

TODAY

*Eccl 15:15-20 We may choose life or death
1 Cor 2:6-10 God's wisdom revealed
Mt 5:17-37 Jesus comes to fulfill the law*

Psalm Response

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2) *Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

16 Feb Michelle Davis
23 Feb Pat Wicks

Readers

16 Feb 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp
23 Feb 1st Reading David Buckley
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

16 Feb Brian and Monica Bright
23 Feb Margaret Davis and Elizabeth Doolan

Counters

16 Feb Laurie
23 Feb Carla and Neil

Morning Tea

16 Feb Monica Van Horen
23 Feb Pamela Scott / Elizabeth

Church Care

28 Feb Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

Please remember in your prayers:

*Madge Boylan; Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans;
Pauline Fallance; James Ford; Karen Galiazzo;
Virginia Hayward; Judy Harris; Fr Kevin Hay;
Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder;
Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie;
Irene Peacock and Roma Ziolkowski.*



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
16th February 2014**

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking.

When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

Liturgyhelp online

Next Week:

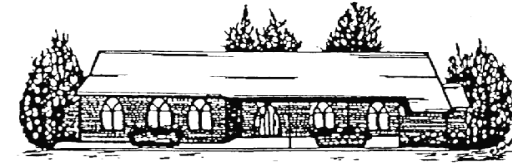
Love your enemies
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18;
Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13.
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48



Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd February

16th St Onesimus, Martyr (d 1st Century AD)
17th Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, 13th Century, Optional
18th St Marie Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879)
19th St Mansuetus, Bishop (d685)
20th Bl. Francisco & Jacinta Manto, (1908-1919), Fatima's children
21st St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor (1007-1072AD), optional
22nd The Chair of St Peter, Apostle, Feast
St Margaret of Cortona (1247-1297)

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 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

GARAGE SALE: Despite the heatwave conditions over both sale days, this year's garage sale was by far our best ever! Sales totalled approximately \$5,400, compared with last year's commendable \$3,280.30 - an increase of about \$2,120 or a 64.6% increase in our 'take' this year. None of this just happens! Led by Marilyn and Patricia, the team of over 25 persons received, sorted and displayed a guesstimated 50% more stock than was handled last year. In fact, the hall, meeting room, print room, office and veranda was collectively too small for the volume of stock we had for sale. Sizzling sausage sandwiches must have broken some sort of record - I know I did my bit by consuming at least three over the two days, and in that weather! Imagine how tough it must have been for those who did the cooking? Similarly with drinks and 'cuppas'. I should point out to you that planning for this phenomenally successful garage sale actually began about mid-year last year. As a parish, we are so proud of, and grateful to, everyone who participated in the setting-up and conduct of this event. We are equally humbled by all who both donated the sale stock and bought all those wonderful bargains that were just too good to resist! I was one of the latter! As I sit at my computer penning this copy, I glance to my right to see a remarkable original oil painting leaning up against the skirting board because I haven't got a wall on which to hang it. Ah, well! The considerable volume of left-over stock (including the residual of about 3,000 books) was gratefully accepted at no cost to us by Fr Paul Hanna who is still in the process of distributing same to the needy in our society and in other places. Everyone should be 'chuffed' at this result! Congratulations all!

ANOTHER SURPRISE: Towards the end of August last year (2013), Fr Paul Hanna donated to this parish an extremely old statue of our Blessed Lady carrying a young Jesus in her arms. One glance was enough for the few who saw it to realize that this statuette was something right out of the ordinary. Made of wood, though surprisingly light, it stands about 15 inches tall in the old terminology. The design, detailed finish and colour set it apart from anything I have ever seen. It needed the attention of an expert to properly restore it to something like its original condition. I might add that the approval of the expert was sought before this work was carried out. The statue has been in the restorer's hands from late August until this week when it was collected by two of our parishioners. The \$500 cost of restoration has been paid by an anonymous donor. Despite the restorer's best efforts, the origin of this unique statuette has yet to be determined with investigations continuing as I write. This iconic masterpiece will be displayed today on the Sanctuary prior to, during and after Mass for you to view. **Please, please, do NOT touch it under any circumstances!** Eventually, we hope to encase this most valuable icon in a glass dome for public viewing during major liturgies. When not on display, it will not be kept on church premises! This statuette will be blessed after our final Mass Prayer today!

OTHER MATTERS

First Reconciliation: Tuesday next (18/2) six candidates are to make their first Confession from 5.30pm. We congratulate each of them, their families and tutor, Colette Lillis, upon reaching this significant landmark in their spiritual life.

Baptism: Next Saturday at 11am, **Emily Stewart-Rowley** is to be baptised at Blackheath.

Wedding: **Jessica Lloyd** and **Ryan Keenan** will marry at Blackheath also next Saturday at 2.00pm.

God Bless! Fr Bob

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 7th March at 1.30pm at the **Uniting Church, Govett's Leap Road, Blackheath.** Members and friends from the churches of Blackheath will gather this year to pray with our ecumenical brothers and sisters from Egypt who have prepared the World Day of Prayer service. There will also be a guest speaker. Afterwards, there will be a very friendly gathering with afternoon tea.

LENTEN GROUPS 2014

Please call Mon or Brian Bright on 4757 3943 if you would like to join either of the night-time groups below. If you would like to host a group at your place or in the parish hall during the day, please also call us to discuss this.

Tuesday 4th March
commencing 7.30pm

Home Host: Carmen Beard
9 Waragil Street, **Blackheath**

Thursday, 6th March
commencing 7.30pm

Home Hosts: Brian and Monica Bright,
26 Asquith Ave, **Wentworth Falls**

Happy Birthday
Monica Bright for today

Happy Anniversary
Peter & Kate Grbanac for 17th February

February Cosmology Morning: At the next Cosmology gathering, 10am till noon **Friday 21st February**, we will discuss Ch. 6 'Conversion to the Circle of Earth' as we finish the book **Women, Earth and Creator Spirit**. The theme of our quiet meditation will be 'The Rains of Hope'. We gather at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea as we share together our prayer, insights and concerns. Enquiries Tel. 4757 2290.

St Patrick's **'Trivia Night'**

Our famous Trivia Night will be held on **Saturday, 15th March**, from 7pm. Cost will be \$5 per person OR \$10 per family.

BYO nibbles.

Cake/Tea/Coffee will be provided, and if our chefs extraordinaire are able to bring along a cake, that would be wonderful! There will be tables of 8, and a list is on the board for your RSVP and table reservation. Get in early, this is one of the events of our social calendar.

In memoriam
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Rick Frazer ~ 22nd February

REFLECTION MORNING: The first Reflection Morning for 2014 will take place on **Saturday 15th March** in the parish hall ~ 10am-1pm.

All very welcome, morning tea provided, no need to book and entry by donation. This is a joint venture of Catalyst for Renewal and the Aquinas Academy.

Dominic Arcamone will lead the reflection - **An Imaginary Conversation between Saint Therese of Lisieux and Friedrich Nietzsche**. Dominic works for Catholic Healthcare in a Mission and Pastoral Care Management role. Enquiries: Carmel on 4787 8706.

Flyers for the year's program will be available at Mass next week.

The **Parish Dinner** will be held on **Saturday 5th July**. We have booked a spit roast with all the trimmings and sweets. Entertainment will be provided by our own Pat Drummond. Mark your diary, more information will follow.