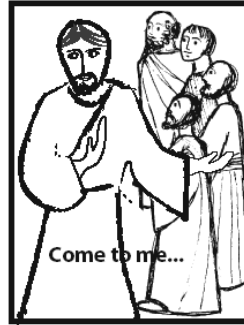


TODAY

Zechariah 9:9-10 King of peace
Romans 8:9.11-13 Spirit in you
Matthew 11:25-30 Jesus at prayer

Psalm Response
I will praise
Your name
for ever,
my King
and
my God.

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, Alleluia ...



**Fourteenth Sunday
Year A**

6th July 2014

In trust and simplicity
we hear the word of God.
If we think we know it all,
the word passes over us
and we don't hear it.
In the depths of our
hearts, we are all equal.
If we nestle in the heart
of Jesus, we will come to
know him and the Father
too. Our souls will find
refreshment and know
the gentleness of the
heart of God.

Servers

6 Jul Ray Wood
13 Jul Diane Stewart

Readers

6 Jul 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Lillis Family
13 Jul 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

6 Jul Pat Wicks and Margaret Davis
13 Jul Christa and David Buckley

Counters

6 Jul Marilyn
13 Jul Laurie

Morning Tea

6 Jul George Commens
13 Jul Frances Huckstepp

Church Care

18 Jul To be advised

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.

Vocation view: Many people are weary and find life burdensome.
God could be calling you to bring comfort, encouragement and refreshment to others.
Trust that Jesus can work through you. You can make a difference.

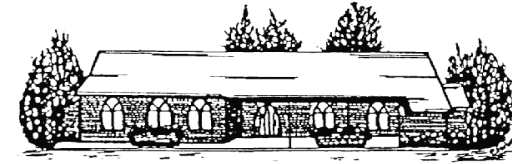
Next
Week
**Hear
and
Understand**
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 64
Romans
8:18-23
Matthew
13:1-23



Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th July

6th St Isaiah, Prophet & Martyr (668BC-770BC)
7th St Willibald, Bishop (c700-C786)
8th St Grinibald, Abbot (d903)
9th St Veronica Guiliiani, Virgin (1660-1727)
10th St Ulric, Bishop (890-973); Sts Secunda & Rufina, Virgins & Martyr (d260)
11th St Benedict, Abbot (c480-547), Memorial
12th Sts Nabor & Felix, Martyrs (d303)

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

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: Today is the one day of the year when we especially focus our attention on those people I described last week as being *"the poorest of the poor"*, the opportunities that presents to us to do something positive to alleviate their sometimes desperate situations.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) represents Indigenous Catholics in Australia. I can do no better than to quote that when it says *"...The culture, circumstances and the variety of ways that our people celebrate the Word of the Lord form a 'patchwork' of beauty and diversity, NATSICC wants to highlight and promote these gifts as they add colour and texture to the Church - serving to open her doors to people of all backgrounds. The theme of the resource this year is "Praise to you, Lord of Heaven and Earth".* A range of print material encompassing their unique Catholic way of life has been supplied to us and will be used during this Mass. I conclude with a statement by Deacon Boniface Perdjert, Wadeye NT when he says *"... Deep down, we Aborigines are religious people. We did not have many material goods, but we are rich with spiritual goods. It is this strong religious side that made us. It gave us our identity, our dignity, our self-assurance. My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time, God was with my people. He worked through their culture. He was saving us despite our human weakness. He was preparing us for the day we would see the features of Aborigines in the image of His Son."* So, let us acknowledge their past and current presence among us, and support them in every possible way.

PARISH DINNER: At time of penning this report (Wednesday), we still have a couple of days to go before our **Annual Parish Dinner for 2014** is to be held. So far, we have 60 starters (48 last year). Pat Drummond is again carrying the entertainment banner, supported by a number of talented locals and the same great food and beverage.



Arranged once again by Marilyn and Patricia plus the other skilled support staff, we will again have held this event in our own parish hall. Should be a wonderful, fun-filled, memorable evening! Congratulations everyone, in advance.

COLLECTIONS: Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the just held Peter's Pence collection. The total amount raised was \$179.75 (\$158.90 last year). I haven't seen any figures for the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. Perhaps someone may let us know in due course. Whatever the amount, thank you for your generosity.


ANOTHER WEDDING! As foreshadowed last week, yesterday afternoon Medlow Bath locals **Rosana INGRATI** and **Andrew FRIEND** were married here in our Sacred Heart Blackheath Church. May they, now joined, and their two families, enjoy the fullness of a loving life lived together in God's love, among us.

YOU NEVER KNOW! A couple of weeks ago (Wednesday 25 June), a funeral service was held in Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath for local Catholic resident, one **Steven UHL**, attended by family, relatives and friends. Burial took place in Blackheath Cemetery. For those with long memories, thought you might like to know that Steven ran Sydney's premier "Chequers" and "Whiskey A-Go-Go" Night Clubs in their heyday in the 50s and 60s. The Days of Shirley Bassey, Sammy Davis Jr, etc.


God Bless! Fr Bob

OFFICE HOURS: Please note that due to school holidays, the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday, 9th July, between 10am and 2pm.

Happy Birthday
Christine Burke for 7th July
Michelle Davis for 7th July
Robyn Carroll for 10th July

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.

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.

NOTICE BOARD 
Lots of information is included in the "Bulletin Notices for Sunday" which you can read, attached to our Notice Board outside the church. Take a look!

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, 29th July, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

ADULT CONFIRMATION
Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate Adult Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 9 September at 7.30pm.
This is not a celebration for those who would normally take part in the RCIA process. This is a community celebration for those who have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. **The Office of Worship will hold an evening of catechesis and formation for all candidates.** This will be **on Friday 5 September between 7-9pm** in the Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. There will be a light supper available on arrival. Further information is available from either Fr Bob or the Parish Office.

In memoriam
Annie Cecilia Smith ~ 6th July; **Cecily O'Brien** ~ 9th July;
Margaret Hudson ~ 11th July and **Maureen Taylor** whose anniversary occurs at this time.