

HOLIDAY

Acts 1:1-11 Taken to heaven  
Ephesians 1:17-23 God's power at work  
Mark 16:15-20 He works with us

**Psalm Response**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

17 May Bill Grieves  
24 May Jan Roberts

**Readers**

17 May 1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading John Woodward  
24 May 1st Reading Ron Davis  
Intercessions Dominic Burke/family  
2nd Reading Christine Helby

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

17 May Jan Roberts and Elizabeth Doolan  
24 May David Buckley and Diana Landsberg

**Counters**

17 May Barbara and Bill  
24 May Marilyn

**Morning Tea**

17 May Rasa Blansjaar  
24 May Christine O'Grady

**Church Care**

22 May Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



**ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ Year B**

17th May 2015

During forty days Jesus appeared to his disciples to assure them of the reality of his resurrection, to comfort and to strengthen them. He now commissions them to go out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News. This preaching is to be perpetuated through the Church down the ages. In this week, we pray for the unity of all Christians under Christ our head.

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell and also their carers:  
Siobhan Atkin; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford;  
Kenneth Kirkham; Frank Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Fr Laurie Mooney OSA;  
Cathy Salier; Frances Slater and Nicole Warner.

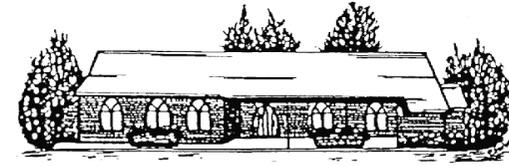
**This Week's Feast Days for Sunday 17th to Saturday 23rd May**

17th St Paschal Baylon, Religious (1540-92)  
18th St John 1, Pope, Martyr (d526), optional feast  
19th St Celestine V, Pope (1215-1296)  
20th St Bernadine of Siena, Priest (1380-1444), optional feast  
21st St Constantine, Emperor (d313)  
22nd St Rita of Cascia, Widow & Nun (1381-1457), optional feast  
23rd Bl. Girolamo Savanarola, Religious & Martyr (1452-98)



Next Week  
**Spirit of truth**  
Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 103  
Galatians 5:16-25;  
John 15:26-27;  
16:12-15

# 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,  
**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>

<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)

**ASCENSION SUNDAY:** Today we celebrate the second of the three major feasts that collectively make up the Easter Season. First, of course, is Easter Sunday and Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. We now celebrate Christ's return to His Father in Heaven via the feast we call the Ascension - this being the Sunday following the original Feast of Ascension Thursday, the actual 50th day following Easter Sunday. Last of all is the Feast of Pentecost where we celebrate the descent of the Paraclete (the Most Holy Spirit - third person of the Divine Trinity) to be our Advocate, and to take Jesus' place among all people, in every generation. That feast is celebrated next Sunday. Tradition sort of tells us that Jesus' Ascension took place in the same Garden of Gethsemane where He had just a few weeks earlier suffered the beginning of the trauma that was His Passion and Death. However, Luke's version of this event would have us believe that Jesus ascended into Heaven from Bethany, a village then about 3kms from Jerusalem. So! Take your pick! I happen to think it was the Garden of Gethsemane, but I have no absolute proof!

With Jesus on this occasion were those closest to Him, to bear witness to His physical departure from us for His journey home - Heaven, from whence He had originally come to us. We perhaps need to be reminded that once ascended into Heaven, Jesus, our Saviour, who individually and personally has supported us every moment of our existence on this difficult life's journey, will also be there to adjudicate on the life we have lived here once we have departed this world.

**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND:** A big thank you to all parishioners who gave generously to the DWF collection. An amount of \$912.00 was raised.

**SACRED HEART HISTORY 1964-65:** About one month ago, a very close friend of mine since 2005, Judith Arnold (now in her 90's and a permanent resident at Bodington Nursing Home, Wentworth Falls), gave me a copy of **THE OFFICIAL YEAR BOOK OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND OCEANIA 1964-65 EDITION.** It makes very interesting reading for us in the Upper Blue Mountains.

The Blackheath entry, which I quote verbatim, reads as follows:

**BLACKHEATH (1943) - Sacred Heart. Mt. Victoria: St. Paul. Megalong Valley: St. Joseph; Hall at Medlow Bath where Mass is celebrated each Sunday. Rev. L. E. Mahon. Presbytery: Inconstant Street, Blackheath. Tel.: Blackheath W540. Convent School: Sisters of Mercy: girls, 47; boys, 37. Tel.: Blackheath W341.**

You may also find the Katoomba entry interesting:

**KATOOMBA (1890) - St. Canice. Rev. J. O'Rourke, P.P.; Rev. K. Hay. Presbytery: Katoomba Street, Katoomba. Tel.: Kat 109. Masses: 7, 9½, 10½ and 5 p.m. Convent Schools: Sisters of Charity: girls 124; boys 55. Mt. St. Mary's College: Sisters of Charity: boarders, 54; day pupils: girls, 119. Tel.: Kat. 185. Boys Schools: St. Bernard's College. De La Salle Brothers. "Woodlands"; boarders, 81; day pupils, 132. "Clairvaux": boarders, 30; day pupils, 98. Tel.: Kat. 790.**

For anyone interested, Leura Parish is listed separately.

I have still to thank Judith Arnold for this wonderful historic gift to us, but have thanked her for the gift last year of our Mt Victoria church piano.

**God Bless! Father Bob**

**'REFUGEES - LET'S DO BETTER' - Compete: Fr Frank Brennan.** The Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group are hosting this event. The speakers are: **Dorothy Hoddinott, two young refugees, Lee Rhiannon and Phil Glendenning.** They will be supported by The Western Sydney Male Voice Choir. The event will be at **Wentworth Falls School of Arts on Sunday, 24 May, at 2.00pm.** Tickets: Adults \$15/Conc. \$10 available at Megalong Books, Turning Page and Gleebooks.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA - Special Appeal for Nepal**

Today we are continuing our Special Appeal to assist Caritas Australia in its emergency relief and long term recovery efforts for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. To date, your generosity has resulted in \$1196 being raised - Thank You! If you have not already had the opportunity to do so, you are asked to please consider giving generously and to keep the people of Nepal in your Prayers. Envelopes remain in the pews today and may be placed on either collection. Again, *Thank You!*

**Prayer for Nepal**

Loving God, we pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Nepal as we offer the words of the psalmist:

*'Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord.'*

*May those who are paralysed by fear...*

**(R) Be strong and Take Heart.**

*May those who have lost or are still searching for loved ones...(R)*



*May those who remain trapped under rubble...(R)*

*May those rescue workers who provide relief and recovery...(R)*

*May those who are moved with compassion to help...(R)*

*God, whose love knows no bounds, fill all those who suffer with your comfort and peace.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**PARISH DINNER:** To be held at the **Blackheath Golf Club** on Friday evening, **19th June**, commencing at 6.00pm with an Asian Buffet, Sweets and Tea/Coffee. Cost \$30.00 per head. Tickets on sale now.



**Sacred Heart Care Ministry** offers support for those in our community requiring assistance. Please contact Michelle on 4757 2638.

~ Words of Wisdom ~

“Holy Mary,  
Mother of God, pray for us  
sinners now  
and at the hour  
of our death.”

From The Hail Mary

(Cathnews)



In memoriam  
**Jean McSweeney ~ 17 May**

**Living the Gospel - Proclaim Good News**

Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, **'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!'** In every interaction we have we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe - even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do. If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard! When we are called to 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to **this first and foremost in action.**

*(Liturgyhelp)*