TODA A Jonah 3:1-5.10 God saw their efforts 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Time is short Mark 1:14-20 The time has come

Psalm Response Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near,
believe the Good News.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ROSTERS Servers 25 Ian Pat Wicks 1 Feb Michelle Davis Readers 25 Jan 1st Reading David Buckley Intercessions Ron Davis 2nd Reading Christa Buckley 1 Feb 1st Reading Ron Davis Christa Buckley Intercessions 2nd Reading Christine Helby Ministers of the Eucharist 25 Jan Jan Roberts and Elizabeth Doolan 1 Feb Pat Wicks and Margaret Davis **Counters** 25 Jan Pamela and John 1 Feb Robyn and Adrian Morning Tea 25 Ian Rasa Blansjaar 1 Feb Ian Roberts **Church Care** 30 Jan Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

25th January 2015

When the people of Nineveh heard that their city was going to be destroyed because of their wicked ways, they immediately fasted and repented. Jesus preached Good News and asked the people to repent and believe, and many did. He changed fishermen into disciples. Our lives too will be changed if we follow Jesus; perhaps not so drastically as in today's readings, but deeply and surely.

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; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Junko Odawa, Frances Slater; Nicole Warner and Roma Ziolkowski.

Next Week: A deep impression Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 94 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

This week's Feast Days: Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st January 2015

25th Jan Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast

26th St Paula, Patron of Widows, Confidante of St Jerome (347-404)

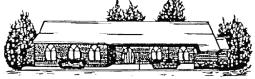
27th St Angela Merici, Virgin & Founder (1474-1540), optional 28th St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (1226-74), Memorial

29th St Aquilinus - Priest & Martyr (d1015) 30th St Bathildis - Oueen & Widow (d680AD)

31st St John Bosco - Priest & Founder (1815-88), Memorial



SACREDHEARTPARISH



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, 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 - MassSunday9.30amEvening MassTuesday6.30pmMorning MassWednesday, Friday and Saturday
Thursday9.00am
8.00amBenediction2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass

Benediction 2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass Exposition All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass

ReconciliationSaturdays9.30amHealing Mass1st Saturday of the month9.00amMount Victoria - Vigil Mass1st and 3rd Saturdays6.00pm

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 LONG WEEKEND: Once again, we farewell the end of our Christmas holidays with the celebration of our National Day – Australia Day! This is THE day each year when we come together to enjoy and reflect upon all those benefits of life our forefathers (and ourselves) have produced down through the generations in this great land. In so saying, we acknowledge our indigenous brothers' and sisters' occupancy/ownership of this remarkable continent of Australia. So, enjoy this day in each other's company, particularly those of you who intend to make the annual trek to the Landsberg family's magnificent property, 'Withycombe', at Mount Wilson, and to shelter under that remarkable grand old Oak Tree where another great day's entertainment will be claimed by those present. And what better way to begin these celebrations than by attending tomorrow's 9.30am Mass here at Sacred Heart Church.

Thank you Diana and Joe for making this day's outing possible for us! Please note also that directions to, and other instructions relating to this family outing are to be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

PRIESTS ON THE MOVE: I confirm for you the following appointments that take effect around 1st February. The new Administrator at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains is Father Michael O'Callaghan; the Blue Mountains Dean Father Wim Hoekstra is moving away from the area to become Administrator at St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills; Father Porathur Rappai Joy MS is the new Administrator at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook; finally, our own Father Robert Anderson has come out of retirement to be Administrator of Westmead Parish on a short term basis. As of now, the Blue Mountains Deanery has no leader, no Dean. Let's see what happens, soon!

INVITATION TO OUR SPECIAL MINISTERS: Not since I arrived here over six years ago have we extended an opportunity to our special ministers, as a group, to undertake any review of the way they carry out their ministry. Nor have we made any concerted effort to attract new parishioners to this essential work. Enter Bill Grieves who has volunteered to lead a review and possible streamlining of our ministries during the course of this year. Bill is one of only two fully accredited Acolytes in this parish, however, he will need the active support of every current special minister if this review is to be successful. Will you, our present special ministers, help Bill in this task? A review of present practices is way overdue, but with your help we can remedy this situation. Will you assist? If so, please contact either Bill or myself. We also need to attract new Special Ministers to this valuable work as our numbers have been gradually dwindling over the years. Should you who have not before been a special minister be interested, please see me. Many thanks!

OTHER SPECIAL DAYS: World Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking: Is to be celebrated on **Sunday, 8th February**. This is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita who, in her early days, was enslaved for a number of years. This feast has the support of the Holy Father. More on this subject next 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. I will be a concelebrant at that Mass. Here at Sacred Heart, ours will be a healing Mass at 9am. Again, more details next week!

God Bless! And may you and yours enjoy this Australia day! Father Bob

to use when your 'ROOM: The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use w young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. Thank you for making the effort of bringing these littlies with you to Mass. PARENTS' ROOM:



AUSTRALIA DAY PARISH PICNIC

Thank you to Diana and Joe Landsberg who have once again opened up their property, 'Withycombe' at Mount Wilson for our Australia Day picnic on Monday, 26th January, where we can enjoy each other's company and picnic in this idyllic setting. The address is 'Withycombe', corner of The Avenue and Church Lane. Time: any time after 10.30am to allow for those attending our special Mass at 9.30am. BYO picnic lunch and drinks.

Hot water for tea and instant coffee and mugs will be provided. There are several picnic tables and chairs so BYO if you wish.

If it rains, we can have the picnic on the verandah

(and a fire inside if it is cold).

Happy Birthday

Patricia Frazer ~ 84 today Jeremu Lillis ~ 9 on 30th January

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

In memoriam:

Jean Walsh ~ 28th January;

Arthur Finneran;

and all our loved ones whose
anniversaries occur at this time.

"STEPPING BEYOND" SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services
Monthly Support Group,
"Stepping Beyond" will be held
on the last Tuesday of the month
for those who are separated or
divorced. Emphasis is on personal
development, growth and
goals for a hope-filled future.

Next Group: 27th January Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm. Cost: \$5

Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or

soloparentservices@ccss.org.au. See Flyer on Parish Notice Board. 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, please phone Diane on 4787 1357.



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.

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

We'd love to hear from you.

Our church is fitted with an audio loop for the hearing impaired.

