

HOLY

Acts 2:1-11 Filled with the Spirit  
Galatians 5:16-25 The Spirit's fruits  
John 15:26-27;16:12-15 Spirit of truth

**Psalm Response**

Lord, send out your spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

24 May Jan Roberts  
31 May Michelle Davis

**Readers**

24 May 1st Reading Ron Davis  
Intercessions Dominic Burke/family  
2nd Reading Christine Helby  
31 May 1st Reading Barbara Grieves  
Intercessions John Woodward  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

24 May David Buckley and Diana Landsberg  
31 May Ray Wood and Jan Roberts

**Counters**

24 May Marilyn  
31 May Laurie

**Morning Tea**

24 May Christine O'Grady  
31 May Carroll Family

**Church Care**

5 June Angie and Michelle Leman



**PENTECOST  
Year B**

24th May 2015

Today we celebrate the  
coming of the Holy Spirit,  
who fills and kindles  
our hearts with love.

The Spirit of truth  
accompanies us on  
our life's journey.  
We do not know  
everything now;  
the Spirit will guide us  
gently, day by day.

When we do not  
know how to pray  
or what to say or do,  
remember that the  
Holy Spirit is within us.  
Come, Holy Spirit!

*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 24th to Saturday 30th May**

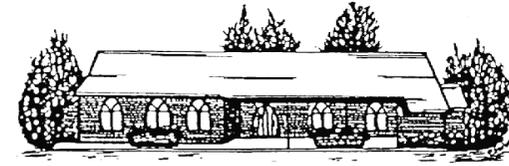
25th May Our Lady Help of Christians, Solemnity  
St Madeline Sophie Barat, Religious (1779-1865),  
Foundress of Society of Sacred Heart  
26th St Philip Neri, Priest (1515-1595)  
27th St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (d604),  
optional feast  
28th St Germanus of Auxerre, Bishop (d576)  
29th St Maximinus of Trier, Bishop (dc349)  
30th St Joan of Arc, Virgin & Martyr (1412-1431)



**Next Week**

**Father,  
Son, Spirit**  
Deut.  
4:32-34,  
39-40  
Psalm 32  
Romans  
8:14-17  
Matthew  
28:16-20

# 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)

**THE GREAT FEAST DAYS ARE HERE:** We are in the middle of those Sundays that are the truly great themes of Catholic life. Today's Feast of Pentecost in which we celebrate the descent of the Most Holy Spirit (the Advocate promised and sent by Jesus) is also the birthday of the Church. Today also concludes the Paschal period of Easter, reflected in the last featured appearance of the lighted Paschal Candle this day. From tomorrow, the Paschal Candle will be returned to its traditional position in proximity to the baptismal font. We also return to Ordinary Time from tomorrow!

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity in which we are reminded of the obligation for us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Failure to abide by that obligation carries with it the taint of serious sin. So, it has to be action time for those who have yet to fulfil this obligation!

Tomorrow (Monday 25 May) is also the Solemnity Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. While there will be no Mass in this parish, Mass will be available for those interested, at St Canice's Katoomba at 10.00am. You should also know that the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary that falls next Sunday (31 May) has not been transferred to another date and so will not be celebrated in its own right this year.

The Solemnity Feast of Corpus Christi - the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ - falls on Sunday week, 7 June.

**CATECHISTS' COMMISSIONING:** Following today's homily, our Special Religious Education Ministers will be formally commissioned into the roles they have within the three public schools within our Parish - Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley. In association with that commissioning, there is an opportunity for each parishioner also to make a commitment to support this community through its special ministers. To that end, the following liturgy will form part of the Rite of Commissioning:

#### **Commitment of the Community**

**Celebrant:** My brothers and sisters, realising that we all share in this ministry of Special Religious Education, do you pledge your support for these parishioners of ours called by God from out of our midst and commissioned by us as SREs in our Parish religious education programme?

**Community:** We do.

**Celebrant:** Will you endeavour through prayer and witness to be ministers of God's Word to each other so that we may grow together in sharing in this work of the Lord?

**Community:** We will.

**Celebrant:** Let us continue with our liturgy, seeking our Father's blessing on this work which we undertake.

**Community:** Amen.

**FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Just to advise you that our five student first communicants will be making their first communion on 21 June at our 9.30am Blackheath Mass. More details next week!  
**God Bless! Father Bob**

The next '**Just Because**' dinner will be held on **Thursday, 28 May** at 6.30pm at the Ivanhoe in Blackheath. All warmly welcome.



**PARISH DINNER**  
To be held at the  
**Blackheath Golf Club**  
on **Friday, 19th June**,  
commencing at 6.00pm

with an Asian Buffet, Sweets plus  
Tea and Coffee. Cost \$30.00 per head.  
Grab your tickets from Patricia after  
Mass today, or note your intention  
on the notice board.

#### **Bulletin online**

If you would like a copy of  
the bulletin to be sent to  
you online, please email the office  
shbheath2@bigpond.com



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA**  
**Special Appeal for Nepal**  
*The final amount raised for our  
Special Appeal to assist Caritas  
Australia in its emergency relief and  
long term recovery efforts for the  
victims of the earthquake in Nepal  
was \$1376.00.*

*Thank you for your generosity!  
As these beautiful people continue  
to struggle against all odds,  
we are all asked to please  
keep them in our prayers.  
An historical recap ... since the Iran  
earthquake in 2003, our small Parish  
has generously given more than  
\$18,000 to support the victims of  
eight natural disasters that have  
occurred around the world over the  
past 12 years. Again, Thank You!*

#### **Today at 2pm in the Wentworth Falls School of Arts Forum: 'REFUGEES - LET'S DO BETTER'**

Comper: **Fr Frank Brennan.**

The speakers are: **Dorothy Hoddinott** (Principal of Holroyd High School)  
**Senator Lee Rhiannon** and **two young refugees.**

They will be supported by the Great Western Sydney Male Voice Choir.

Tickets: Adult \$15/Concession \$10 available at  
Megalong Books (Leura) and The Turning Page (Springwood).

Afternoon Tea provided for a donation.

*The Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group is hosting this event.*

#### **Living the Gospel - Come, Holy Spirit**

**'Come, Holy Spirit'**, or its Latin, **Vene Sancte Spiritus**, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration. (Liturgyhelp)

~ In memoriam ~

**Lorenzo Fusina** ~ 25 May; **Thea Ellis** ~ 26 May; **Rosemary Davis** ~ 27 May;  
**John Pye MSC** ~ 29th May; and **Geoff Cliff** ~ 30th May.