

Amos 7:12-15 God sent me  
 Ephesians 1:3-14 God chose us  
 Mark 6:7-13 The Twelve sent

**Psalm Response:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**  
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

**Servers**

12 July Jan Roberts  
 19 July Michelle Davis

**Readers**

12 July 1st Reading David Buckley  
 2nd Reading John Woodward  
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
 19 July 1st Reading Christa Buckley  
 2nd Reading Christine Helby  
 Intercessions Dominic Burke/family

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

12 July Ray Wood and Elizabeth Doolan  
 19 July David Buckley and Diana Landsberg

**Counters**

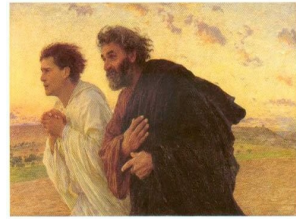
12 July Marilyn  
 19 July Laurie

**Morning Tea**

12 July George Commens  
 19 July Claire Maguire

**Church Care**

17th July Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Sunday 12th July**

Amos was a very reluctant prophet, but the Lord called him, and he could not resist, despite himself. Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs to spread the Good News, and because they were inspired by Jesus, they were effective in their preaching. Jesus works in and through us if we respond to his call. God has chosen each one of us to praise his glory.

*Next Week: Teaching the flock*

*Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22 Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34*

**This week's Feast Days  
 Sunday 12th - Saturday 18th July**

- 12th Sts Nabor & Felix, Martyrs (d303)
- 13th St Henry II, Emperor - optional (973-1024)  
 St Charbel Makhlouf, Monk (1828-98)
- 14th St Camillus de Lillis, Priest (1550-1614)
- 15th St Bonaventure, Bishop, Cardinal, Doctor (1218-74);  
 St Vladimir of Kiev, King
- 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 17th Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne
- 18th St Pambo (d375)



St Bonaventure

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

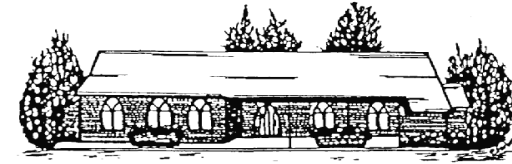
**Entrance Antiphon**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
 I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Communion Antiphon**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

# 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  
**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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**“DON’T MESS WITH MARRIAGE”:** Last week the Catholic Bishops of Australia produced a Pastoral Letter to all Australians on the “Same-sex Marriage” Debate. Copies of that letter were made available to every parishioner in booklet format last week. They will again be available today at the entrances to the church. I put it to you that this is a battle that every family has to win, OR, see the value of their unique, most intimate of all personal relationships greatly depreciated by the broadening of the meaning of your marriage in our society. This is not about a simple name change, or a sharing of the same name in your relationship with another; it IS all about imparting a whole new meaning to all (then) marriage relationships. Marriage is, to me, a lifetime commitment by two people - one a male, the other, a female - who live together as a single unit to reproduce their species - children! This is no easy achievement! The begetting of a child or children, and their rearing into mature, self-sufficient adults requires the life-long, dedicated and loving commitment of the two parents. Marriage, real marriage, is no soft option, and its primary definition is focussed around that function. Same-sex so-called “marriages” cannot satisfy that need. Therefore, those ‘couples’ have to rely upon other surrogates to complete at least half of the reproductive function for them should they so choose. Genetically, that opens up a whole series of other possible complications for the same-sex couples. So, I invite you to say “no” to this proposal.

Not canvassed in the Catholic Bishops’ “Don’t Mess With Marriage” booklet is what to do next! That question is answered on a “Fight for Marriage” article that you will find printed on an A4 sheet placed next to the Bishops’ Booklets at each of the three entrances to the church. Additionally, a copy will be displayed on the Notice Board.

**SEA SUNDAY:** Today is also Sea Sunday - that one day each year when we are encouraged to support those engaged in the transportation of both goods and people around the globe. Over 1.2 million seafarers are currently employed in this work, worldwide! The issues that confront seafarers are not confined to transporting goods to Australia, but they also carry exported goods from Australia to the world as well. Seafarers are important for our economy and our balance of payments. Seafarers are not a number. They are not a commodity. They are people who spend much of their lives at sea, away from their homes and families, accommodated mostly in cramped quarters working long shifts. Contrary to popular belief, most are not well paid. Improving technology means that these seafarers spend very little time in ports these days because of the very short turn-around times that apply. The theme for today’s Sea Sunday is “THE STELLA MARIS GLOBAL FAMILY”, in which the Apostleship of the Sea is the Catholic Church’s evangelisation response to both male and female seafarers working on vessels throughout the world. There will be a leaving collection today for all who want to contribute to this most worthy cause.

**GROUND MAINTENANCE “TEAM”:** Well I have never seen a ‘bone’ stripped so bare, so quickly! All that timber from those trees cut down late last week into convenient lengths for transportation; they’re gone! Every last one of them! Must have taken about a day! Thanks, everyone! By relieving us of them, you have solved a problem for both of us!

**ANOTHER BAPTISM:** Here, at 11.30 this morning, following Mass, little **Cian Linehan** is to be baptised into our Catholic faith. Proud parents, Joanne and Bill, plus relatives and friends will be here to welcome Cian into God’s family, of whom you and I are the welcoming locals. Congratulations to everyone involved!  
*God Bless! Father Bob*

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL ‘THANK YOU’:** A big thank you from Vinnies Blackheath Conference for the generosity of the people of Sacred Heart Blackheath, who donated \$1,322.70 to the Vinnies’ Winter Appeal. This money will be gratefully used to ease the hardship suffered by so many. Thank You.  
*Pamela Nash, President - St Vincent de Paul Society Blackheath Conference.*

**FULFILLING INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR SKILLED VOLUNTEERS:** Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer. For more information, please contact [christine@palms.org.au](mailto:christine@palms.org.au) or call 02 9518 9551.

**JULY COSMOLOGY MORNING:** This month’s Cosmology gathering will be held on **Friday 17th July** from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The morning will include morning prayer and silent time, discussion of Chs. 9 & 10 of “The Cosmic Mystique” and morning tea. The theme of the quiet meditation period will be “Enjoying the Winter Sun”. All are welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290.

**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU:** If you (or someone close to you) have suffered ANY abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. You can contact us tel (02) 9933 0233, email [safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au) or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information, please visit: [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au) For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct, we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO DAVE HARRIS FOR TODAY!**

*Bulletin online? Email the office [shbheath2@bigpond.com](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)*

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell and also their carers:  
**Siobhan Atkin; Alma Birrell; Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans;  
Anne Farindon; James Ford; Robert Graham; Fr Kevin Hay; Kenneth Kirkham;  
Frank Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Ron O’Brien; Cathy Salier & Frances Slater.**

In memoriam:  
**John Forster ~ 12th July; Keith Malkin ~ 18th July;  
Fr Alex Sciberras ~ 18th July; and Ray Lee ~ 18th July.**