TODAY

Acts 12:1-11 ***Peter in prison***
2Timothy 4:6-8.17-18 ***Paul's faith***
Matthew 16:13-19 ***Peter's faith***

Psalm Response:
The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Servers

29 Jun	Bill Grieves
6 Jul	Ray Wood

Readers

29 Jun	1st Reading	Frances Huckstepp
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
6 Jul	1st Reading	Lillis Family
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
	2nd Reading	Lillis Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

29 Jun	Pat Wicks and Michelle Davis
6 Jul	Pat Wicks and Margaret Davis

Counters

29 Jun	Barbara and Bill
6 Jul	Marilyn

Morning Tea

29 Jun	Claire Maguire
6 Jul	George Commens

Church Care

4 Jul	Julie Hodgkinson

Feast of St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

29th June 2014

Sometimes a direct question can bring us to give the right answer, even without much thinking.
This happens to Peter when he acknowledges Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God.
Jesus commends Peter and assures him, and us, that such faith is a gift of God, which will be our rock and strength all the days of our lives.

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

A Vocation View: Be an example of faith to your brothers and sisters; let your faith inspire others to come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 29th June to Saturday 5th July

29th June	Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles, Solemnity
30th	First Martyrs of Rome, optional; St Bertrand, Bishop (533-623)
1st July	St Aaron, OT Jewish Priest (brother of Moses); St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr
2nd	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial;
3rd	St Thomas, Apostle – Feast
4th	St Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen (1271-1336), optional feast
5th	St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest (1502-1539), optional feast

Next Week **Jesus at prayer**
Zech 9:9-10
Psalm 144
Rom 8:9.11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

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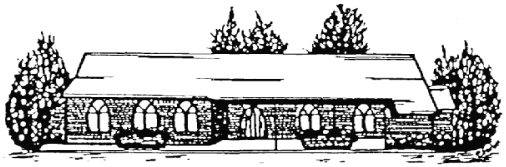

Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

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.

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Thu: 9.00am - 12.00pm
Fri: 3.00pm - 4.00pm
All enquiries regarding Baptisms, 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**

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Today is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Traditionally, an opportunity is extended to all parishioners to contribute to this most worthy cause. All money collected is sent to Pope Francis for his charitable works throughout the world. Because we do not have special envelopes for this purpose, we will have a special leaving collection. Thank you, in advance for your valuable contribution!

APPRECIATION FOR DIOCESAN LISTENING: An interested Medlow Bath resident recently (26th May) sent an email to Bishop Anthony (copies to us and others) in terms which may be of interest to you. His email states: *"A respected pastor once told me something I have thought about many times. In the early church, he said, the function of leadership was to bear witness to the action of God in the community and make decisions based on what the spirit of God was doing within the people of God."* He then went on to say – *"Thanks for the listening that went on to give rise to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. The diocese was listened to, and we hope that as the Plan unfolds, the listening continues."* He then quoted Pope Francis' recent words (5th May) that he also found to be heartening. ***"When the Lord shows us the way, who are we to say, 'No, Lord, it is not prudent! No, let's do it this way'…and Peter in that first diocese – the first diocese was Antioch – makes this decision: 'Who am I to admit impediments?' A nice word for bishops, for priests and for Christians. Who are we to close doors? In the early Church, even today, there is the ministry of the ostiary (usher). And what did the ostiary do? He opened the door, received the people, allowed them to pass. But it was never the ministry of the closed door, never."*** This resident then concluded with this invitation… *"What do you think? It would be great to hear from you busy people."* The Diocese has already responded, in writing, in a very positive way, by making this excerpt statement as part of a broader response, and from which I quote… ***"However, now we begin the harder task of putting into action what we have all spoken about and reflected on, as a Diocese."*** Should **YOU** wish to reply to the comments made in this email as requested by the writer, his email address is…changing.seasons@me.com

PLEASE NOTE: We, in this parish, have been extremely active in developing programmes and practices out of the 'Faith in our Future' Pastoral guidelines given us by Daniel Ang and his Diocesan team. The second of two special extended working sessions was held by us as recently as last Friday evening (27th June) via your Parish Pastoral Council. Our project leader is Dennis Doherty. There is a lot more to come on this subject!

BAPTISM FOR TWO: Following today's 9.30am Mass, at 11.30am, little **Ty and Colby Huckel** are to be baptised at Blackheath. Proud parents, Samantha and Jaycen, are to be congratulated for taking this most important step in the Catholic spiritual development of these two little ones.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday next is **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** with its special annual focus on the plight of these poorest of poor people, and the opportunity for us to assist them through funding and other means.

Saturday next (5th July) 2.30pm at Sacred Heart Blackheath, **Rosana INGRATI** and **Andrew FRIEND**, who both hail from Medlow Bath, are to be married. We extend to them every good wish and God's blessing for a loving, happy and fruitful life together. ***God Bless! Fr Bob***

Cleaner/Assistant Sacristan,
St Mary's Cathedral
St Mary's Cathedral is seeking applications for the role of **Cleaner/Assistant Sacristan**.
This is a full time position based at the St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney CBD.
Further detail about this position is available at
www.catholicjobsonline.com.au
Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by Monday, 7 July 2014.

Philia Portelli for 2nd July
Norma Longmuir for 4th July
Marie Marjanac for 5th July
Kate Forbes for 5th July

A Fundraising event for the Chaplaincy Services at Nepean, Springwood, Blue Mountains and Lithgow Hospitals.

Christmas in July Craft Workshop

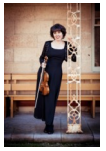
12th July from 2pm
at the Presbyterian Church,
15 Wilson Way, Blaxland.

Get your Christmas craft projects underway nice and early.
There will be a choice of projects, card-making, handmade gifts, or a cute Christmas decoration.
Cost: $15
All materials provided and afternoon tea.
Any further information required call Cathy Gault on 0414 396558

SACRISTY/PARENTS' ROOM
The Sacristy, which contains a few toys, is available for parents to use when your young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. Thank you for making the effort of bringing these littlies to Mass with you.

Winter Fascination

An afternoon of music to warm your soul!



TODAY at 2.00pm
Blackheath Uniting Church,
Govett's Leap Road.

Maria Lindsay - Violin
Matthew Brooks - Piano

Program
BEETHOVEN: ***Sonata op. 12 no. 3***
BEETHOVEN: ***Sonata op. 24 "Spring"***
DEBUSSY: ***Sonata for Violin and Piano***
ARENSKY: ***Four Pieces***
KREISLER: ***Romance, Schön Rosmarin, Tambourin Chinois***

(Enquiries: 0405 393 281)

Sacred Heart Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need.
Please contact Michelle Funnell on 4757 2638.

Join our online community at Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath.

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Annual Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows: The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 13th July** at **St Mary's Cathedral**, Sydney, at 10.30am. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Peter Comensoli. Couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year or who have been married recently are particularly encouraged to attend. Please register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9390 5290 or lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Bishop Comensoli.

In memoriam: † **James Johnston** ~ 1st July; † **Anne Forbes** ~ 3rd July
† **Paddy Schmude** ~ 4th July; and † **Paul Zielinski** ~ 4th July