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Exodus 17:8-13 Persistent prayer
2Timothy 3:14-4:2 Learn wisdom
Luke 18:1-8 Never lose heart

Psalm response

Our help is from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!



**Twenty Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year C
16th October 2016**

Moses on the hilltop,
arms extended interceding
for his people, is a figure of
Christ on the hill of Calvary,
arms extended,
interceding for all people.
In today's gospel passage
the widow persistently
pleads her cause despite
being unwelcome.
Paul exhorts Timothy
to persevere in
proclaiming Christ,
welcome or unwelcome.
Do we have the
courage and faith to
'pray and not lose heart'?

Servers

16 Oct Michelle Davis
23 Oct Grahame Adams

Readers

16 Oct 1st Reading Christa Buckley
2nd Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Patricia Dee
23 Oct 1st Reading Christa Buckley
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion

16 Oct Monica and Brian Bright
23 Oct Elizabeth Doolan and Grahame Adams

Counters

16 Oct Pamela and John
23 Oct Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

16 Oct George Commens
23 Oct Connie Adams

Church Care

28 Oct Gatt Family

NEXT WEEK: **At rights with God** Eccl 35:12-14,16-19; Ps 32 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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

To you I call; for you will
surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear
my words. Guard me as the
apple of your eye; in the
shadow of your wings
protect me.

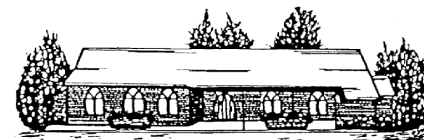
Communion Antiphon

The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom
for many.

**Feast Days of the Week
Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd October**

16th St Ambrose (d752); St Margaret Mary
Alacique, Virgin (1647-90), optional feast
17th St Ignatius of Antioch (c.AD 50 - c.AD 110)
18th Luke the Evangelist
19th Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues &
Companions, Martyrs (d1640)
20th St Paul of the Cross, Passionists Founder
(1694-1775)
21st St Hilarion, Abbot (291-371); St Adelina,
Benedictine Abbess, Normandy (d1125)
22nd St Pope John Paul 11 (d2005);
St Salome, Mother of Apostles James & John

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 land of the Blue Mountains.

**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: 02 4787 8811 **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 04 2887 8810 **Fri** 9.00am - 12.00pm
(Emergency only) For Baptisms, Marriages, & sick calls
Parish Office: 02 4787 8540 contact Parish House.
Facsimile: 02 4787 6143 **e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

Parish House: 18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

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 Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or David Buckley (Chair); Adrienne Kitching (Deputy Chair) or Carmen Beard (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Monica Bright 4757 3943

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

REAL SADNESS; REAL LOSS: Last Tuesday (11 Oct), Michael COOPER passed away. Sorrowfully, I know that I have lost a wonderful friend and colleague, much of whose life has been devoted to the betterment of this Parish and each of you, our parishioners. Michael's health has been deteriorating for a number of years, leaving him in a debilitated state, physically, for much of that time. Metaphorically, he was a giant in our midst. Despite his physical limitations, Michael had a brilliant mind which, coupled with a lifetime of experience, saw him chairing our Finance Committee these past many years. During these times, his down-to-earth practical approach to parish problems saw him always as a key member of our Blackheath Sacred Heart Parish Management 'team'.

I have been advised that his funeral mass will be held at Blackheath on Friday 21st October from midday, with a private cremation to follow at Leura Memorial Gardens. "Au revoir" old friend!

ANNUAL AUDIT RESULTS: Michael would be 'chuffed' to know that the Diocesan 2015-16 financial year audit has been finalized with the same extraordinary accuracy achieved by Parish Secretary Marilyn Rowe for every year I have lived here. Congratulations from all of us Marilyn on achieving such high standards under what have sometimes been very difficult conditions, indeed.

DAILY MASS: Whenever you glance at the cover of our weekly Bulletin, you may see that, except for Mondays, we have available daily Masses for all who desire to attend. Times vary a little day-by-day. There's one in the evening (Tuesdays), while the others are in the mornings. There are a few locals who attend regularly, plus a number who come from other parishes. Many times the visitors outnumber the locals. First and second Saturdays are special Masses - Healing, and Benediction respectively. Reconciliation (Confession) is scheduled after each Saturday Mass and, as required at the other weekday Masses. While I acknowledge that many parishioners are unable to attend these 'very different' weekday Masses because of work, other commitments and lack of transport et cetera, there is an opportunity for some to share a Mass or perhaps two each week. So, this is my personal invitation to those of you who can make it, to come, see and join in the weekday's greatest community prayer available to parishioners.

OPENING OF DIOCESAN MINISTRY CENTRE: Located at Blacktown, was officially 'Blessed' by Bishop Vincent on Thursday, 6th October 2016. In his opening address he stated: "Today, we gather to thank God and to invoke his blessing upon the Diocesan Ministry Centre in Blacktown, which will facilitate the many spiritual, pastoral and social services of our young and growing Diocese." During his address, Bishop Vincent quoted Pope Francis who said - "The Church is like a field hospital which heals the wounded...and lifts up the lowly."
God Bless! Father Bob

In memoriam

Eileen Smith ~ 16th October; **Tony Van Horen** ~ 17th October;
Ron Drummond ~ 18th October; and **Jaroslav Zeman** ~ 20th October.

OCTOBER COSMOLOGY MORNING: 10am till noon Friday 21st October, we will discuss Chapters 29 & 30 of *The Cosmic Mystique* by Henry A. Garon. The theme of our quiet meditation will be 'Savouring the Flowers'. We gather at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea as we share together our prayer, insights and concerns. Enquiries: Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290.

Happy Anniversary
Barbara & Charles Hodgkinson
~ 71 years on 16th October ~
Jennifer & Wayne Kelly
~ 33 years on 22nd October ~

**LA SALLE ACADEMY
LITHGOW
TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW
FOR YEARS 7-12**

La Salle Academy Lithgow is a co-educational Catholic High School in the La Sallian tradition. La Salle provides a Catholic education environment

that is Christ-centred, aims for academic excellence and promotes justice for all. La Salle offers a broad curriculum and the school's caring and professional staff caters effectively for wide-ranging student needs. An enrolment policy and application form can be collected from the school office. An interview may be arranged with the Principal and further details can be obtained by contacting the school office. Phone 02 6354 5100

DIOCESAN FAMILY SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER
Theme: 'Family - An Oasis of Mercy'.
Afternoon family gathering with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. From 2pm-5pm at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. Be part of the Way of Mercy with the Mercy Cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Teresa of Kolkata. Hosted by Life, Marriage & Family Office, Parramatta. Family Sunday will be celebrated at Masses throughout the Diocese of Parramatta. Enq: tel 8838 3441, email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
1st: \$110.10
Pastoral Revenue (support of the Bishop and Diocesan Priests both active and retired)
2nd: \$590.40 (incl. direct deposits).
This money is used for local parish needs.
Thank you!

Fruits of prayer Prayer is the light of the soul, giving us true knowledge of God. It is a link mediating between God and us. By prayer the soul is borne up to heaven and in a marvellous way embraces the Lord. This meeting is like that of an infant crying on its mother, and seeking the best of milk. The soul longs for its own needs and what it receives is better than anything to be seen in the world.
St John Chrysostom (c.349-407)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT: 21-23 OCTOBER
This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. **Start: 21 October @ 8:00am/End: 23 October @ 5:00pm**
Confidential inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelvineyard.org.au
For more information visit: www.rachelvineyard.org.au