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Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Faith brings life
2Timothy 1:6-8.13-14 Spirit of power
Luke 17:5-19 Increase our faith

Psalm Response: If today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!
 The word of the Lord stands for ever;
 it is the word given to you, the Good News.
 Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

ROSTERS

Servers

2 Oct Ray Wood
 9 Oct Diane Stewart

Readers

2 Oct	1st Reading	Pat Wicks
	2nd Reading	Robert Forbes
	Intercessions	Christa Buckley
9 Oct	1st Reading	Christine Helby
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
	Intercessions	Dominic Burke Family

Communion

2 Oct Jan Roberts and Michelle Davis
 9 Oct Ray Wood and Pat Wicks

Counters

2 Oct Carla and Neil
 9 Oct Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

2 Oct Michelle Funnell
 9 Oct Carroll Family

Church Care

14 Oct Angie and Michelle Leman



**Twenty Seventh
 Sunday in
 Ordinary Time - Year C**

2nd October 2016

The apostles asked Jesus
 to 'increase our faith'.
 We all find 'faith' elusive,
 until we see in hindsight
 that we did have faith,
 given us as a gift by God.
 It is not something we
 can take for granted.
 If we invite Jesus into
 our hearts, he will be
 our source of faith.
 As we grow day by day
 in communion with him,
 we will also grow in faith.

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

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all
 things are established, and
 there is none that can resist
 your will. For you have made
 all things, the heaven and
 the earth, and all that is held
 within the circle of heaven;
 you are the Lord of all.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good
 to those who hope in him,
 to the soul that seeks him.

In memoriam: **Lal Nott Mark** ~ 2 Oct;
George Cora ~ 6 Oct; and **Annie Woodley** ~ 8 Oct.

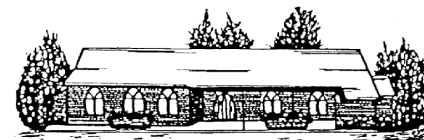
Next Week: Praise God

2Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

**Feast Days of the Week
 Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th October**

2nd Guardian Angels, Memorials
 3rd St Dionysius, Bishop (d95), Disciple of St Paul
 4th St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), Founder of
 Franciscans, Memorial
 5th St Faustina Kowalska, Religious (1905-38)
 6th Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin, Religious (1811-49)
 7th Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
 8th St Pelagia, Virgin, Martyr (290-305)

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY REVIEW: In the words of our Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD OFM Conv., ours is a most impressive Parish. I am sure that he found us to be something of a surprise packet, certainly not what he expected on this first visit to his most distant parish. He seems to me to be very much a no-frills bishop - friendly himself, and very much appreciative of our welcoming ways. He asked what he could do to assist us in our work, and suggested, perhaps, the support of a permanent Deacon (to be shared with the Katoomba Parish, of course!). He drove himself here, left his crozier (the shepherd's crook) in the car where it stayed; was most impressed with the young/old introduction to the Mass; applauded our mature aged presentation of the Prayers of the Faithful, and was enthralled by our music group's performances, including Pat Drummond's singing of his own most moving song. Bishop Vincent was also quite taken aback with those magnificent flower arrangements colour-coded to Vietnam's favourite colours. In all my 7+ years here have I never seen our church look better than it did last Sunday. Complementing all that the church offered, the parish hall, too, was a great place to be after Mass. I didn't count numbers, though it had to be well over forty parishioners and visitors. The food!! Where did it all come from? Far too much for me! What about you? How did you fare? We certainly put our best foot forward both for the Bishop's visitation and Parramatta Diocese's launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2016-2017 titled "A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society" by Sr Louise McKeogh with three visitors present from Catholic Care Social Services at Blacktown. Our own Mon Bright also spoke on behalf of our Care Group in a very sensitive and compassionate way. As for me, I spoke out! I have seen, in recent times, too many of our 'oldies' suffering to let this occasion pass without saying something. I apologise if I offended anyone, but I meant what I said!

An immense amount of work by a veritable army of volunteers went into the planning and conduct of the day's activities. Even Bishop Vincent met everyone who wanted to greet him. He just hung around! This was a proud day for the parish, and a proud day for every one of you! Take a bow!!!

MARY'S MONTH OF OCTOBER: This is the month of the Rosary in which the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary occurs next Friday, 7th October. Pope John Paul II on 29th September 2002 had this to say about the Rosary "...The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ, seeing him - we may say - with the eyes of Mary. For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel is in full accord with the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and very much in keeping with the direction I gave in the Apostolic Letter Novo Millennio Innuente: The Church has to launch out into the deep in the new millennium beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the Rosary to individuals, families and Christian communities". As usual, the Rosary will be recited at the conclusion of every weekday Mass during October. So, please feel free to join us at any time.

DAYLIGHT SAVING & LONG WEEKENDS: Is it really six months since we fiddled with our clocks/watches to accommodate the winter months? Well! The time arrived last night when we lost an hour's sleep. Never mind, we'll get it back at the end of Summer, next March. Enjoy the long weekend sleep-in!

God Bless! Father Bob

AFTERNOON CAPERS
will be on Wed 5 Oct at
the **Megalong Valley**
Tea Rooms - 12pm.

All welcome. If you
need a lift, please call
Diane on 4787 1357.



CAKE & PLANT STALL TODAY

Remember to pick up your goodies
after (or before Mass) today.
Thank you to all who donated cakes,
plants and crafts for our fundraiser.



The next **Benedictine Spirituality Morning** will be held on Friday 7 Oct, 10am till noon, at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls. There will be morning prayer, morning tea and a discussion on Ch.3 "Listening" in Seeking God by Esther De Waal. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

Happy Anniversary Christine & Dominic Burke ~ 4 Oct

Happy Birthday Barry Roberts ~ 3 October and Pat Wicks ~ 8 October

VINNIES FOOD DRIVE: Spring may be in the air but many people in Blackheath and the Upper Blue Mountains are still doing it tough. The Parish and Vinnies have supported the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre by providing food for distribution in our community. **BANC has asked for donations of staples such as tins of baby food, baked beans, soup, lentils, long-life milk, pasta, rice, salmon, spaghetti, stews and tuna. When you shop, if you can buy an extra item or two, we know your donation will be gratefully received.** Please continue your support of this worthy cause by depositing items in the collection bin in church. **Thank you!**

Pamela Nash, President St Vincent de Paul Blackheath

Edmund Rice Retreat & Conference Centre—Historical Winbourne
will be opening its doors to the general public for **Devonshire tea, brunch and lunch** from 9am to 2.30pm on the following Sundays:
2nd, 16th & 23rd Oct. Bookings preferred. More dates to be advised.
Lupe's Kitchen will be offering meals for \$20pp includes tea/coffee.

Daily specials, dessert, soft drink and juice for sale.
BYO, no corkage. 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa. Enq: Jeanette/Leanne
(Mon-Fri) Ph 4773 5555 or Manager (Weekends) Ph 0408 974801.

Prayers for the sick: **Madge Boylan; John Crowley; Stan Dochniak; Maggie Gilchrist; Bill Grieves; Kevin Madden; John Scott and Jack Solomons.**

**Last Week's
Collections
1st: \$268.40**

Pastoral Revenue
(support of the Bishop
and Diocesan Priests
both active and retired)

2nd: \$741.40
(incl. direct deposits).
This money is used for
local parish needs.

Thank you!

Gospel Focus - Faith: The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question - and the reply given by Jesus - does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others. (Liturgyhelp)