

Proverbs 9:1-6 Come and eat
Ephesians 5:15-20 Always thank God
John 6:51-58 Living bread

Psalm Response

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Servers

16 Aug Ray Wood
 23 Aug Jan Roberts

Readers

16 Aug 1st Reading David Buckley
 2nd Reading Christa Buckley
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 23 Aug 1st Reading Christine Helby
 2nd Reading Claire Maguire
 Intercessions John Woodward

Ministers of the Eucharist

16 Aug Michelle Davis and Robert Forbes
 23 Aug Elizabeth Doolan and Diana Landsberg

Counters

16 Aug Robyn and Adrian
 23 Aug Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

16 Aug Jan Roberts
 23 Aug Pamela Scott and Elizabeth Doolan

Church Care

28 August Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Next Week: Holy One of God Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
 Psalm 33 Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared. (Proverbs 9:5)

Feast Days for this week! (Sunday 16th - Saturday 22nd August 2015)

Sunday St Stephen, King (977-1038), Optional
 Br Roger Schutz, Anglican, Taize Founder (1915-2005)
 Monday St Clare of Montefalco, Virgin, Abbess (1268-1308)
 Tuesday St Helena – Widow (250-330), Mother of Constantine
 (Roman Emperor)
 Wednesday St John Eudes, Priest (1601-1680), Optional
 Thursday St Bernard, Founder, Abbot, Doctor (1090-1153), Memorial
 Friday St Pius X, Pope (1835-1914), Memorial;
 Our Lady of Knock, Irish Feast (1879)
 Saturday Queenship of Mary (Instituted 1955), Memorial



St John Eudes

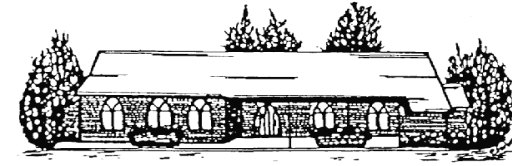


**Twentieth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Year B**

16th August 2015

The Book of Wisdom invites us to 'walk in the ways of perception'. We grow in perception when we partake of Jesus' body and blood. We live in him and he lives in us. He is with us in all our troubles, large and small. His presence may not always be felt, but we will draw life from him, and always and everywhere give thanks to God our Father.

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

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine. The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' - right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.' Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the body was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, blood was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body... this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated blood or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ... take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.' We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection. *(Liturgyhelp)*

EMERGENCIES: Should you have an urgent need for the services of a priest during Fr Bob's absence, please phone Fr Ted Tyler (Katoomba) on 4782 2804 or Fr Paul Slyney (Lawson) on 4759 1034 or (Springwood) on 4754 1052.

"THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU."
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Is this true for you?

- I want to express my faith by assisting others to discover the truths contained in the Bible.
- My trust in the Spirit's presence, when I encounter times of personal crisis, is a source of strength for others.
- I feel compelled to learn as much as I can about my faith.



If you would like a copy of our bulletin online, please email the Office - shbheath2@bigpond.com

We've got the next Just Because Dinner coming up on 27 August at the Gardners Inn at 6.30pm. They have a Thursday night's \$10 meal special which I tested last month with a favourable result. *(Carmen)*

"Just because ..."
at Blackheath

On Sunday 30 August, we shall be celebrating the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The theme for this year's celebration is: **Church without frontiers, Mother to all.**
Over many decades our country has been blessed through the arrival of refugees and migrants from many different countries. Some have arrived after fleeing persecution and hardship in their country of birth, others through simple attraction to our shores - the overall dream of making a better life for themselves and their loved ones - here in Australia.
Our Liturgy and Ministry group is looking to celebrate the many gifts brought to us by those in our community who are refugees or migrants. It is also an opportunity for us to look at some of the social justice issues that confront us in today's world of refugees and people smuggling.
As part of our Liturgy, we will have the Intercessional Prayers read in different languages (words in English will be on the screen). We thank those who have offered to lead us in their own native tongue. To continue our celebration after Mass, we are also planning to make morning tea that day (in the hall) an international event - hopefully with a guest speaker from the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group to talk to us about some of the current issues facing migrants and refugees in Australia today.

2015/16 Envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the Church. Thank you to all parishioners who contribute each week. If you would like to order a set of envelopes, or are missing a set, the Office has plenty available.

FASHIONS BY THE PEW:
Being held in the Parish Hall on 1st November, we are now looking for donations of good quality clothing which can be sold. Monies raised will support our charity and care groups. Now is a good time to start clearing out our wardrobes!



Millie Robb
for 19th August

New Liturgical Ministers Rosters are available at the back of the Church. With some parishioners away for the next month, you may be called upon for additional 'duties'.
Thank you in advance.

Cosmology Spirituality Morning: The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on **Friday, 21 August** 10am till noon. Chapters 9 & 10 of 'The Cosmic Mystique' will be the subject of discussion. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. Enq: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

PHOENIX CHOIR SCHUBERT & MOZART
Schubert Mass No.2 in G Major
Phillips Hall, Blackheath 7pm, Friday, 21 August and
St Hilda's Anglican Church, Katoomba 4pm Saturday 22 August
More details at www.phoenixchoir.org.au

Please pray for those who are ill and their carers:
Siobhan Atkin
Michael Cooper
Leslie Dee
Neal Evans
Anne Farindon
James Ford
Robert Graham
Fr Kevin Hay
Ken Kirkham
Norma Longmuir
Frank Mackrell
Lorraine McKelvie
Cathy Salier
and
Frances Slater.