

Daniel 7:13-14 A son of man
Apocalypse 1:5-8 Faithful witness
John 18:33-37 Witness to the truth

Psalm Response

The Lord is King! He is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! *Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

22 Nov Grahame Adams
 29 Nov Pat Wicks

Readers

22 Nov 1st Reading Lillis Family
 2nd Reading Lillis Family
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 29 Nov 1st Reading Monica Bright
 2nd Reading Brian Bright
 Intercessions John Woodward

Ministers of the Eucharist

22 Nov Elizabeth Doolan and Diana Landsberg
 29 Nov Michelle Davis and Robert Forbes

Counters

22 Nov Robyn and Adrian
 29 Nov Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

22 Nov Christine Burke
 29 Nov Jan Roberts

Church Care

4 Dec Angie and Michelle Leman



**Feast of Christ the King
 Year B**

22nd November 2015

Pilate asked Jesus if he were the king of the Jews. Jesus acknowledges that he is a king, but not like earthly kings who rule with oppression. He is the king of peace who came to bear witness to the truth. All who are on the side of truth listen to his voice.

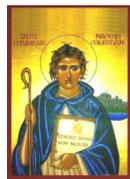
As we read last week, his words will never pass away, for they are the truth.

Weekly Collections
 (Wk ending 15/11)
 1st Collection \$275.80
 2nd Collection \$946.00
Thank you!

St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley
Entrance Antiphon: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*
Communion Antiphon: *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

Feast Days for this week! 22nd to 28th November

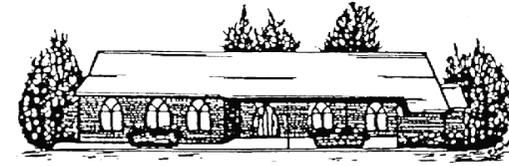
22nd Christ the King (1925) Solemnity
 St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr (2nd or 3rd C), Memorial
 Sts Philimon & Apphia (1st Century)
 23rd St Clement I, Pope & Martyr (dc100), Optional
 St Columban, Abbot (563-615), Optional
 24th Sts Andrew Dung Lac (Priest & Martyr) & Companions
 (Martyrs d 18th Century), Memorial
 25th St Catherine Laboure, Virgin (1806-1876)
 27th St Maximus, Bishop (d460)



Saint Columban

Next Week
Redemption is near at hand
 Jer 33:14-16
 Ps 241
 Thes 3:12-4:2
 Lk 21: 25-28.34-36

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 House: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

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

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: To be convened immediately following today's Mass in the Parish Hall. Every effort has been made to limit this AGM to about one hour for the convenience of all attending parishioners. Your council has gone to a lot of trouble to make this as user-friendly an event as possible, commensurate with imparting to you a full knowledge of all the work that our parish undertakes. You have much to be proud of in the work that you, and others of our parish family have contributed this past year. So, please join us on this one occasion each year when a full reporting on Sacred Heart Parish operations is presented to you. See you there!

ADVENT: Our present Church year ends next Saturday, 28th November. Sunday next begins the new Church year, Year C (Sundays) and year II (weekdays). New Church years seldom have the same starting date because Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St Andrew which is celebrated on 30th November. This year, that date falls on Monday week, only one day removed from the First Sunday in Advent. Advent has a twofold character - as a Season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's birth is remembered; and as a Season when that remembrance directs our hearts and minds to await Christ's coming at the end of time. Advent is, therefore, a period of joyful penance and expectation. Please note that our Christmas/New Year Mass days and times will be listed here next week.

ADVENT WREATH: As already stated, next Sunday is the beginning of the Season of Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'coming' so this is a time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Christ came to us as a baby in Bethlehem on the first Christmas. He comes to us in word, grace, prayer and sacrament. He will also come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Christ comes in history, mystery and majesty. So, before the opening hymn begins during the next four Advent Sundays, we will light the Advent Candle and say a prayer in preparation for our Saviour's imminent arrival.

REFLECTION ON THE YEAR THAT WAS (courtesy D. Bergant): *"Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on His life and death, on the meaning of His sacrifice, on His Resurrection, on His influence on our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into His death and Resurrection, commissioned to bring His love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask and answer the question: What difference has it made? We pray that this year has seen you draw ever closer to God by giving more of yourself to Him and others."*

APPROPOS OF? While on retreat at Jamberoo, as there was no Mass on the Thursday, I went to that day's 8am Mass at St Peter & St Paul's Kiama church. Guess what? There in the courtyard enjoying pride of place was our old bell! Ah well, at least it's being well looked after.

God Bless! Father Bob

PHOENIX CHOIR ~ Upcoming Christmas Concerts

"Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on Christmas Carols with extracts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Handel's Messiah" The Choir will also perform much-loved traditional carols and the audience will be invited to sing along with the most popular carols. Saturday 5 December 4pm: St Alban's Anglican Church, Leura / Sunday 6 December 3pm: Hoskins Memorial Church, Lithgow Enquiries to Tim Kaye: 0419 223 009 Tickets: Adult \$20 / Concession \$15 Book online at <http://www.trybooking.com/>

The Parish AGM is after Mass today at 11am in the hall. All welcome!



It's that time of the year again! Thanks again to Sue Gracey for organising our **annual raffle**. We are now looking for donations of 'goodies' to fill the hamper, and there is a list on the notice board should you wish to note your donation preference. Raffle books are available after Mass, so please take some and sell tickets to EVERYONE you know. Our Christmas hamper is the talk of Blackheath!

ELECTRONIC OPTIONS FOR 2ND COLLECTION

We now have a simple option available for you to set up a weekly direct transfer facility through your bank or credit union. Details are:
Account Name: Blackheath Catholic Church
Account BSB: 067-950
Account Number: 00000230

Please ensure you include your second collection envelope number in the transaction reference or transaction description to appear on the Sacred Heart receiving account. Of course, envelopes are still available should you prefer.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Michael Cooper;
Anne Farindon;
James Ford;
Virginia Hayward;
Ken Kirkham;
Frank Mackrell;
Lorraine McKelvie;
Cathy Salier;
Amber Simmons and
Frances Slater.

People's Climate March - Caring for our Common Home (Sydney March on Sunday 29 November)



As world leaders meet to discuss the future of our common home at COP21 climate talks in Paris, you are invited to join the People's Climate March and walk alongside millions of people in major cities around the world. Join fellow parishioners, family and friends for a colourful, vibrant, fun and united display of people power. By marching together, we will show that we want an end to fossil fuels and a planned transition to 100% renewable energy. We will march to call on our politicians to support communities that are building a better, safer and fairer future for all. We will march because we must protect creation for the vulnerable and for future generations!

Stand with the Catholic community and show you care! As part of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, we are calling on Catholics around the world to "pray and mobilise as never before, to put into practice the Pope's Laudato Si' message". On Nov. 29, this is what hundreds of thousands of men, women and children will do in the Global Climate March...

Sydney, Sunday 29 November - Meet at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt, St Mary's Road at 12pm. Please wear purple to the March as this colour will represent 'many cultures, many faiths - one common home'. If you don't have any purple clothes, why not visit the Vinnie's store in Blackheath, Katoomba or Lithgow and find something that has been pre-loved!

In memoriam: **Allan D. Longmuir** ~ 22nd November;
John Brodie ~ 25th November; and **Jason Bentley** ~ 25th November.