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Isaiah 45:1.4-6 I am the Lord
1Thessalonians 1:1-5 Faith in action
Matthew 22:15-21 Hypocrisy unmasked

Psalm Response
Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

19 Oct Michelle Davis
26 Oct Diane Stewart

Readers

19 Oct 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
26 Oct 2nd Reading Claire Maguire
1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Ron Davis

Ministers of the Eucharist

19 Oct Ray Wood and David Buckley
26 Oct Diana Landsberg and Elizabeth Doolan

Counters

19 Oct Pamela and John
26 Oct Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

19 Oct Frances Huckstepp
26 Oct Jan Roberts

Church Care

24 Oct Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



Twenty Ninth Sunday
Year A

19th October 2014

Today's gospel passage contrasts the honesty and integrity of Jesus with the dishonesty and trickery of the Pharisees and Herodians. Using flattery, they seek to trap Jesus in a classical set-up: a conflict between religious teaching and political interests. Jesus first clears the air by exposing their malice. Then he acknowledges the existence of secular responsibilities while pointing out that all sovereignty ultimately belongs to God.

Next week: **Greatest commandment** Exodus 22:20-26; Ps 17 1Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

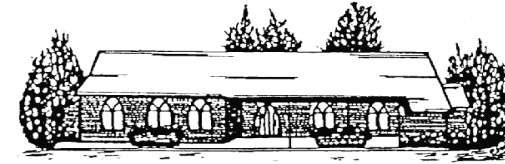
Please remember in your prayers: **Siobhan Atkin; Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford; Anthony Gilchrist; Fr Kevin Hay; Craig Huckstepp; Kenneth Kirkham; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Ron O'Brien; Junko Odawa, Frances Slater, Betty Zeman & Roma Ziolkowski.**
Please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

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th October

19th Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions, Martyrs (d1640)
20th St Paul of the Cross, Passionists Founder (1694-1775)
21st St Hilarion, Abbot (291-371)
22nd Pope Saint John Paul II (1920-2005); St Salome, Mother of Apostles James & John
23rd St John of Capistrano, Priest (1386-1456)
24th St Mary Anthony Claret, Bishop (1807-1870)
25th St Jeanne Jugun, Founder Sisters of the Poor (1792-1879)



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

AUDITS AND OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: Parramatta's Diocesan Auditor last Friday carried out the normal yearly check of all the monetary operations of this parish for the financial year ended 30th June 2014. As I have penned this copy two days before the audit, I have no idea regarding his findings, other than to say that in past years we have done very well indeed! The Finance Committee, the Parish Council, our administration staff and you, our parishioners, have each contributed to the betterment of this parish in the 2013-14 financial year. Let's hope the auditor agrees with us this time around! Although unable to confirm present year results to date, indications are that we are doing OK this year as well!

SOMETHING DIFFERENT! Artes Christi presents **THE JEWELER'S SHOP:** Tie a piece of cotton around your finger to remind you that the first Feast Day of Pope Saint John Paul II is 22nd October. To celebrate this unique event we are invited to attend **The Jeweler's Shop**, a profoundly beautiful play on human love and marriage written by St John Paul before he was elected pope. As specifically indicated by St John Paul II, the play will be staged in the unique style of the Polish underground theatre with no sets or props, and performed in a recitative style (reading only). SYDNEY: Sat 25 Oct, 7.30pm, Seymour Centre; PARRAMATTA: Sold out. Tickets from \$20, bookings essential, Ph (02) 88393399 or www.theword.org.au

VALE JOHN SIMPSON: Farelled last Friday with a funeral service held here at Sacred Heart, followed by burial in Blackheath cemetery, **John William Simpson** may have been known to a number of our parishioners. While in recent years a resident of Glen Davis, John, brother-in-law to Kerry Simpson (RSL Secretary), was employed for many years by State Rail at Blackheath railway station. R.I.P. John.

CARDINAL PELL UPDATE: Cardinal Pell, the member of the Vatican's Council of Cardinals who is now charged with overseeing Vatican finances, has made it clear that even if some lenience is being discussed, he is not, nor ever will be, one for "relaxing the standards". The Australian prelate and the Vatican's Finance Czar stressed not only how much Christians and Catholics can offer the world, but also suggested how badly the world is in need of their contribution. Addressing the audience, many of whom were seminarians from the North American College, he said: *"I hope you're not going to be one of those priests or bishops whose primary mission is to keep out of the press. If we are silent, we can't complain that we're not being heard,"* Cardinal Pell frankly stated. *"Some may wish that Jesus might have been a little softer on divorce, but he wasn't and I'm sticking with him"*, Cardinal Pell concluded.

Finally, as I take my leave of you from Saturday, 18th October, until my return to duty on Wednesday, 5th November, to recharge my batteries, I thank you for celebrating with me my first decade as a priest and for your overall support of me these past five and three quarter years. We achieve what I could never do, or ever attempt to do without you. Thank you, and thanks also to Fr Paul for looking after things while I am away!

There will be no weekday Masses nor the 25th October Megalong Valley Vigil Mass. Mt Victoria Vigil Masses will be celebrated as will our Sunday Mass at Blackheath. Weekday Masses are 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).

God Bless! Fr Bob

**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.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- Saturday 25 October: Walk Together March 1.00pm, Hyde Park.
 Sunday 26 October: Blackheath Phoenix Choir,
 Bathurst All Saints Anglican Cathedral 2.30pm
 Sunday 2 November: Blackheath Phoenix Choir,
 Lithgow Hoskins Memorial Uniting Church 3.00pm
 Sunday 9 November: Blackheath Phoenix Choir,
 Leura St Alban's Anglican Church
 Tuesdays 4, 11, 18 Nov Mark's Gospel Lecture Series
 10.30am-12.30pm: St Finbars Parish, Glenbrook.
 7.30-9.30pm: St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood
 RSVP 31 Oct. e: secretary@stfinbars.org.au Ph: 4739 8928
 Sunday 23 November: 11.00am -12.00pm Parish AGM, Parish Hall after Mass.

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: \$20 adults/\$15 concession. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/FLRS. Enquiries: 0417 200 487.

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

For all your Christmas Supplies please call into Sanctus at Shop 4, Katoomba Arcade (see notice board for details).

Happy Anniversary
Mark & Maria Slater
 for 21st October
Jennifer & Wayne Kelly
 for 22nd October

Happy Birthday
Maria Slater
 for 21st October
Patricia Dze
 for 24th October

In Memoriam
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Jaroslav Zeman ~ 20th Oct
Edna Bentick ~ 25th Oct
Patricia Davies ~ 26th Oct