

HOLIDAY

Acts 4:8-12 Our Saviour  
1 John 3:1-2 Love lavished on us  
John 10:11-18 The Good Shepherd

**Psalm Response**

The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

26 Apr Michelle Davis  
3 May Ray Wood

**Readers**

26 Apr 1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves  
3 May 1st Reading Christine Helby  
Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

26 Apr Margaret Davis and Robert Forbes  
3 May Michelle Davis and Diana Landsberg

**Counters**

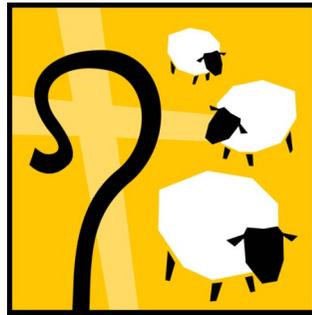
26 Apr Julie and Lance  
3 May Pamela and John

**Morning Tea**

26 Apr Mary Batty  
3 May Jan Roberts

**Church Care**

8 May Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
Year B**

26th April 2015

Jesus follows in the line  
of David, the shepherd  
King of Israel.

He describes himself  
as the 'Good Shepherd',  
because he cares for his  
sheep even to the point  
of laying down his life  
for them. He knows  
and loves his sheep and  
they know and love him.

He equates this  
knowledge and love to  
that which exists between  
him and his Father.  
How overwhelming this is!

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;  
Junko Odawa; Cathy Salier; Frances Slater; Nicole Warner and Pat Wicks.

**This Week's Feast Days for Sunday 26th April to Saturday 2nd May**

26th April St Marcellinus, Pope, Martyr (d304)  
St Mark, Evangelist, Martyr - Feast Day  
27th St Zita, Virgin (1218-1278)  
28th St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr (1803-1841), Memorial  
29th St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor (1347-1380), Memorial  
30th St Pius V, Pope (1504-1572), Optional  
1st May St Joseph the Worker, Optional  
2nd St Anthanasius, Bishop & Doctor (296-373), memorial Feast

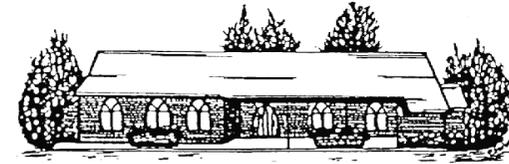


**Next Week**

**Vine and  
branches**

Acts  
9:26-31  
Psalm 21  
1 John  
3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

# 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</b> - 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
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Vigil Mass	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - 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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND:** As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, today we have the second round of DWF Appeal collections specifically for those people who were absent last week, or who did not have with them the wherewithal to make any extra donation last week. We certainly are most grateful to those who have already contributed and, in advance, give huge thanks also to everyone who tangibly support this programme today. There are plenty of envelopes on the pews in front of you and we ask that the filled envelopes be tendered with our second collection. Too, I take this opportunity to remind all parishioners that these funds are exclusively used for particular charitable works undertaken within the Parramatta Diocese. A few of these ministries involve priests and religious training, family support, youth activities and a whole range of Catholic social/welfare programmes.

**CENTENARY ANZAC DAY POSTSCRIPT:** As I pen this copy on the Wednesday evening before ANZAC Day, I have no idea as to how well, or otherwise, we yesterday commemorated this Centenary gathering of the original ANZACs, and their successors in every generation since, through all levels of our society, including Blackheath, Mt Victoria and surrounding areas. I do know, however, that we at Sacred Heart took unprecedented steps to make this a most memorable event for our parishioners and our whole community. There will be a verbal report given at the end of Mass today.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:** The 4th Sunday of Easter (today) is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday and the 52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As stated in last week's Bulletin, the need for all vocations incorporating both religious and secular lifestyles is always of an extremely high order in our Christian society. While all vocations are valid, the Church forever has a great and particular need for more priests and religious. So, we the faithful on this day each year are encouraged to pray for more men and women to enter into consecrated life - a life of dedicated service to God and Church under the guidance of the Most Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis has this year provided for us a comprehensive message on this subject, from which I quote below some excerpts for our consideration: *"The Fourth Sunday of Easter offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this way she reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus himself told his disciples, so that "The Lord of the harvest may send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). Jesus' command came in the context of His sending out missionaries. He called not only the twelve Apostles, but another seventy-two disciples whom he then sent out, two by two, for the mission (Lk 10:1-6). Since the Church "is by her very nature missionary" the Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission. Hearing and following the Word of Christ the Good Shepherd, means letting ourselves be attracted and guided by Him, in consecration to Him; It means allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into this missionary dynamism, awakening within us the desire, the joy and the courage to offer our own lives in the service of the Kingdom of God."* Pope Francis' message is clear - Open ourselves completely to God, and let go so that He can do with us as He chooses. That requires real faith on our part! We call that our vocation! Please note: A copy of the full message is available upon request. Note also that Good Shepherd brochures and bookmarks may be found today in your pew.

**FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK:** Just a reminder that the coming week includes the feast days of **St Peter Chanel** (Tuesday), **St Catherine of Siena** (Wednesday), and **St Joseph the Worker** (Friday, 1 May). Mass times will be as scheduled.  
**God Bless! Father Bob**

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION DAY ~ 17th May**

This Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery includes presentations, introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Concludes about 3pm. The Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. BYO picnic lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Books and CDs for sale. All welcome. Phone 9653 1159.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** *Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In addition to praying for your own vocation, the worldwide Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly or religious vocation and would benefit from your prayers.*

**REFUGEES - LET'S DO BETTER**

**Compere: Fr Frank Brennan**  
The Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group are hosting this event. The speakers are: **Dorothy Hoddinott, two young refugees, Lee Rhiannon and Phil Glendenning.** They will be supported by The Western Sydney Male Voice Choir. The event will be at **Wentworth Falls School of Arts on Sunday, 24 May 2015, at 2.00pm.** Tickets: Adults \$15/Conc \$10 available at Megalong Books, Turning Page and Gleebooks.

**'JUST BECAUSE' DINNER**

Coming up on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at the Ivanhoe Hotel at 6.30pm. All very welcome.

**SACRED HEART CARE MINISTRY**

offers support for those in our community requiring assistance. Please contact Michelle on 4757 2638.

**SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

If you are trying to work through the crisis, blocks, challenges and opportunities associated with the breakdown of your marriage and family unit then you will find support and assistance at **"Stepping Beyond"**, run by CCSS Solo Parent Services on **Tuesday, 25 May**, at 7.30pm at Blacktown. For further details, please ring Rita or Eileen on 99330205 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**Happy Birthday**

**Suz Graczy ~ 26 April**  
**Shzilagh Kirkham ~ 29 April**  
And a special  
**Happy Birthday to**  
**Paula Schreiber**  
who will be **93 on 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Mark your diary**

**Coffee Capers ~ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**at Megalong Tea Rooms at 12pm**  
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**Parish Dinner to be held at the**  
**Blackheath Golf Club in late June 2015.**