

HODAY

Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19 Appointed prophet
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Greatest gift
Luke 4:21-30 A prophet's lot

Psalm Response

I will sing of Your salvation, O my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring
Good News to the poor and freedom
to prisoners. Alleluia, alleluia!

Servers

31 Jan Ray Wood
7 Feb Peter Gale

Readers

31 Jan 1st Reading Christine Helby
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Pat Wicks
7 Feb 1st Reading David Buckley
2nd Reading Christa Buckley
Intercessions Patricia Dee

Ministers of the Eucharist

31 Jan Monica and Bright Bright
7 Feb Ray Wood and Diana Landsberg

Counters

31 Jan Carla and Neil
7 Feb Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

31 Jan Dave Harris
7 Feb Pamela Nash

Church Care

5 Feb Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



**Fourth Sunday
Year C**

31st January 2016

Jesus came to bring 'good news', and at first the people in his home town were captivated by his gracious words. But 'familiarity breeds contempt'; Jesus is too ordinary and close to home for them to recognise him as a prophet. When he speaks unpalatable truths they become enraged and reject him. He walks away. Yet, St Paul tells us, love 'delights in the truth'.
Do we?

Next week:
Simon follows
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 137
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



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Have you filled out your Census Form yet?

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

Entrance Antiphon: *Save us, O Lord our God!*

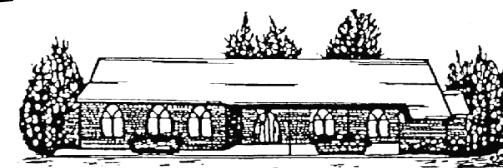
And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Communion Antiphon: *Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.*

Feast Days for this week! 31st January to 6th February

31st Jan St John Bosco, Priest (1815-88), Memorial
1st Feb St Brigid of Ireland, Virgin, Abbess (C451-525)
2nd Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day), Feast
3rd St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (d316), Patron Throat Diseases, Optional
4th St Veronica (Stations of Cross)
5th St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (d251), Memorial
6th Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Jesuit Scholar, Martyr, with 25 crucified Martyrs of Japan, d1597, Memorial

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 House: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth Street, 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 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

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS: Despite awful weather on the day, there was good support for the Blackheath 9.30am Mass at which over twenty five people attended. Then came the 'picnic' at Diana and Joe Landsberg's magnificent "Withycombe" property at Mt Wilson. About thirty people braved the inclement weather to share a wonderful experience and each other's company at this historic property. Congratulations to everyone who attended, especially Diana and Joe for organising things at the Mt Wilson end.

THE EPIPHANY "PILGRIMAGE": Here is a self-explanatory short letter from these pioneering "pilgrims". *"The Epiphany Pilgrims would like to thank Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath for their support and hospitality during the Epiphany Pilgrimage which took place from the 2nd January to 7th January 2016. Without your generosity and support the pilgrims would not have been able to embark on this great pilgrimage. We would especially like to thank those who joined with us in prayer and others who supported and encouraged us along the way. Please continue to pray for God's blessings upon all who participated in this pilgrimage and we hope that many more will want to be part of it in the future! Should you wish to check out our adventure, please log onto www.epiphanypilgrimage.org".*

SCHOOL'S BACK: Extraordinary how quickly the Christmas school holidays have passed, leaving behind plenty of memories for us upon which to reflect. Now it's back to the grind - another year of learning for our young people as they negotiate all the challenges that this year has in store for them. Our catechists are also gearing up for another year of dedicated service to God and students, ensuring that the spiritual education of our youth keeps pace with the ever-increasing demands of a hectic, largely secular life. I am advised by our Catechist Co-ordinator, Claire Maguire, that we have volunteer religious education teacher vacancies to fill as a matter of urgency. So, should you have a spare hour or two of a Thursday morning when schools are 'in', and wish to give it a try, please contact Claire at your earliest convenience on 4787 7635. This work is most rewarding and critical for the survival of our faith among our vulnerable Catholic youth. Naturally, all necessary training, support and course material is supplied.

While on this subject, we are still looking for a volunteer Sacramental Co-ordinator to lead our eligible young people into full communion with the Church, through their induction into the Sacraments of Initiation. This work involves about one meeting per week until September this year (school holidays excepted). The number of children involved would normally be between five and ten. Hope YOU can assist! Finally, thank you to every volunteer from all of us for the work you do preparing our youth for their future life - a fulfilled life to be lived in God's loving service.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- Tuesday: Blue Mtns Catechists' Annual Mass, Springwood.
- Wednesday: Finance Committee meets 3pm.
- Thursday: Liturgy Committee meets 4.30pm/Garage Sale preparation.
- Friday: Garage Sale Preparation.
- Saturday/Sunday: Garage Sale. Volunteers needed for Garage Sale!

God Bless! Father Bob



Hats off for

Pat Drummond on being presented with the prestigious major national Songwriting Award: **'The Songmaker'**. Pat's name will join other country music greats on the Songwriter's Rock in Tamworth. A very worthy recipient for this lifetime achievement award. **You're a legend, Pat.**

Afternoon Capers Wed 3 Feb at Ellie-Cats Cafe (was Monkey Creek Cafe, Dargan) **at 12pm.** Need a lift or info? Please ph Diane on 4787 1357.

The annual **FAMOUS Garage Sale** is set for the weekend of **6th/7th February**. To make this a successful fundraising event for our Parish, we really need YOUR help with the following:



- * **Thursday 4th Feb** - fit people to assist with the transfer of cartons from the Parish House to the Parish Hall between 3pm and 5pm (trolley available)
- * **Friday 5th Feb** - Volunteers needed to help "set up" the garage sale
- * **Saturday 6th Feb** - Volunteers needed to sell the items (8.30am to 4.00pm)
- * **Sunday 7th Feb** - Volunteers needed after Mass to sell and CLEAN up the hall (9.30am >)

Also required are cooks/servers/sellers for the sausage sizzle on **Saturday 6th Feb** - Teams of 3 for 2 shifts - 10:00am to 12:30pm and 12:30pm to 2:30pm (7.30am to 10am shift already filled - thank you!)

Sunday 7th Feb - Caritas Project Compassion Appeal: 'Pancake Sunday' Volunteers to bring batter for pancakes - preferably in 2-litre plastic milk containers - easier to pour (volunteers to cook and sell - team of 4 cooks/servers/seller 10:30am to 12:30pm)

Benedictine Spirituality Morning: The next Benedictine Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on **5th February**, 10am till noon. The chapter **"The Gospel of Creation"** in the Pope's letter, **Laudato si'** will be discussed. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. All welcome in the new year. Enquiries: Srs. Therese and Jacinta - 4757 2290

Christmas Raffle: Thank you to all who donated items - how wonderful you are! Thank you also goes to our raffle co-ordinator - Sue Gracey. Job well done again, Sue! An amazing \$965 was raised. Raffle winners were:
1st Rosemary Kenny 2nd Nigel Stafford 3rd A. Kingston 4th David Harris

There will be an **Information session on Sunday 14th February** after 9:30 Mass, in the hall, for all those interested in joining a new group inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical **Laudato Si'**. The purpose of the group is to become familiar with, discuss and apply the direction of **Laudato Si'** to both the life of our parish and our personal lives. Interested? Come along and find out more.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Nancy Edcell, Frank Farsaci, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Rita Jenner.
To add someone's name to the list for 'prayers for the sick', please email the parish office: shbheath2@bigpond.com



~ A Thousand Messages of Support for Archbishop Anthony ~
Catholic Youth Services is inviting all youth and young adults to contribute messages of support and prayer for the speedy recovery of Archbishop Anthony Fisher following his being diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome before Christmas. *All messages will be compiled into a book and presented to the Archbishop. Please email your messages by mid-February to prayers@catholicyouthservices.org and include your name and suburb.*