

PARISH RENEWAL – SACRED HEART PARISH BLACKHEATH
“Renewal of Mind and Heart: Scriptural Spirituality Today”
Saturday 30 April to Wednesday 4 May 2016

Dear Friends

On behalf of the Catholic Communities of Sacred Heart Blackheath, St Paul’s Mount Victoria and St Joseph’s Megalong Valley, we invite you to participate in our upcoming Parish Renewal:

“Renewal of Mind and Heart: Scriptural Spirituality Today”
Saturday 30 April to Wednesday 4 May 2016

The Renewal will be presented by the International Thomas More Preaching Team – Franciscan, Sister Joan Bukrey and Dominicans, Father Mike Champlin and Father Nick Punch. Many parishioners will recall the wonderful spirituality and experience this same Team brought to our Community some 8 or 9 years ago!

Why a Parish Renewal?

- In today’s rapidly changing world, many Catholics are experiencing increasing feelings of confusion and uncertainty with their own spirituality and the role that their faith plays in modern society.
 - ***Renewal of Mind and Heart: Scriptural Spirituality Today*** aims to create a fresh enthusiasm among parishioners, unite parishes and lay foundations for the future.
- *By and large* parishes around the world have moved away from what many of us once knew as a ‘Parish Mission’ – often, back then, a *“hell, fire and brimstone”* experience.
 - **The Renewal Program** provides parishes with a time for updating and revitalization - based on the teachings of the Church and a contemporary interpretation of Scripture.

For whom?

- **The program is valuable for those adults who are discovering the Catholic faith for the first time, those returning to the faith and those older Catholics trying to understand the changes that have occurred in the post Vatican II church.**
- **The sessions are also well adapted to an ecumenical audience. The Preaching Team has had excellent experiences of interfaith participation.**
- **Children 12 years old and older will also benefit.**

The Program:

The Parish Renewal Program, detailed overleaf, will commence with our weekend Eucharistic Celebrations in each of our three Mass Centres on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will commence with daily Mass and be followed by a morning and

evening Renewal Session. Special Liturgies include a Family Reconciliation Liturgy and a Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

During the course of the Renewal Team Members will be available for one-on-one counselling sessions.

PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM – SATURDAY 30 APRIL TO WEDNESDAY 4 MAY	
DAY & TIME	EVENT & VENUE
Saturday 30 April 6:00 pm	Vigil Mass at St Paul’s Church Mount Victoria – followed by a light supper.
Sunday 1 May 9:00 am	Mass at St Joseph’s Church Megalong Valley – followed by morning tea.
Sunday 1 May 9:30am	Mass at Sacred Heart Blackheath – followed by morning tea
Sunday 1 May 12:00 – 2:00 pm	‘Parish Welcome Lunch’ - in the Parish Hall, Blackheath.
Sunday 1 May 6:30 – 8:00 pm	First Renewal Session – at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath, followed by light refreshments.
Monday 2 May 9:00am	Mass at Sacred Heart Blackheath
Monday 2 May 9:40 -11:00 am	Second Renewal Session - at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath, followed by light refreshments.
Monday 2 May 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Third Renewal Session - at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath, followed by light refreshments.
Tuesday 3 May 9:00 am	Mass at Sacred Heart Blackheath
Tuesday 3 May 9:40 – 11:00 am	Fourth Renewal Session – at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath, followed by light refreshments.
Tuesday 3 May 7:00 – 8:30pm	Fifth Renewal Session - in conjunction with Family Reconciliation Liturgy (2nd Rite) – at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath, followed by light refreshments.
Wednesday 4 May 9:30 – 11:30 am	Sixth Renewal Session in conjunction with Mass of the Anointing of the Sick – at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath, followed by morning tea.
Wednesday 4 May 7:00 – 8:15pm	Final Renewal Session - at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath.

**Wednesday 4 May
8:30 – 9:30pm**

**Farewell supper in the Parish Hall
Blackheath**

In Need of Transport?

Please call Monica Bright for Wentworth Falls to Blackheath areas (47573943); Diane Stewart for Mount Victoria (47871357) or Norma Carlon for Megalong Valley (47879110).

We will need to know your needs no later than Tuesday 26 April.

Please feel free to invite any of your family, friends or neighbours to come along!

Yours in Christ

**Fr Bob Sheridan
Parish Priest
Council**

**David Buckley
Chairman, Parish Pastoral
Council**