

TODAY

Isaiah 55:1-3 Listen and live
Romans 8:35.37-39 God's love triumphs
Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus provides food

Psalm Response
The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia!
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No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Eighteenth Sunday Year A

3rd August 2014

Jesus is saddened at John the Baptist's death and feels the need to be alone. When the people catch up with him, he does not send them away but heals them. His compassionate love reaches out to others and he provides a meal for them from five loaves and two fish. Jesus can do great things with us too, if we give the little we have.

Servers

3 Aug Jan Roberts
10 Aug Diane Stewart

Readers

3 Aug 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Lillis Family
10 Aug 1st Reading David Buckley
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

3 Aug Monica and Brian Bright
10 Aug Margaret Davis and Elizabeth Doolan

Counters

3 Aug Barbara and Bill
10 Aug Marilyn

Morning Tea

3 Aug Jan Roberts
10 Aug Margaret Davis

Church Care

15 Aug Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

A Vocation View: "Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant."
Trust God's promise.
God nourishes us abundantly.

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;
Junko Odawa, Irene Peacock and Roma Ziolkowski.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th August

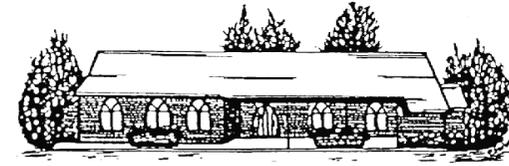
3rd St Nicodemus Pharisee, Martyr;
St Lydia Purpuraria (St Paul's 1st convert at Phillipi)
4th St John Vianney, Cure of Ars, Priest & Patron of Priests, Memorial
5th St Dominic, Priest, Founder (1170-1221), Memorial
6th Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast
7th Dedication of St Mary Major, Patriarchal Church, Rome (c432)
8th St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842-1909), Solemnity
(Virgin, Religious), Patron of Australia
9th St Julian, Martyr (d730), Feast



Next Week

Lord! Save me!
1 Kings 19:9.11-13
Ps 84:9-14
Acts 2:1-6, 14
Matthew 14:22-33

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
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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

SACRED HEART PARISH BROCHURE: At last! Presented on the pews, for you to take, are copies of our first Parish Brochure. We have had 4,000 copies printed at a total cost of \$808.50. As part of our evangelisation programme, these brochures are intended for distribution to every Catholic and non-Catholic household in our Blackheath Parish, courtesy of Australia Post - obviously, on a paid delivery basis. The final cost is presently being renegotiated from original quotes dating back over two years. Additional copies are intended to be allocated to every accommodation house in our area, the Community Centre, shops (particularly those that are tourist-related), service stations and other distribution points deemed appropriate including, of course, our three churches.

First conceived prior to my appointment here, Adrian Carroll came up with the basic concept. He and I took it to another level. Much time passed without any noticeable progress being made, mainly due to other more pressing commitments in the operation of our Parish, including funding. Then, this year through our Parish Council, Brian Bright accepted the challenge. The result of his effort is in front of you. Congratulations to Brian, Adrian, the various Parish Councils and councillors who have been so patient with the numerous delays we have experienced in this matter these past five years. I remind everyone that out of a declared Blackheath Parish Catholic population of over 1,100 people, we presently attract to our Sunday and Vigil Masses no more than 10% of that figure. There is considerable scope, therefore, for us to improve on those attendances, to bring back to Christ those other 90% of Catholics we never see. Prayerfully, our brochure will help us to reverse the present situation. Add to this our increasing presence in our two regional Catholic Colleges with the Blackheath area students attending those colleges, and our evangelisation efforts should produce increased attendances. So, please, support us in our effort to achieve that goal.

MOSUL: Last week, one of the Prayers of the Faithful related to the expulsion/death of the last Christian from Mosul. The number expelled/killed was over 30,000. Not one Christian remains! So, for the first time in over two thousand years, Christianity has been eliminated from Iraq's biblical "great city of Nineveh" following the uncompromising ultimatum by the Jihadists of Isis to convert or die. Many did die! I quote from Zenit "... **Before pitilessly exiling the Christians on foot, Isis stole everything they had - homes, businesses, cars, money and even wedding rings, sometimes with the ring fingers attached. Churches have all been destroyed, shuttered or turned into mosques. Even before the arrival of Isis, targeted persecution of Iraq's Christians, who still pray in Aramaic, the language of Jesus, was ignored. Iraq is now a disintegrating failed state. The only people who have successfully withstood Isis are the Kurdish Peshmerga forces. (They) have been generously offering safe haven to Mosul's fleeing Christians.**" This is a huge humanitarian problem that requires urgent help from all in the West, including us through our prayers and material assistance.

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK: St John Vianney (4/8), the Transfiguration of the Lord (6/8), St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (8/8) - Australia's first saint - are especially celebrated this week. Mass times are as normal!

God Bless! Father Bob

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA REPORT

A report by nine major Christian Churches has labelled the detention of unaccompanied children in processing camps and centres as state sponsored child abuse.

The 'Protecting the Lonely Children' report was prepared by nine churches that make up the Council. It looks at claims of physical, sexual and psychological abuse suffered by unaccompanied minors in detention. It includes allegations of sexual assault of a teenage boy on Nauru and self-harm including children on Christmas Island banging their heads and biting themselves.

BRIGID ARTHUR, SISTER, VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

As a nation we are actually condoning the fact that we imprison kids and adults, for that matter, but kids for an indefinite length of time. That seems to be abusive and it is state sanctioned.

The Council of Churches report also calls for the office of the Immigration Minister to relinquish the role of guardian for unaccompanied minors saying the Minister can't be both carer and jailer.



Kevin Madden ~ 92 today
Mary Forster for 6th August
Margie Crawford for 6th August

Happy 35th Anniversary
Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
for 4th August

AFTERNOON CAPERS: Wednesday 6th August at 12pm at Brown's Siding, Medlow Bath. All welcome. If you need a lift, please let Diane know.

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

We are in desperate need of another Administrator for our Facebook page. If you have any knowledge about Facebook or would like to learn, we need YOU! Please contact Diana Lansberg after Mass if you can help.

Living the Gospel – Grieving John

The passage begins with Jesus receiving the news of his cousin, John the Baptist's death. In response, Jesus immediately withdraws to a lonely place where he can be alone with his disciples. His response to this terrible news is to take time out. He wants to go away to a quiet, lonely place to pray and grieve. He doesn't just take the news in his stride and carry on regardless; he steps back from the busy-ness of life to mourn. It's a lesson for us in times of stress and grief: the response Jesus models is to take time to grieve the loss. (Liturgyhelp)



In memoriam: Catherine Miles ~ 4th August; Cath Pilkington ~ 4th August; Larry Smith ~ 4th August; Madge Carey ~ 6th August; Flo Gillette ~ 7th August; Maurie Byron ~ 7th August; and William Frazer ~ 9th August.