

H O U R S

2 Kings 4:42-44 Twenty loaves
Ephesians 4:1-6 Preserve unity
John 6:1-15 Five loaves

Ps Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Servers

26 July Ray Wood
2 Aug Jan Roberts

Readers

26 July 1st Reading John Woodward
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Robert Forbes
2 Aug 1st Reading Lillis Family
2nd Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Patricia Dee

Ministers of the Eucharist

26 July Brian Bright and Jan Roberts
2 Aug Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

26 July Carla and Neil
2 Aug Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

26 July Carla Endean
2 Aug Mary Batty

Church Care

31 July Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

Sunday 26th July

Today we depart from Mark's gospel and start reading Chapter 6 of John's gospel on the 'bread of life'.

This discourse begins with Jesus having compassion on those who have followed him. He asks what food they have, and when a small boy gives five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus uses his offering to feed the large crowd. When we give what we have, Jesus can work miracles.

Next Week: **Bread of life** Exodus 16:2-4.12-15; Psalm 77 Ephesians 4:17.20-24; John 6:24-35

**St Paul's Mt Victoria
&
St Joseph's
Megalong Valley**

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those
who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and
strength to his people.

Communion Antiphon

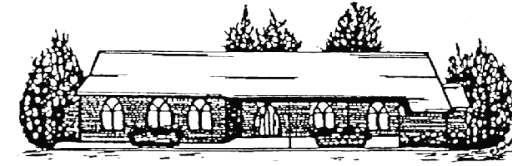
Bless the Lord,
O my soul,
and never forget
all his benefits.

This week's Feast Days: Sunday 26 July - Saturday 1 August

26 July Sts Anne and Joachim, Memorial; Bl Titus Brandoma, Priest (1881-1942)
27 July St Pantaleon, Doctor & Martyr (3rd Century)
28 July St Samson, Bishop (490-565); Sts Nazarius & Celsus, Martyrs (d68)
29 July St Martha, Virgin - Memorial, Patron of Cooks and Servers
30 July St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor (406-450), Optional
31 July St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest - Founder of the Jesuits (1491-1556), Memorial
1st Aug St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor (1696-1787), Founder of the Redemptionists, Memorial;
The Holy Maccabees - Martyrs



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

TIME TO REST: As things stand at this time (Wednesday late pm), and as planned for quite some time past, I expect to be away on annual leave from 1 - 31 August, both dates inclusive. Fr Paul Hanna was to have taken my place during this absence. However, that arrangement has had to be changed at the eleventh hour because of his personal circumstances. Negotiations are underway to secure the services of another priest to celebrate the 9.30am Sunday Mass only on the five Sundays I will be absent. I should have full details of that replacement at this Mass. Given these circumstances, there will **NOT** be any weekday Masses, nor any of our other normal liturgies during August. Vigil Masses at both Megalong Valley and Mount Victoria will also be suspended for the month. Under these circumstances, I suggest that our daily Mass attendees transfer to the Upper Blue Mountains Parish (Katoomba, etc.) Masses until I return. Finally, please note that should these proposals fail, I will not be going anywhere! So, let's see what happens!

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU: If you or someone close to you has suffered ANY abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

You can contact us tel 9933 0233, email safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information, please visit: www.safeguarding.org.au

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct, we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA: I quote verbatim from a recent Caritas report to the Parramatta Diocese: *"A record-breaking \$11.57 million was raised during Project Compassion this year. With tremendous support from parishes and schools, the Diocese of Parramatta raised \$597,500. This year's theme was Food for Life and focussed on Caritas Australia's support for the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Prayerful gratitude from Caritas Australia and our local partner Caritas Nepal for your humbling generosity towards the people of Nepal following the earthquake in April this year."* Congratulations everyone for your share in achieving this wonderful result.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Important feasts this week include **St Martha** (Wednesday, 29/7), **St Ignatius of Loyola**, Founder of Jesuits (Friday, 31/7) and **St Alphonsus Ligouri**, Founder of the Redemptorists (1/8).

God Bless! Father Bob

For your diary: **PHOENIX CHOIR - SCHUBERT AND MOZART**
Schubert Mass No.2 in G Major
Phillips Hall, Blackheath ~ Friday, 21st August at 7pm and at
St Hilda's Anglican Church, Katoomba ~ Saturday 22nd August at 4pm
 (Joe and Rasa are members of this magnificent choir.)
 More details at www.phoenixchoir.org.au

Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers: Our Parish has a long history of lay involvement with various Liturgical Ministries - especially involvement in the Mass. To ensure the long-term continuation of this practice, the Ministry and Liturgy Group believe it is essential that we recruit and train additional women and men in these important roles.

In the first instance, we are seeking parishioners who may be interested in being trained as Special Ministers of the Eucharist and as Altar Servers.

The process will involve a day of formation and hands on training - conducted by Sister Mary Louise Walsh ISSM, Liturgy Educator in the Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Worship. Existing Ministers will also be available to act as mentors.

If you are interested or would like additional information, please see Fr Bob or any member of the Ministry/Liturgy Group (David, Dennis, Frances, Joe, Julie or Kate).



FASHIONS BY THE PEW: To be held in the Parish Hall in 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! More information to follow.

Happy Birthday
Laurie Hayes ~ 27th July
Ron O'Brien ~ 28th July
Ingeborg Caplicz ~ 31st July

From **Pope Francis' Encyclical: Laudato Si' - On the care of our Common Home**
"Reduce, reuse, recycle. Preserve resources, use them more efficiently, moderate consumption and limit use of non-renewable resources." Pars 22, 192

Please remember in your prayers those who sick and their carers:
Siobhan Atkin; Rasa Blansjaar;
Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee;
Neal Evans; Anne Farindon;
James Ford; Robert Graham;
Fr Kevin Hay; Kenneth Kirkham; Norma Longmuir;
Frank Mackrell;
Lorraine McKelvie; Ron O'Brien;
Kerry Oliver-Graham;
Cathy Salier and Frances Slater.

Gospel Focus - Messiah
At the time of Jesus there was a heightened expectation that the Messiah - the anointed one of God - would come and once again set the people of Israel free. However, there was great conjecture about what sort of person the Messiah would be. Some thought he would be a warrior king; others a wise priestly leader; others thought a shepherd-king in the image of David. Confounding all these expectations, Jesus' model of Messianic leadership was that of the servant leader; a leader who was one with the people, offering hope and meaning in the midst of their everyday suffering and struggling.
(Liturgyhelp)

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

In memoriam
Eric Arthur Perriam ~ 28th July