christa Buckløy for 19th July

In memoriam

Keith Malkin ~ 18th July
Fr Alex Sciberras ~ 18th July
John Briggs ~ 19th July

Spirituality in the Pub is back on **Tuesday 29th July** with **Dr Paul Collins**. Paul was born in Melbourne and is one of Australia's best-known independent commentators on Catholic, religious and spiritual affairs especially in relationship to public life. His voice is often heard on the ABC, SBS and on commercial radio and TV, as well as in the daily newspapers. From January 1988 Paul worked full-time in varying capacities in TV and radio with the ABC including Specialist Editor Religion, co-ordinator of Radio National in Melbourne and as the presenter, interviewer and commentator the ABC TV program *Compass*.

SIP Venue: Piper's Bistro, The Oxford Hotel, 170 William Street, Bathurst.
When: Tuesday, 29th July, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Copies of the **Liturgical Ministers' Roster** for 3rd August to 21st September are now available for collection at the back of the church.



SACRISTY/PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy, which contains a few toys, is available for parents to use when your young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. Thanks for making the effort of bringing the littlies to Mass with you.

Bring forth the kingdom

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You are salt for the earth, O people.
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people;
Life in the Kingdom of God!

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice;
Bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people;
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people;
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people;
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and
love our homeland;
Love is the Kingdom of God!