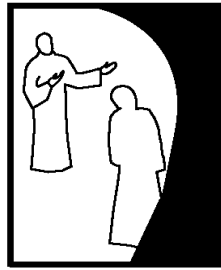


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*Ezekiel 33:7-9 Personal responsibility
Romans 13:8-10 Love cannot harm
Matthew 18:15-20 Seek to reconcile*

Psalm Response
If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!



**Twenty Third Sunday
Year A**

7th September 2014

A judgemental attitude towards others never promotes love and harmony.

We can all feel hurt and offended at times, but if we approach that person with kindness rather than anger, there is more chance of peaceful reconciliation. Jesus asks us to do all we can to promote love, peace and tolerance, and he assures us that he will be there among us with his support and encouragement.

ROSTERS

Servers

7 Sep Jan Roberts
14 Sep Diane Stewart

Readers

7 Sep 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Brian Bright
14 Sep 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves

Ministers of the Eucharist

7 Sep Christa and David Buckley
14 Sep Jan Roberts and Michelle Davis

Counters

7 Sep Robyn and Adrian
14 Sep Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

7 Sep Carla Endean
14 Sep Michelle Funnell

Church Care

12 Sep Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Next Week: **God's only Son** Numbers 21:4-9;
Psalm 77 Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Please remember in your prayers: Siobhan Atkin; Tony Bland; Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford; Anthony Gilchrist; Fr Kevin Hay; Craig Huckstepp; Kenneth Kirkham; Barry Leeder; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Junko Odawa & Roma Ziolkowski.

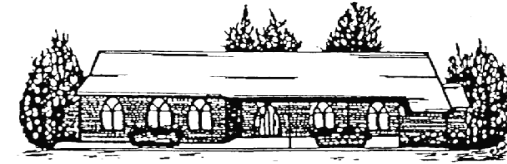
Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th September

7th St Regina, Virgin/Martyr (d251)
8th Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast
9th St Peter Claver, Priest (1580-1654), Optional
10th St Nicholas of Tolentine, Priest (1245-1305)
11th St Adelphus, Bishop (5th Century)
12th Holy Name of Mary - Optional
13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor, Memorial (c344-407)



In
memoriam
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**Ray
Thomas**
8th
September

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, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.
e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com

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

FATHERS' DAY: Today is that one day each year when we take time out to formally recognise and show our appreciation for the unique person that our fathers are in our lives. Mostly we just take their presence among us for granted, including all the odd jobs they do around the home. On this day, every family has the opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to our Dads for the love and support they give to each of us. **God bless our Dads!**

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS AND CLERGY: The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year we reached this amount and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held today.

While the normal first and second collections will remain unchanged, a special third collection will be taken this weekend at each Mass after the Gospel, and before the homily. Also, during the collection a short video relating to this topic will be shown. Special envelopes are available in front of you on the pews and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope.

Should you wish, you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2015. Thank you for your generosity.

Note: Your donation will significantly help our 25 Parramatta retired clergy comprised of 2 Bishops, 21 priests and 2 Deacons. Last financial year, the Foundation spent about \$600,000 caring for the needs of these retired priests. So, thank you for caring, and thank you for helping!

NEW BEGINNING FOR WILCANNIA-FORBES: After years of uncertainty about its future, the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes welcomed one of its own as its new Bishop. The Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE as the new Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes took place recently in Parkes. The Principal Ordaining Bishop was His Excellency, The Most Reverend Paul Gallagher, the Apostolic Nuncio in Australia. 30 Bishops were present at the ordination, including a past Administrator of that Diocese, our own retired Most Reverend Kevin Manning DD. Bishop Columba was born in Forbes and worked as a priest in the nearby Wagga Wagga Diocese.

SIGN OF PEACE: Vatican instructions issued on August 25 this year have just been relayed to me. Among other requirements, they do not allow for "the departure of the priest from the altar in order to give the sign of peace to some of the faithful". Sorry about that!

Finally, there will be a special blessing for fathers at the conclusion of today's Mass!
God Bless! Father Bob



*Happy Father's Day to all the Dads in our Community.
May your day be blest knowing how much you are
cherished in your homes and in our Parish.*

Happy Birthday
Michelle Funnell for today
Lance Hodgkinson for 8th September
Ron Walsh for 12th September

94th Annual Flower and Craft Show
Blackheath Community Centre
Saturday 13 Sept ~ 12:00pm-5:00pm
Sunday 14 Sept ~ 8:30am-3:00pm

Come along and enjoy a wonderful display of flowers, floral arrangements, photographs, cooking and craft work; listen to local choir performances, check out the artists in residence, purchase well-priced plants from the plant stall and participate in various garden related mini-workshops. Enter your exhibits into the show on Friday 12 September 3:00pm-8:00pm. Children are invited to enter artworks, photographs, crafts, floral arrangements and sculptures as well!

Show Schedule details are available at www.blackheathdhs.com
Enquiries: 0405 393 281 or 4787 5859
Julie O'Keeffe on behalf of the Blackheath and District Horticulture Society Inc.

Catalyst Reflection Morning
The next Reflection Morning will take place on **Saturday 20th September** in the parish hall 10am-1pm.
Fr Michael Whelan sm, Director of Catalyst for Renewal, will lead the morning:
"Learning to know when you're done with School".
All most welcome, entry by donation, no need to book and morning tea provided.
Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

The Heart of Our Believing

Composer: Kevin Bates sm
(Our Parish Song)

Our mountain air is breathing
A spirit of its own,
Like God's own breath creating
The Dreaming of our home.
We hold in trust the memories
Of many thousand years,
Of families who have blessed us
Beyond our story here.

**God whose heart we know so well,
Keep showing us your Dreaming!
Your mercy be our faithful song
The heart of our believing.**

Now gathered round this story
Of Word made flesh on earth,
We ponder on the mystery,
And give the Word new birth.
We stand before the table
Where Jesus, Living Bread,
Gives taste to God's own passion
That hungry hearts be fed.

The joyful and the gentle,
The wounded and the free,
Can find a home among us
All hearts will welcome be.
So God of all our memory
Refresh our hope today,
When future dreams creating
We breathe your Word always.

HOME MASS will be celebrated at the home of Louise & Laurie Noyes, 8 Days Crescent, Blackheath on Wednesday, 10th Sept, at 7.30pm.
Celebrant Father Isaac Koi.
All welcome.



Join our online community at
Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath.