

TODAY

1Kings 3:5.7-12 *A wise request*
Romans 8:28-30 *Called by God*
Matthew 13:44-52 *Hidden treasure*

Psalm Response

I love your law, O Lord, I love your law.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Servers

27 Jul Pat Wicks
3 Aug Jan Roberts

Readers

27 Jul 1st Reading Christine Helby
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
3 Aug 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Lillis Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

27 Jul Margaret Davis and Ray Wood
3 Aug Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

27 Jul Robyn and Adrian
3 Aug Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

27 Jul Monica Bright
3 Aug Jan Roberts

Church Care

1 Aug Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**Seventeenth Sunday
Year A**

27th July 2014

The kingdom of God
is our treasure.

It is so precious that all
earth's good things seem
valueless in comparison.

When we have the
kingdom of heaven
within us, we then have
all other treasures also.

The good things of
this earth have their
attraction, but they do
not last and will not
come with us when
we finally meet Jesus
face to face at the
end of time.

A Vocation View: *God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested - an understanding heart. Find what you need as you seek to follow Jesus. (1Kgs 3:5, 7-12)*

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;
Barry Leeder; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie;
Irene Peacock and Roma Ziolkowski.*

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 27th July to Saturday 2nd August

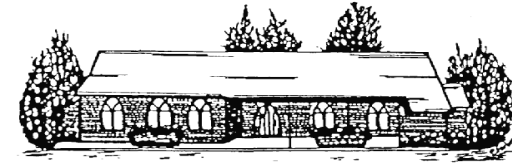
27th July St Pantaleon, Doctor & Martyr (3rd Century)
28th St Samson, Bishop (490-565)
29th St Martha, Virgin (sister of Mary and Lazarus), Memorial
30th St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor (408-450), Optional
31st St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Founder of Jesuits) (1491-1556)
1st Aug St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor (1696-1787) - Founder
Redemptorists, Memorial; The Holy Maccabees - Martyrs
2nd St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (d370); St Stephen I, Pope (254-57)



NEXT WEEK

*Jesus provides food
Is 55:1-3
Ps 144
Rom 8:35.37-39
Matt 14:13-21*

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

TRAGEDY STRIKES! The last nine days have been devastating for us who are part of this wonderful family we identify as being 'our' Sacred Heart Parish. Without in any way wanting to focus unnecessarily on the three events that have dominated our lives these past couple of weeks, I would nonetheless be remiss were I not to express the depth of my heartfelt sorrow and personal hurt that I feel at this time for those who have left us. There are gaps in our midst - an emptiness - a profound sense of loss - three people gone, without warning - that makes me realize just how tenuous our grip on human life really is. While I cannot (and would not ever) attempt to speak for anyone besides myself on a subject as personal and emotional as this, I want everyone to know that I miss John, I miss Monica, and from what I have since learnt about him, I would have missed Ray too had I known him. Great people! Ordinary people! Much loved people! An integral part of my world - and yours! Yes! We will recover! Life will go on! Time will heal the wounds for us. But what about their families? Dear Lord, please help us to assist these brothers and sisters of 'our' family in this, their time of need!

By the way, for those of you who may not know, Monica Van Horen's funeral Mass is to be celebrated at Sacred Heart, Blackheath this coming Tuesday (29th July) starting at 1.00pm. This will be followed by her cremation at Leura Memorial Gardens, perhaps the following day (Wednesday). This will be confirmed at today's Mass.

The intention is for Fr Paul Hanna and myself to concelebrate this Mass with me as the principal celebrant. In that regard, I take this opportunity to personally thank both Fr Paul and Fr Ted Tyler for our joint concelebration at last Wednesday's funeral Mass for John Forster. **R.I.P. John, Ray and Monica!**

THE DAILY GOSPEL YEAR A-2: Fr Ted has asked me to repeat his free offer first mentioned in last week's Bulletin. Produced by Fr Ted, this free e-book for computer or e-reader may be downloaded free of charge, and offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year A-2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It contains the Gospel passages for any A-2 Liturgical Year, together with their respective reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. Approved by the Bishop of Parramatta. Access on www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

A WISE SAYING: Written, I suspect, by Rev. Fr Mark Link S.J. in his Year A "Vision" publication, it goes like this:

**"Lord, help me to realize
that religion is not a list of things to do,
but a person to be followed.
It is not a set of laws to be followed,
But a life of love to be lived."**

DIOCESAN DOINGS: Some time ago, with the departure of our auditor (Anthony Holmes), a head office decision was taken to dramatically change our audit procedures. That policy, thankfully, is now being reversed back to a system we in the parishes can much better cope with. As well, there have been a number of staff appointments and clergy swaps made recently within the Parramatta Diocese.

God Bless! Father Bob

A message from Maria Lindsay via our Parish Facebook page: "Missing Sacred Heart parish very much at the moment - the parish that still feels like home. Sending lots of love to the families of John, Monica and Ray, from Maria, Liliana and Patrick."

Benedictine Spirituality Morning
The next Benedictine Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on **August 1st, 10am till noon.** **Chapter 3 of St Benedict's Toolbox** will be the subject of discussion. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program.
Enquiries:
Srs Therese and Jacinta ~ 4757 2290

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We pray for the repose of the soul
of **Monica Van Horen.**
May her farewell be a time of grace
and healing for the whole family.
R.I.P. Monica.

I FOUND THE TREASURE

Lord, to whom can I go?
You alone speak the words of life.
You alone on the earth
or in heaven above
are my Saviour and my Lord.

**I found the treasure in a field
that neither time nor death can steal.
I will sell what I have,
give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own.**

Jesus, Lord of my life,
I can ask for nothing more
than to see and believe
that my life lies in you,
in the kingdom of my Lord.

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Sacred Heart Care Group

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact Michelle Funnell 4757 2638 if you think we can help.

**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, 29 July, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

~ Reflection ~

A key theme running through the readings of this week's liturgy is treasure, the authentic treasure that comes with true wisdom and a right relationship with God. Isn't it so easy to get caught up with issues that are of little or no consequence and in so doing miss the real treasures in life?... The parable of the dragnet shows that God's kingdom is universal; there is no discrimination. All kinds of people will find their home in the kingdom. The only credentials they need for entry is a relationship of commitment to the Lord supported by a suitable lifestyle...". Dr Laurie Woods

In memoriam: † **Eric Perriam** ~ 28th July
† **Chris Commens** ~ 2nd August and † **Lawrie Smith** ~ 2nd August