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Acts 1:1-11 Taken to heaven  
Ephesians 1:17-23 God's infinite power  
Luke 24:46-53 Joy of the Ascension

**Psalm Response:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)  
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

8 May Ray Wood  
15 May Diane Stewart

**Readers**

8 May 1st Reading Lillis Family  
2nd Reading Lillis Family  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
15 May 1st Reading Monica Bright  
2nd Reading Brian Bright  
Intercessions John Woodward

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

8 May Elizabeth Doolan and Diana Landsberg  
15 May Michelle Davis and David Buckley

**Counters**

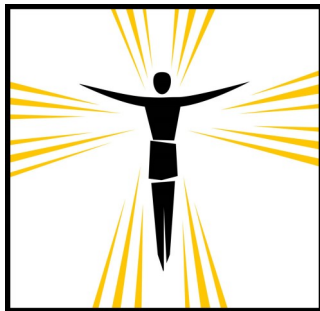
8 May Carla and Neil  
15 May Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

8 May Claire Maguire  
15 May Carla Endean

**Church Care**

13 May Angie and Michelle Leman



**Ascension of the Lord  
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**8th May 2016**

The resurrected Jesus is about to ascend into heaven. He continues teaching his disciples, reminding them that his suffering and death were part of God's plan, to which they are witnesses.

With the coming of the Holy Spirit they will experience gifts of hope, perception and power. The Holy Spirit will be with them always, and with us too, as we live as members of Christ's body the Church.

Next week: **With us forever**  
Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103  
Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16.23-26

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

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

**In memoriam**

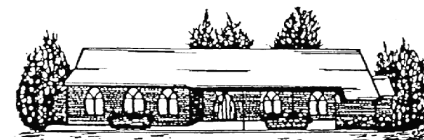


Percy Potts ~ 9 May  
Kathleen Columbine ~ 10 May  
Arthur Jenner ~ 10 May  
Kath Writer ~ 12 May  
Leonard Kirkham ~ 12 May  
Dawn Sheridan ~ 14 May

**Feast Days of the Week (8th to 14th May)**

8th St Acacius, Martyr (d 2nd Century)  
9th St Pachomius, Abbot (292-346)  
10th St Job, OT Wise Man (c1500BC)  
11th St Ignatius of Laconi, Religious (1701-81)  
12th St Epiphanius of Salamis, Bishop (315-403)  
13th Our Lady of Fatima (1917), Optional Feast  
14th St Matthias, Apostle

# 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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**RENEWAL/MISSION REVIEW:** Well! While at the time of penning this report, our Parish Renewal still has a day and a half to run, we can say at this stage that both missionaries and parishioners have come together in a way not equalled since our involvement in the 2008 World Youth Day celebrations. Thanks to the vast experience, skills and easy-going friendliness of our missionaries – **Sr. Joan BUKREY, Fr. Mike CAMPLIN and Fr. Nick PUNCH** - we have re-visited the scriptures in a new, refreshing way taking into account, particularly, this changing world in which we live. Except for the unusually timed Sunday Megalong Valley Mass when numbers were 'down', attendances have been very satisfying, indeed. Despite the cool weather, the preaching/teaching sessions have attracted many interested parishioners and visitors. Even at this interim stage, we all have to thank those responsible for the meticulous organization and conduct of this Parish Renewal. Superb, everyone! Huge congratulations! Full report next week!

**ASCENSION SUNDAY:** Today we celebrate the second of the three major feasts that collectively make up the Easter Season. First, of course, is Easter Sunday and Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. We now celebrate Christ's return to His Father in Heaven via the feast we call the Ascension - this being the Sunday following the original Feast of Ascension Thursday, the actual 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday. Last of all (next Sunday), is the Feast of Pentecost where we celebrate the descent of the Paraclete (Most Holy Spirit - third person of the Divine Trinity) to be our Advocate for all people in every generation. With Jesus on this day were those closest to Him to bear witness to His physical departure from us for His journey home - Heaven - from whence He had originally come to us. We perhaps need to be reminded that once ascended into Heaven, Jesus our Saviour, who individually and personally has supported us every moment of our existence on this difficult life's journey, is also with us spiritually to help us follow Him and His way to enable us to enter Heaven when this life for us comes to an end.

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY:** All mothers are special! Unique! We should never forget that mothers are the progenitors of the entire human race! As a mother, you are the heart of every family! In particular, once each year we take time out to honour our mothers. **Today is that day!** The strength of all mothers is that they are complete givers of themselves and of everything they have - without reservation - both to their family and to all with whom they share their lives. Mothers are love-driven for their families! So, it's time for each of us to reflect on the importance of our mother in our life, to tell her so, and then do something special exclusively for her as a GREAT BIG 'thank you' for looking after us so well. **Thank you to all our Mums!**

**BLESSING PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS** (to be shared at the end of Mass)  
*"God of love, listen to this prayer. Bless the mothers of our families. Bless them with the strength of your spirit. They who have taught their children how to stand and how to walk. Bless them with the music of your love. They who have shared how to speak; how to sing and how to pray. Bless them today with health and good things. With joy, love, laughter and pride in their children, surround them with many loving and caring friends. BLESS ALL MOTHERS! AMEN. God Bless! Father Bob"*

Last Week's Collections: 1st Collection: \$204.40 (Pastoral Revenue) Support of the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese, both active and retired. 2nd Collection: \$744.45 (includes direct deposits). This money is used for local parish needs.

Come and join us at the next **Laudato Si' Discussion and Action Group** gathering on **Wed 11 May** in the Parish meeting room 7.00pm-8.30pm. Prepared reading from *Laudato Si'* is pages 40-52. Come and look more closely at Pope Francis' encyclical. **All welcome!**

**Catalyst Reflection Morning:** The next reflection morning will take place on **Saturday 21st May** in the Parish hall. **Donna Mulhearn** will be the presenter: **Action from Contemplation: A sustainable journey of justice.** Morning tea provided and no need to book. Enquiries to Carmel 4787 8706.

**Afternoon Capers** will be held on **Wednesday 11th May** at **The Old Post Office Hartley**. We will meet at 12pm. If you need a lift, please phone Diane 4787 1357.

**VINNIES FOOD DRIVE:** There is a basket in the church for donations of tins of baby food, baked beans, lentils, long life milk, pasta, rice, salmon, soup, spaghetti, stews and tuna. Thank you.



**PARISH DINNER Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
 Seats are going fast for our Parish Dinner this year with our own **Pat Drummond** to entertain us once again. Tickets are just \$35 and are being sold after Mass each Sunday.

You will have to have paid for your ticket by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May so we can tell the caterer our numbers. *Come along and enjoy our once a year event.*

**Happy Birthday**  
**Margaret Davis for 13th May**

**Happy 44th Anniversary**  
**Carol and Pat Drummond for 13th May**

Please pray for the sick and their carers: *Sharon Booth; Stan Dochniak; Frank Farsaci; Frank Mackrell; Kevin Madden and Jack Solomons.*

**'BRITANNIA' ~ Duo Vermilion**  
**Blackheath, Sat 21st May @ 2:30pm**  
 Blackheath Uniting Church  
 Concert includes delicious afternoon tea.  
**Maria Lindsay (violin) and Matthew Brooks (piano)**  
**are Duo Vermilion.**  
*They will take you on a musical journey through the British Isles of the Victorian / Edwardian eras and beyond.*

Hear *'The Lark Ascending'* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, along with works by Edward Elgar, William Walton, York Bowen and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor.  
 Tickets at the door or online at <http://www.duovermilion.com.au>

*A Feast of Italian Baroque*

**MAGNIFICAT CONCERT in MAY**  
**Phoenix Choir with Canon Fodder DURANTE'S 'MAGNIFICAT' and VIVALDI'S 'MAGNIFICAT'**  
 Canon Fodder sing the solos in these works and also perform three pieces on their own, by Palestrina, Marenzio and Pergolesi. To start the concert all join together for the majestic *Lauda Jerusalem* by Vivaldi, where they aim to capture the grandeur of the original setting for two antiphonal choirs.  
**Sunday 22 May at 3pm**  
**Blackheath Baptist Church**  
**6 Bundarra Street Blackheath**  
 Tickets are now available online at [www.phoenixchoir.org.au](http://www.phoenixchoir.org.au) and by selecting "tickets". Tickets will also be available at the door.