

TODAY

Exodus 34:4-6.8-9 Forgive us
2Corinthians 13:11-13 Live in peace
John 3:16-18 God's love

Psalm Response: Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

15 Jun Pat Wicks
22 Jun Jan Roberts

Readers

15 Jun 1st Reading David Buckley
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
22 Jun 2nd Reading Christa Buckley
1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Christa Buckley
2nd Reading Christine Helby

Ministers of the Eucharist

15 Jun Margaret Davis and Elizabeth Doolan
22 Jun Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

15 Jun Julie and Lance
22 Jun Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

15 Jun Michelle Funnell
22 Jun Margaret Davis

Church Care

20 Jun Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

15th June 2014

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' He gave us not only his Son but also the Spirit of his Son to form us in Jesus' image. The Spirit in us cries out 'Abba, Father', expressing our relationship with the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Are we aware of this? Do we foster this relationship? Do we reverence it in one another?

Liturgical Ministers' Rosters (8/6 - 27/7) are available at the back of the church today.

Please remember in your prayers: Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans; James Ford; Anthony Gilchrist; Bill Grieves; 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 15th June to Saturday 21st June

15th St Germaine Cousin, Virgin (1579-1601)
St Vitus, Adolescent Martyr (d303)
16th St Lutgardis, Virgin, Religious (1182-1246)
17th St Harvey, Abbot (6th Century)
18th St Gregory Barbarigo, Bishop, Cardinal (1625-1697)
19th St Romuald, Abbot (956-1027), optional
20th St Silverius, Pope & Martyr (d537)
21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (1568-1591), Memorial

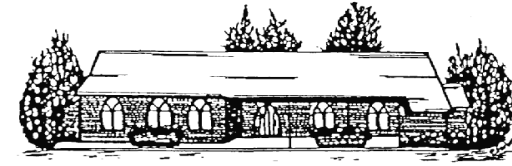


Next Week

Living bread

Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16
Psalm 147
1 Corinthians 10:16-1
John 6:51-58

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
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Parish Mobile: 0428 878810 (Emergency only) **Fri:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm
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<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

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during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

Painting the Picture of God

A teacher asked the Grade Threes to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about their task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Johnnie was particularly focused. 'What are you painting?' 'I'm painting God, Miss.' 'Well, that must be difficult because no-one knows what God looks like.' To which Johnnie confidently replied, 'But they will when I'm finished!!'

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because we human beings had the most sublime, most eminent person painting a picture of God for us.

It is as though 2,000 years ago, the world was saying 'It is too difficult to describe God because no-one knows what God looks like.'

And then, like Johnnie in the Grade Three classroom, Jesus of Nazareth says: 'But they will when I'm finished!'

Just before he was crucified, saying 'It is finished', Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. So close, so intimate, that we needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

How do we 'see' God? Of course, we don't take seriously the old man with a beard or the little white bird.

The other monotheistic religions conceive of God as a single unflickering white light, like a fluorescent tube shining brightly through the mist.

No, God is Divine pulsating shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other.

What does this mean for us?

We are baptised into this Triune Divine Life in the name (not names) of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Each time we bless ourselves - be careful!! - we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life.

How often have you heard 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? The Jews and Muslims believe that too. But because of the picture painted by Jesus Christ, only we know what that really means: God is 'Being In Love' and love is always relational.

So, if you and I are images of God, we are made to live in relationship - not in solitary.

We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous.

When we live wholeheartedly with

- as much un-self-ish-ness as is possible

- as much self-giving as is possible

we are closest to the Divine Life.

My dear friends, that is why the feast of the Trinity is such a great Feast.

Other religions have great prophets and gurus, to varying degrees trying to respond to glimpses of the Divine. They, like Johnnie, have tried to paint a picture of the Divine, or the Absolute, and our relationship to the Absolute Beyond.

But it was The Divine Artist, Jesus of Nazareth, who unveiled the perfect picture of the threefold dynamism of the Divine - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and invites us to share in that imaging of the Divine Dynamism. Let us now prayerfully celebrate that invitation every time we sign ourselves:

'In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.'

(Fr Michael Tate - Liturgyhelp)



St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal

Today the Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal and is calling on people to dig deep and make a donation. This time of the year places extra demands on the Society's resources needed to assist people in crisis, due to homelessness, family dislocation and cost of living pressures such as high rental and energy costs. There are also demands on those resources to assist asylum seekers released into the community.

The reasons to help someone out are all around us in our cities, towns, neighbourhoods and streets, where people are struggling to keep their heads above water. Your donations will help to make a real difference to the lives of many people who face a bleak winter. Donation envelopes are on each pew and should be placed in today's second collection.

Grace, love and fellowship. Grace, love and fellowship are three words that conjure up beautiful images of the Blessed Trinity. We hear them often during our Mass. Sometimes, such familiarity means we can gloss over them and miss their importance. However we interpret the mystery of the Trinity, the sense of divinity and unity should remain the same. God's grace given for our daily needs is essential for helping us overcome issues. The love of God sustains us and gives us our identity and a sense of purpose. Without the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we will feel alone and without hope. Today, in celebration of the Trinity, let us pray for that grace, love and fellowship to flow through us. We pray for the wisdom to stop regularly and sense the power of the Triune God in our lives. - Daily Prayer online

In memoriam: † Norma Ward ~ 16th June; † Eusebio Dizon ~ 22nd June

Universal Prayer for Holy Trinity Sunday

*We pray for people who don't know the love of God, that they will come to know God.
We pray for our church, that we will all be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
We pray for the sick, the poor, and the lonely, that they will receive care and comfort from people acting in the name of Jesus.*

*Please keep
Anthony Gilchrist
and his family in
your prayers.*

**Happy
Birthday
Coltze Iillis**
for 16th June

June Cosmology Morning

The theme of the June meditation will be "**The Rest of Winter**" for our gathering on **Friday 20th at 10am till noon** at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The discussion will centre on Ch 2 of our new book, "**Rainbow of Mysteries**" by Norman Habel. Time of silence and prayers for the sick will be included in the morning's gathering. New guests are always welcome. Sr Jacinta 47572290

PARISH DINNER

Celebrating our Annual Parish Dinner, this year we will be hosting a spit roast with all the trimmings and entertainment by the legendary

Pat Drummond.

When: **Saturday 5th July**

commencing at 6.30pm.

Cost \$35 which also includes sweets and tea or coffee. BYO drinks.

RSVP on the list on the notice board.

Tickets are limited so get in quick.

Buy your ticket after Mass today.



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at Sacred Heart Parish,
Blackheath.