

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8 *Observe God's law*
 James 1:17-18,21-22,27 *Word planted in you*
 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 *Listen and understand*

Psalm Response

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia!**

Servers

30 Aug Michelle Davis
 6 Sep Bill Grieves

Readers

30 Aug 1st Reading Lillis Family
 2nd Reading Lillis Family
 Intercessions Migrant Sunday readers
 6 Sep 1st Reading David Buckley
 2nd Reading Christa Buckley
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Ministers of the Eucharist

30 Aug Elizabeth Doolan and Robert Forbes
 6 Sep Michelle Davis and Diana Landsberg

Counters

30 Aug Marilyn
 6 Sep Laurie

Morning Tea

30 Aug Rasa Blansjaar
 6 Sep Christine O'Grady

Church Care

11 Sep Julie Hodgkinson



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

30th August 2015

Laws and customs are necessary, but true religion is more than observance. Jesus teaches that our attitudes, and the actions that flow from them, reflect the intentions in our hearts. We are to accept and submit to the word of truth that has been planted in us by God. If we love God and try our best to love others, we will indeed be true children of God.

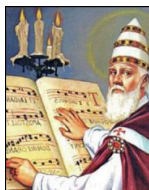
Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world. (James 1:27)

In memoriam: † **Daniel Croke** ~ 30th August;
 † **Lily Hanna** ~ 1st September; and † **Bernie Tierney** ~ 5th September.

Next Week: **Deaf hear, dumb speak** Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145 James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

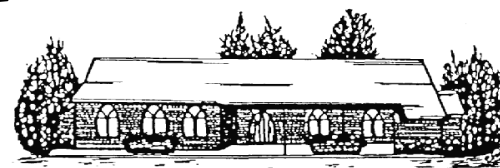
Feast Days for this week! (Sunday 30th August - Saturday 6th September)

30th Aug St Fiacre, Hermit (C601-670)
 31st St Raymond Nannatus, Priest (1204-1240)
 1st Sep St Giles, Abbot (d724)
 2nd St Ingrid of Sweden, Virgin (d1282)
 3rd St Gregory the Great, Pope/Doctor, Memorial (540-604)
 4th St Rosalia, Virgin (d1160)
 5th Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)
 St Lorenzo Guistiniani, Bishop (1381-1455)



St Gregory the Great

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

Today we celebrate the **101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees** and our Eucharistic Liturgy will be led by **Father Pawel Barszczewski OP**, originally from Poland. Father Pawel was appointed as Assistant Priest at St Joseph's Parish Kingswood in 2013 and is also Chaplain at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney. **Welcome Father Pawel!**

Today gives us the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the many millions of migrants, refugees and displaced persons who have made Australia their home - we celebrate the wonderful gifts and the love they bring to our community. It is also a day when we pray for the plight of the millions of refugees and displaced persons suffering in our world today. As Pope Francis tells us, *'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'*. It is a time when we can reflect and pray about Australia's current attitude to the many seeking refuge here today. How do these attitudes gel with the words of St Matthew ... *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me"* (Mt 25:35-36)?

We particularly welcome **Dr Graeme Swincer** and his wife, Sue. Graeme is a very active member of the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group and after Mass we shall all have the opportunity to listen to him down in the hall ... following a sumptuous International Morning Tea, kindly supplied by some migrants and refugees from our own Parish Community!

EMERGENCIES: Should you have an urgent need for the services of a priest during Fr Bob's absence, please phone Fr Ted Tyler (Katoomba) on 4782 2804 or Fr Paul Slyney (Lawson) on 4759 1034 or (Springwood) on 4754 1052.

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.

"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 options available. You can contact us tel (02) 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.

Blackheath Reflection Morning: The next Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning will take place on **Saturday 19th October** in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 10am-1pm. **Sr Bernadette Corboy SGS** will lead the morning - **Praying with Images and Symbols**. No need to book, morning tea provided and entry by donation. Enquiries to Carmel 4787 8706.

Please pray for those who are ill and their carers:

Siobhan Atkin; Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; David Finch; James Ford; Pat Frazer; Robert Graham; Fr Kevin Hay; Ken Kirkham; Norma Longmuir; Frank Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Cathy Salier and Frances Slater.

Happy 33rd Anniversary
Robert and Kate Forbes
for 28th August

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.

FASHIONS BY THE PEWS

in the **Parish Hall ~ 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!



SACRED HEART CARE MINISTRY

offers support for those in our community requiring assistance. During September, please contact Marilyn Rowe on 4787 5276.



Welcome the Word

Humbly welcome the Word that has been planted in you... you must do what the Word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. (James 1:21-22)

St James exhorts us to accept with meekness the word planted in us, which is able to save us. Only this word is able to save us. To believe, to hope: this is the Christian's grace in our time. When many give up hope... the Christian says: No, we have not yet begun. We are still awaiting God's grace... That time will come!

Blessed Oscar Romero (1917-1980)