

Joshua 24:1-2.15-18 God or gods?
 Ephesians 5:21-32 Body of Christ
 John 6:60-69 Holy One of God

Psalm Response

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Servers

23 Aug Jan Roberts
 30 Aug Michelle Davis

Readers

23 Aug 1st Reading Christine Helby
 2nd Reading Claire Maguire
 Intercessions John Woodward
 30 Aug 1st Reading Lillis Family
 2nd Reading Lillis Family
 Intercessions Migrant Sunday readers

Ministers of the Eucharist

23 Aug Elizabeth Doolan and Diana Landsberg
 30 Aug Elizabeth Doolan and Robert Forbes

Counters

23 Aug Barbara and Bill
 30 Aug Marilyn

Morning Tea

23 Aug Pamela Scott and Elizabeth Doolan
 30 Aug Rasa Blansjaar

Church Care

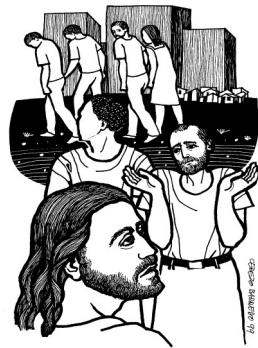
28 August Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Is this true for you?

**When I turn out the lights, tidy tables, work in the kitchen or put chairs away, I feel that I have served the Lord.*

**I am motivated to provide spiritual leadership to those who are on the faith journey.*

**I enjoy meeting new people and becoming acquainted with them.*



**Twenty First Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Year B**

23rd August 2015

For four weeks we have heard Jesus explaining his life-giving presence with us through his body and blood. Many objected to this teaching and stopped going with him. Jesus left them free to choose.

He even asked the Twelve if they wanted to go away too. Peter answered for them and for us: 'To whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.'

Next Week: Listen and understand
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8 Psalm 14
 James 1:17-18.21-22.27
 Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

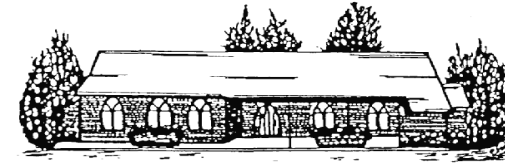


St Bartholomew

Feast Days for this week! (Sunday 23rd - Saturday 29th August)

23rd St Rose of Lima, Virgin (1586-1617) - Optional
 24th St Bartholomew, Apostle; St Oun, Bishop (610-684)
 25th St Louix IX, King (France) (1214-1270) - Optional
 St Joseph Calasanz, Priest (1556-1648) - Optional
 26th St Caesarius of Arles, Bishop (470-543), St Ebbe, Abbess (d683)
 27th St Monica (mother of St Augustine) (332-387) - Memorial
 28th St Augustine, Bishop / Doctor (354-430) - Memorial
 St Moses the Black, Martyr - Monk (330-405)
 29th Beheading of John the Baptist, Prophet, Martyr - Memorial

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>

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

A new ELECTRONIC OPTION for the Second Collection

Many people these days make or receive regular payments electronically. It's a simple, efficient and safe way to transfer money from one bank or credit union account to another. So we've decided to offer you an electronic transfer option to make your **Second Collection** contribution each week. **Many of you already contribute to the Second Collection using the envelope system and that system will continue.** But this new option will save you having to remember to get your cash ready, then put it in the envelope and bring it along to Mass. It also cuts down on the work involved in counting and banking collection money each week.

And if you are one of the many people in our parish who live and attend Mass elsewhere but who also spends time in the Blue Mountains and regularly attends Mass at Sacred Heart, this might be a way for you to make regular contributions to your "second" parish.

To take advantage of this new option, just set up a weekly direct transfer facility through your bank or credit union. The details for the Sacred Heart account to which you would make the transfer are:

Account Name: Blackheath Catholic Church
Account BSB: 067-950
Account Number: 00000230

Please ensure that you include your Second Collection envelope number in the transaction Reference or transaction Description to appear on the Sacred Heart receiving account. This number currently appears at the top of your envelopes. If you don't currently contribute to the Second Collection using the envelopes, please contact the Parish Office and we will arrange a Second Collection reference number for you. **REMEMBER: The envelope collection will remain the same - nothing changes - this is just an alternative way to contribute if you would prefer to use a direct debit system rather than a paper one.** When you move to the new system, you will not need envelopes in future, but we will retain your envelope reference number to identify your contribution.

Please advise us at the office on 4787 8540 when you set up your weekly direct transfer so that we can ensure that everything works smoothly at our end. Any questions? Please call Marilyn on 0414 536 601.

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, 'The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy', is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we almost reached the target with donations totalling \$195,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 5-6. A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. **Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.** If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish, you can make **online contributions** at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or **direct transfer via EFT to BSB 067 950 and Account No 01691** in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send an e-mail to csf@parra.catholic.org.au with your details so we can send a receipt.

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 - To be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 1st November. We are 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!

World Day of Migrants and Refugees ~ Next Sunday ~ 30 August

Pope Francis, himself the son of Italian immigrants who made their home in Argentina, in his message for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2015, has chosen the theme *'Church without frontiers, Mother to all'*. Francis reminds us, *"as Christians, it is our mandate to care for others and in particular the most vulnerable - spreading throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable"*.

Pope Francis continues *"... large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions. Often, however, such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities (Yes, including Australia!), prior to any knowledge of the migrants' lives or their stories of persecution and destitution. Such suspicion and prejudice is in conflict with the biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need!"* To put some of these challenges in a more local context, after Mass and following our International Morning Tea in the hall, we shall have the opportunity to listen to **Dr Graeme Swincer, from the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group.** Graeme has had a lifetime in international aid and development and in January 2015 he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal "For service to the community through humanitarian support organisations". In more recent years, Graeme has been closely involved with the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group and the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre. Of course, Migrant and Refugee Sunday is also a time to celebrate the arrival of the thousands of refugees and migrants from many different countries who have graced our shores over many years and who have made such a wonderful contribution to our Community - both locally and nationally. This, too, will be reflected in our Eucharistic Liturgy.

Please feel free to bring a plate of International Fare to continue our celebration over morning tea!

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

Reminders!

The next meeting for end of Term 3 SRE's will be held in the Meeting Room of the Hall next Thursday 27th August at 10.30am.

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.

Happy 48th Anniversary
Ingeborg &
David Capliez
for 23rd
August

Happy Birthday
Frank Mackrell
28th August

"Just because ..."
at Blackheath ☺

The next 'Just Because' Dinner is on this Thursday 27 August at 6.30pm in Gardners Inn. They have a Thursday night's \$10 meal special which I tested last month with a favourable result. (Carmen)