

TODAY

Wisdom 7:7-11 Spirit of wisdom
Hebrews 4:12-13 God's word alive
Mark 10:17-30 How to find life?

Psalm Response

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

11th October 2015

The author of the book of Wisdom says that he esteemed wisdom more than gold and riches; and that, praying for wisdom, he received all good things.

When our hearts are set on earthly riches, we become hardened to the things of the Spirit.

With a loving look, Jesus invites us to seek first the kingdom of God, then to follow him and our hearts will be at peace.

ROSTERS

Servers

11 Oct Diane Stewart
18 Oct Bill Grieves

Readers

11 Oct 1st Reading John Woodward
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Dominic Burke Family
18 Oct 1st Reading Monica Bright
2nd Reading Brian Bright
Intercessions Patricia Dee

Ministers of the Eucharist

11 Oct Monica and Brian Bright
18 Oct Ray Wood and Diana Landsberg

Counters

11 Oct Barbara and Bill
18 Oct Marilyn

Morning Tea

11 Oct Michelle Funnell
18 Oct George Commens

Church Care

23 Oct Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

Weekly Collections

(Week ending 4th October)

1st Collection \$335.10

2nd Collection \$653.70

Thank you! ☺

St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

In memoriam: † **Eileen Smith** ~ 16th October and † **Tony Van Horen** ~ 17th October.

Feast Days for this week! Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th October

11th Oct Blessed John XXIII Pope (1881-1963)
12th Oct Our Lady of the Pillar - Spanish Feast
Sts Cyprian, Felix and Companions - Martyrs (d484)
14th Oct St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr (d222)
St Canice - Irish Saint (516-560)
15th Oct St Teresa of Avila - Virgin Doctor (1515-1582) Memorial
16th Oct St Margaret Mary Alacique, Virgin (1647-1690) Optional
17th Oct St Ignatius of Antioch Bishop and Martyr (d108) Memorial

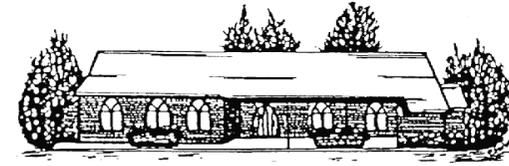


St Callistus

Next Week Life given for all

Is 53:10-11
Psalm 32
Heb 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

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:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
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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, 3rd and 5th 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 Dennis Doherty (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

LAST SUNDAY'S CAKE, ARTS & CRAFTS STALL: Despite lower Mass attendances due to the rugby league grand final being held that day, almost all stock was sold. Even yours truly managed to do some damage with cakes and biscuits. It was like piranhas at work once I introduced them to my family. The amount raised was \$575. Sue Gracey and her 'team' once again excelled in the quality/quantity of goods produced. Huge thanks to everyone involved for the extra effort to make this another great success.

SPECIAL SAINT'S FEAST DAY: Today (11 October) is the second annual feast day of Pope Saint John XXIII. Please pray for him, and through him for us! Also note that Pope Saint John Paul II's feast day falls Thursday week (22 October).

THE HSC BEGINS: Spare a thought and a prayer this week for our HSC students. Their challenges begin tomorrow and will continue for the next couple of weeks.

WALLY THE WANDERING WOMBAT: I have a tale to tell about the Upper Blue Mountains fauna and our periodic involvement with them. Early last year, for example, I opened the presbytery garage door only to find a 2.5 metre black snake giving me a cold eye from a distance of about one metre in the garage. I hoofed it down the long driveway while the snake went the other way. I never saw IT again! Next came a wombat at St Joseph's Church down in Megalong Valley. The poor thing died under the church. As no one volunteered to remove it, we saturated the church interior with Glen 20 for the next five or six weeks prior to the celebration of each Mass. However, I do have to report that attendances were down during this period. Finally, came the coup de grâce! Six years ago, termites attacked St Paul's Church at Mt Victoria. We had that fixed at a cost of about \$5,500. This time we need assistance on a bigger scale, and I do mean 'bigger'. Late last year, we noticed a large hole develop behind but close to the church. We covered that! Then we found another big hole behind the stone steps under the church. We filled that in then covered it with stones. We wrongly thought that an obviously large wombat had come from next door to adopt us. Then, a couple of months ago, at the other end of the church exterior, a large cavity in the ground appeared under one of the recently replaced down pipes. We then knew that this wombat we have never seen had tunnelled under the church. Then came the breakthrough! At last! We found a massive (one metre across) hole at the highway end of our own very long property near the church entrance sign. We now think that this wombat has brought his entire family with him/her. Not sure how much tunnelling has been done but, to give you an idea, the distance from the main tunnel entrance to the church is over one hundred metres. Not sure about the others. What now? Well, we're asking the Taronga Zoo people for help. As this is the oldest Catholic Church in the Blue Mountains, we do not want to lose it, especially not courtesy of a wombat infestation. Any ideas out there?

God Bless! Father Bob

Please pray for those who are ill and their carers: **Siobhan Atkin; Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farndon; James Ford; Ken Kirkham; Norma Longmuir; Frank Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Cathy Salier and Frances Slater.**

From the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Media Release on International Day of the Girl Child: "Addressing this issue, Bishop Peter Ingham, Bishop Delegate to the Council for Australian Catholic Women said, 'As a community of faith we have a responsibility to ensure that the rights of the girl child are upheld as much as those of boys. The equal dignity and worth of all human beings is a value that we see throughout the gospels in the way Jesus treated women and girls. In the Gospel of Mark (5:4-1) for example we see Jesus raising up a little girl from the dead. 'Talitha kum' Jesus says, 'Little girl, rise up.' We know that when we raise up girls and give them the same opportunities as their brothers, whole communities are transformed."



International Day of the Girl Child
11 October



The United Nations' International Day of the Girl Child promotes girls' human rights, highlights gender inequalities that remain between girls and boys and addresses the various forms of discrimination and abuse suffered by girls around the world.

- * **Over 60 million girls worldwide are forced into marriage before the age of 18.**
- * **125 million girls and women worldwide have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C).**
- * **1.2 million children are being trafficked each year – many of these children are girls forced into sex trafficking.**
- * **Pregnancy is the leading cause of death worldwide for women aged 15 to 19.**
- * **Literacy rates for girls in many countries remain low – just 12% of Afghan women aged 15 and over are literate.**

From the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Mediablog - <https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new/1744-international-day-of-the-girl-child>

A very busy Community ... a reminder of what is happening

Stand Up for Refugees Rally:

Today 2.00pm-3.30pm
Sydney Town Hall

<http://www.bmrsg.org.au/events/stand-up-for-refugees-rally-break-the-silence/>

Mental Health 1st Aid Workshops

Monday & Tuesday 12 - 13 October
Monday & Tuesday 2 - 3 November

Laudate Si ...

On Care for our Common Home

Tuesday 27 October
Catholic Club, Lidcombe

Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday 22 November

Nominations for membership of Parish Pastoral Council still open

FULL DETAILS ON THE GLASS PARISH NOTICE BOARD.

Happy 70th Anniversary
Barbara & Charles Hodgkinson
for 16th October

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL

Blackheath Reflection Morning
Saturday 17th Oct

10am-1pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Topic: Honest to God Prayer

Presented by **Carol Teodori**

Entry by donation. No need to book.

Morning tea provided.

Enq: Carmen Vanny - 4787 8706.



Fashions by the Pgw

Being held in the Parish Hall on 1st Nov. Donations of good quality clothing being accepted now.

Ladies, can you spare some time on Friday 30th October at 2pm to help sort, or Saturday 31st from 11am to help set up in preparation for the big day? Just come along if you can help.

If the office is closed, you can leave clothes in the church.

Thanks in anticipation.



~ Happy 75th Birthday Father Paul Hanna for 14th October ~