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Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Listen
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Undivided attention
Mark 1:21-28 A deep impression

Psalm Response

If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

1 Feb Michelle Davis
8 Feb Ray Wood

Readers

1 Feb 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Robert Forbes
2nd Reading Christine Helby
8 Feb 1st Reading Barbara Grieves
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

1 Feb Pat Wicks and Margaret Davis
8 Feb Robert Forbes and David Buckley

Counters

1 Feb Robyn and Adrian
8 Feb Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

1 Feb Jan Roberts
8 Feb Monica Bright

Church Care

13 Feb Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B
1st February 2015

It is not with great drama that Jesus wants to impress the people, as happened on Mount Horeb in ancient times.

It was when he was in the synagogue, preaching and talking about God that the people came to listen and accept his authority.

The unclean spirit in the tormented man recognises who he is, but Jesus does not want it trumpeted. His words and deeds demonstrate his authority.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and also their carers:
Siobhan Atkin; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford; Anthony Gilchrist; Kenneth Kirkham; Lorraine McKelvie; Junko Odawa, Frances Slater and Nicole Warner.

Next Week: **Came to preach** Job 7:1-4.6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23; Mark 1:29-39

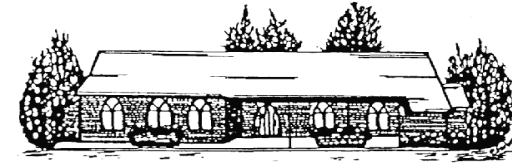
This week's Feast Days: Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th February 2015

1st Feb St Brigid of Ireland, Virgin & Abbess (c451-525), optional
2nd Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day), Feast
3rd St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (d316), Patron of Throat Diseases (opt)
4th St Veronica (Stations of the Cross)
5th St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (d251), Memorial
6th Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (d1597), Memorial
7th St Richard of Lucca, King (d722AD)



Recently deceased:
Fr Kevin Hay's brother
Colin.
Rest in peace.

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,
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>

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

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS: Despite the awful weather on the day, there was great support first for the Blackheath 9.30am Mass at which over thirty people attended, then at the “picnic” held at the magnificent Mt Wilson property of Diana and Joe Landsberg where over fifty of us really enjoyed ourselves. The inclement weather didn't rate within the huge marquee where we ate and drank well, then enjoyed the entertainment provided from within our own ranks. This included singing by Kate, Joe and Tony (how talented are they!), and the spectacular poetry rendered by some very skilled readers including, would you believe, a complete recitation by Cecil Forbes (Robert's 86 year old father) of “The Man from Snowy River”. We were also privileged on this Australia Day to be made aware that Diana Landsberg was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia a few years ago. What a quiet achiever! Congratulations from all Sacred Heart folk, Diana, on attaining such a wonderful, highly esteemed honour!

SCHOOL'S BACK! Extraordinary how quickly the Christmas school holidays have passed, leaving plenty of memories for us upon which to reflect. Now it's back to the grind of another year of learning for our young people as they face all the challenges that this year holds in store for them. Our catechists are also gearing up for another year of dedicated service to God and student, ensuring that the spiritual education of our youth keeps pace with the ever increasing demands of a hectic, largely secular life. I am advised by our Catechist Co-ordinator, Claire Maguire, that we have **two teacher vacancies** to fill this year. There is absolutely nothing quite so fulfilling as the feeling of satisfaction that is ours when we bring Jesus into our children's lives. So, I appeal to everyone who has a free hour or so on a Thursday morning and would like to 'have a go', to seriously consider taking on this critical evangelising work of our Church. There is all the training, support, materials and friendship that you could ever desire available within this group. So, why not take the plunge, contact Claire, and find out what you would have to do. It could be the best move you have made for many a year. By-the-way, our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Colette Lillis, is also gearing-up for another busy year preparing eligible students to receive the Sacraments of Initiation during this year. Finally, thank you to every volunteer from all of us for the work you do preparing our youth for their future life - a prayerful life to be lived in God's loving service.

BAPTISM: Next Sunday, following the 9.30am Mass, little **Josephine Alice BLAXLAND**, daughter of **Felicity and Mark**, is to be baptised at Sacred Heart Church. We sincerely congratulate all involved on this significant occasion, and we welcome three months old Josephine into God's family. We pray for her ongoing wellbeing as a brand new Catholic. Josephine is the second child of this family to be baptised by us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: To be celebrated next Sunday, 8th February, on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, a “World Day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking”. The Holy Father is appalled at the present trade in many parts of the world in human beings. Through this World Day of Prayer, we are invited to pray that this tragic phenomenon which represents one of the saddest wounds in our time may eventually be eliminated.

God Bless! Father Bob

Afternoon Capers will be on **Wednesday, 4th February**, 12pm at The Old Post Office Cafe in Hartley Historical Village. All are welcome. If you are coming or need transport, phone Diane on 4787 1357.

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

Benedictine Spirituality Morning: The next Benedictine Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on **Friday, 6th February**, from 10am till noon. Chapter 6 pp. 112-119 of St Benedict's Toolbox will be the subject of discussion. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. Enquiries: Srs Therese and Jacinta 4757 2290



The **Garage Sale** will be held on the **weekend of 14/15 February**. The Parish Office has now reopened so we will be happy to receive your saleable goods this week.

Please keep in your prayers **Pat Drummond** and **David Buckley** who underwent surgery last week.

World Day of the Sick: Introduced worldwide by Pope Francis, this World Day of the Sick is to be celebrated on **Wednesday, 11th February**, throughout our Universal Church. A Diocesan Anointing Mass is to be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown from 7pm that day. Fr Bob will be a concelebrant at that Mass. Here at Sacred Heart Church, ours will be a healing Mass at 9am.

Encounter Mission and Development; Encounter Love and Justice; Encounter humble volunteers; Encounter faith; Encounter God. Palms Australia will be conducting a guided tour of the communities in which their global volunteers are working in East Timor from 6-18 April. There are limited places. Enquires need to be processed by 28 February so call 02 9518 9551 or register interest online: www.palms.org.au/Encounters

CARERS FOR CHILDREN with special needs: 

What better way to reach out with God's love to the community than by supporting a local family. Westlink Respite Services is in need of volunteers (over 17yrs) who would like to befriend a child or teenager who has a disability. Care can take place in your home, the child's home or as a companion on outings in the community. This is a great opportunity for the child to make new friends and also give their family a short break. Care can be for a few hours a week or a whole day once a month. Carers receive a small recompense. Training/ongoing support are provided. To find out more details, please phone Anglicare on 02 8805 0916 or 8805 0917 or email: westlink@anglicare.org.au

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Services is commencing a fortnightly program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner, starting on **Tuesday 3 Feb**, 10am-12pm. Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. There will be input, reflection and discussion on various aspects of grief. Registration essential. Please phone Eileen/Rita on 9933 0205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au