

**TODAY**

Isaiah 35:4-7 God comes to save  
James 2:1-5 Two standards  
Mark 7:31-37 Deaf hear

Psalm Response: **Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and bless His holy name.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia!**  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

# **ROSTERS**

## **Servers**

6 Sep Bill Grieves  
13 Sep Jan Roberts

## **Readers**

6 Sep 1st Reading David Buckley  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
13 Sep 1st Reading John Woodward  
2nd Reading Christine Helby  
Intercessions Dominic Burke family

## **Ministers of the Eucharist**

6 Sep Michelle Davis and Diana Landsberg  
13 Sep Elizabeth Doolan and David Buckley

## **Counters**

6 Sep Laurie  
13 Sep Carla and Neil

## **Morning Tea**

6 Sep Christine O'Grady  
13 Sep Carroll Family

## **Church Care**

11 Sep Julie Hodgkinson



## **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

6th September 2015

The prophet Isaiah told  
the people to have courage  
and not to fear because  
their God is coming to  
save and heal them.  
When the people brought  
a deaf and dumb man to  
Jesus, he healed him in  
the quietness of a  
private place.  
We can find Jesus in  
the depths of our own  
hearts, and it is there  
that he works wonders  
of healing and  
forgiveness.

In Memoriam

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**Philomena Drummond**

3rd September

**Bernie Tierney**

5th September

**Ray Thomas**

8th September

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

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 118:137,124

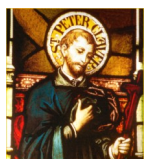
*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 41:2-3

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

**This Week's Feast Days: (Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th September)**

6th St Zechariah (c520BC) – Minor Prophet  
7th St Regina, Virgin/Martyr (d251AD)  
8th Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast  
9th St Peter Claver, Priest (1580-1654) - Optional  
10th St Nicholas of Tolentine, Priest (1245-1305)  
11th St Adolphus, Bishop (5th Century)  
12th Holy Name of Mary - Optional



St Peter Claver

Next Week

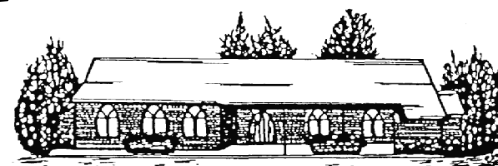
**Who am I for you?**

Isaiah 50:5-9  
Psalm 114

James  
2:14-18  
Mark  
8:27-35



# **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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**FATHERS' DAY:** Today is that one day each year when we take time out to formally recognise and show our appreciation for the unique person that our fathers are in our lives. Mostly, we just take their presence among us for granted, including all the odd jobs they do around the home. On this day, every family has the opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to our Dads for the love and support they give to each of us. **God bless our Dads!**

**BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY:** Fathers' Day each year is also the appropriate occasion for us to contribute financially to the support of our 'spiritual fathers' - especially those who, after a lifetime of service to the Catholic community, are now retired because of age or sickness. They have always been part of your family in your celebrations, unions, happiness and sadness. That 'family' bond can continue in their retirement with your funding support of their needs. 'Out of sight' will never mean 'out of mind' when you offer our retired clergy your support in this way. Last year's collection raised \$195,000. The Diocesan target for this year is \$200,000. Can you help? A special third collection will be taken today after the Gospel and before the homily. Special envelopes are available in front of you on the pews and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Should you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and clearly write your details on the envelope. Should you desire, you may make online contributions at [www.csfparr.org.au](http://www.csfparr.org.au) using your credit card. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2016. Thank you for your generosity.

**CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY:** The Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev. Peter Williams will, at next Sunday's 9.30am Mass, confirm into full Catholic faith, four of our young persons so ably prepared for their receipt of this final Sacrament of Initiation by Mrs Colette Lillis, our Sacramental Co-ordinator. Their names are *Katelyn Kennedy, Sofia Malefant, George Ossolinski and Vincent Rummery*. Please pray for each, and thank Colette for the wonderful results produced in them.

**WHERE WENT AUGUST:** Wow! Holidays over! Batteries recharged, refreshed, re-invigorated and ready for another year's activities in the life of our remarkable Sacred Heart Parish. That's me! Did nothing spectacular, just rested a lot and made several one-day trips around Sydney and outlying areas (mostly with the family), plus a special ten-day sojourn to Geurie (near Dubbo) where I rested and renewed a number of long-standing friendships. Sounds boring? Yup!! However, that break was exactly what I needed this time around. Here on the home front, I am advised that the five visiting priests made August a very interesting time for you, especially Fr John Bosco who was particularly well received by all present, and for whom you raised an astonishing \$1,009 for his struggling Ugandan parish. Huge thanks on behalf of his parishioners, and congratulations to each of you for your unbounded, unplanned generosity.

Finally, belatedly, parish and personal congratulations to Kate Forbes upon her receipt of the Parramatta Diocesan Medal of Honour for her voluntary work among us. Thanks Kate! Well earned!

**R.I.P. IAN MAGUIRE:** Friday last, we bade farewell to long-term parishioner the quiet, spiritually strong, forever walking, Ian Maguire who died suddenly on 28 August. We offer our sincere condolences to his widow, Claire, and family in their unexpected loss, and pray for the eternal, safe repose of Ian's soul. May he rest in peace. Amen. **God Bless! Fr Bob**



### A Prayer for Fathers

God,  
Our Father

Bless  
these  
men,  
that they  
may find  
strength  
as fathers.

Let the  
example  
of their  
faith and  
love shine  
forth.

Grant that  
we, their  
sons and  
daughters,  
may  
honour  
them  
always  
with a spirit  
of profound  
respect.

Unknown  
Author

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**TO ALL THE DEAR DADS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.**

*"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty."*  
- Unknown -

**Blackheath Reflection Morning:** The next Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning will take place on **Saturday, 19th September**, 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.



**A Message from Michael Cooper:** *I wish to thank the Parish Members for their cards and warm wishes. Whilst it has been a large life change, I am learning to 'adapt' and have received great care and kindness. I hope to be able to visit Blackheath shortly to give a personal 'Thank you!' Regards, Michael.*

**ELECTRONIC OPTIONS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION**  
We now have a simple option available for you to set up a weekly direct transfer facility through your bank or credit union. Details are:

**Account Name: Blackheath Catholic Church**  
**Account BSB: 067-950**  
**Account Number is 00000230**

Please ensure you include your second collection envelope number in the transaction reference or transaction description to appear on the Sacred Heart receiving account. Of course, envelopes are still available should you prefer.

**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!



**Please pray for those who are ill and their carers:**

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



### SACRED HEART CARE MINISTRY

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

### Happy Birthday

**Diane Stewart** for 5th September  
**Joan Tumeth** for 6th September  
**Michelle Funnell** for 7th September  
**Lance Hodgkinson** for 8th September  
**Ron Walsh** for 12th September

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when your 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.

