

TODAY

Acts 1:1-11 Taken to heaven
Ephesians 1:17-23 God's power at work
Matthew 28:16-20 Parting promise

Psalm Response

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
*Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

1 Jun Jan Roberts
8 Jun To be advised

Readers

1 Jun 1st Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Anthony Simpson
8 Jun 1st Reading TBA
Intercessions TBA
2nd Reading TBA

Ministers of the Eucharist

1 Jun Michelle Davis and Ray Wood
8 Jun TBA

Counters

1 Jun Carla and Neil
8 Jun Monica

Morning Tea

1 Jun Carroll Family
8 Jun Carla Endean

Church Care

6 Jun Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



The Ascension of the Lord

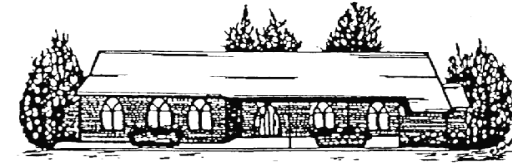
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After his resurrection, Jesus appeared at unexpected moments.

He encouraged the disciples, assured them that he was really alive, and then disappeared again. They were still looking for an earthly kingdom, so Jesus tells them to wait and pray.

The Holy Spirit will come and give them courage to proclaim all that Jesus has taught them. Through his Holy Spirit Jesus will be with them always.

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

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

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 1st June to Saturday 7th June

1st St Justin, Martyr (c100-165) Memorial Feast
2nd Sts Marcellinus & Peter (d304), Optional Feast
3rd Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs (d1886)
4th St Quirinus, Bishop & Martyr (dc200's)
5th St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (C675-755), memorial
6th St Norbert, Bishop (1080-1134), optional
St Marcellin Champagnat, Priest and founder of the Institute
the Little Brothers of Mary (Marist Brothers) (1789-1840)
7th St Robert of Newminster, Abbot (1100-1159)



Next Week

Receive the Spirit

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 103
1Corinthians 12:3-7,
12-13
John 20:19-23



ASCENSION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate the second of the three major feasts that collectively make up the Easter Season. First, of course, was Easter Sunday and the Resurrection from the dead by Jesus. Today, we celebrate His return to His Father in Heaven via the feast we call the Ascension. Last of all is the Feast of Pentecost where we celebrate the descent of the Paraclete (the Most Holy Spirit) to be our Advocate and to take Jesus' place among all people, then and now. Tradition sort of tells us that Jesus' Ascension took place in the same Garden of Gethsemane where He had just a few weeks earlier suffered the beginning of the trauma that was His Passion and Death. However, Luke's version of this event would have us believe that Jesus ascended into Heaven from Bethany, a village then about 3kms from Jerusalem. So! Take your pick! I happen to think it was the Garden of Gethsemane, but I have no proof! With Jesus on this occasion were those closest to Him, to bear witness to His physical departure from us to His home - Heaven, from whence He had originally come to us! We perhaps need to be reminded that once ascended into Heaven, Jesus, as our Saviour, has supported us individually, personally, on our difficult journey in this life, and in the judgement to follow that we each have to face.

MONEY MATTERS: First, all those collections to which you have contributed during Lent and Easter. The **Holy Land Good Friday** total was \$442.55; **Catholic Mission** raised \$394.00; while **Caritas** results are not yet available. Finally, a reminder that today is the second (last) collection for the DWF this time around. When added to all our other commitments around the period in question, this result has to be above expectations. In-so-far as Parish finances are concerned, April results show a small net operating loss. However, included in April expenditure was the cost of the 'carpeting' of pew kneelers throughout the Blackheath church. Year-to-date we are in better shape than we have ever been in the five and a half years I have been here. However, a good deal more needs to be done that will require much of the funding we have in reserve. Both your Finance Committee and the Parish Council are overseeing that work and those costs. Well done, everyone! A final comment on finances; we never detail our specific finances in this, or for that matter any other publication, as it can draw unwanted attention to our funding status. However, those figures are available to you at any time. Simply contact the office or me, and we will get a copy of them for you. Sorry about that! It's the way of the world today!

MY ANNUAL LEAVE: Following today's Mass, I will be on Annual Leave for two weeks. Because I have to break into my holidays for one day for a meeting with Bishop Anthony that involves all parishes in the Blue Mountains Deanery, I will not now be returning to work until Wednesday, 18th June. My first Mass, therefore will be on that day at 9.00am. After that, all other commitments/Masses will be as scheduled/arranged. Urgent contact with me can be had at any time through the office or parish secretary Marilyn Rowe. Should you need a priest urgently, please phone Katoomba Parish (47822804) or Lawson Parish (Fr Paul Slyney - 47591034 or 47541052). Fr Paul Hanna has agreed to celebrate Sunday Blackheath Masses for the next two Sundays (8 & 15 June) **PLUS** the Saturday Vigil Masses at Mt Victoria (7 June) and Megalong Valley (14 June). These will be the only masses available during my absence. Huge thanks, Father Paul!

SANCTUS: A small plug for this highly specialised, Catholic religious business in Katoomba's Katoomba Arcade. They do a lot for us behind the scenes. They look after us, so let's do the same for them when we can. We would be lost without them!
God Bless! Keep holy, safe and healthy! Fr Bob

DWF APPEAL: Your donations to this month's Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal will help our Parish to support the ministries of the Catholic Church in our Diocese. Some of these ministries include Emmaus Disabled Persons, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Solo Parents Service and Project Elizabeth to name a few. Without your help, these wonderful ministries cannot assist those in need. Please, give what you can! Envelopes to go on the second collection. Thank you!

Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter eConference ~ 11th June

The Broken Bay Institute's latest eConference will start at 10.30am and conclude at 3.00pm.

Keynote speakers will include:

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

Archbishop of Perth

Archbishop Paul Gallagher - Apostolic Nuncio

Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ

Congregational Leader: Sisters of St Joseph

Rev Gerard Kelly

President of Catholic Institute Sydney

Rev Noel Connolly SSC

Head of Mission and Culture - BBI

Ms Selina Hasham

Communication Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney

Anyone who may be interested in attending and participating at no cost are welcome to attend either of two venues organised by the CEO-Bathurst:
BATHURST - Merrick Hall CEO Gilmour St Kelso
DUBBO - CEO Office Sheraton Rd Dubbo

Register by Friday 6th June by contacting

Karen Burke or Angelo Belmonte at:

Email: k.burke@bth.catholic.edu.au or

a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 63383000 Fax: 6338 3001

More information is available at

<http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/adult-faith/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=387>

Benedictine Spirituality Morning

On Friday 6 June, the next Benedictine morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. There will be morning prayer, morning tea and a discussion on Ch. 3 "Stability" Part 2 in St Benedict's Toolbox. Enquiries: Srs Therese and Jacinta 4757 2290

In memoriam
Cy Schreiber ~ 1st June

VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

The Bishop's office has agreed that the weekend of 14th/15th June be set aside for this year's St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal in the Parramatta Diocese. Conferences are reminded to ensure their Parish Priest is aware of this and confirm any collections that will be taken up.

Happy Birthday
Carol Drummond
for 3rd June
Elizabeth Giddgry
for 4th June

AFTERNOON CAPERS will be held this **Wednesday, 4th June**, 12 noon at **Weber's Nursery Café, Mt Boyce**. If you would like a lift, please phone Norma Longmuir 4787 5906.