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Acts 6:1-7 **Deacons elected**  
1Peter 2:4-9 **Chosen by God**  
John 14:1-12 **The Father's house**

**Psalm Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place out trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord; no one comes to the Father,  
except through me. Alleluia...

**Servers**

14 May Michelle Davis  
21 May Graham Adams

**Readers**

14 May 1st Reading Elaine Jackson  
2nd Reading Basil Jackson  
Intercessions Robert Forbes  
21 May 1st Reading Claire Maguire  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley  
Intercessions Paul Harris

**Communion**

14 May Jan Roberts and Carla Endean  
21 May Ray Wood and Michelle Davis

**Counters**

14 May Barbara and Bill  
21 May Marilyn Rowe

**Morning Tea**

14 May Rasa Blansjaar  
21 May Dave Harris

**Church Care**

26 May Noeleen Cliff and Jennifer Milani



**Fifth  
Sunday  
of  
Easter**

**Year A**

**14th May 2017**

Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid, to trust in him, to believe in him. Our lives can be so scattered that we forget these consoling words he spoke for us. Jesus is our Way, our Truth and our Life. He will prepare a place for us so that we will be with him for ever. May we be ready to meet him when the time comes.

Next Week: **With you forever** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65 1Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:

Barry Bowden;  
Margaret Clancy;  
John & Marion Crowley;  
Paul Kalmar;  
Norma Longmuir;  
Kevin Madden;  
Philia Portelli; Amber Simmons; Paul Windle and Roma Ziolkowski.

**Feast Days of the Week  
(14th to 20th May)**

14th St Matthias, Apostle  
15th St Isidore, Farmer (1080-1130)  
16th St Simon Stock, Carmelite Prior General (d1265)  
17th St Paschal Baylon, Religious (1540-92)  
18th St John 1, Pope, Martyr (d526), optional feast  
19th St Celestine V, Pope (1215-96)  
20th St Bernadine of Siena, Priest (1380-1444), optional feast

**Sacred Heart  
Care Group:**

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact Monica Bright on 4757 3943 if you think we can help.

# Sacred Heart Parish

**SACRED HEART CHURCH ~ BLACKHEATH  
SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH ~ MOUNT VICTORIA  
SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH ~ MEGALONG VALLEY**

**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.**

*We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,  
the traditional custodians of the land of the Blue Mountains.*

<b>Blackheath</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
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</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	<b>Father Bob Sheridan</b>	<b>Parish House</b>
<b>Parish House:</b>	02 4787 8811	18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
<b>Parish Mobile:</b>	04 1735 5479 (Emergency only)	<b>Sacred Heart Church</b>
<b>Parish Office:</b>	02 4787 8540	167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.
<b>Facsimile:</b>	02 4787 6143	<b>Saint Paul's Church</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>	shbheath2@bigpond.com	65 Great Western Hwy, Mt Victoria.
<b>Office hours:</b>	<b>Wed</b> 1.00pm - 4.00pm	<b>Saint Joseph's Church</b>
	<b>Thu</b> 9.00am - 12.00pm	Megalong Rd, Megalong Valley.
	<b>Fri</b> 9.00am - 12.00pm	

For Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, please contact the Parish House.

**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 Christine O'Grady (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)

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



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**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!** All Mothers are special! Unique! As a Mother, you are the heart of every family! Once each year we take time out to particularly honour our Mothers. Today is that day! The strength of all Mothers is that they are complete givers of themselves and of the things they have - 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 for her alone 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 good health and happiness. With joy, love, laughter and pride in their children, surround them with their loving, caring family and friends. BLESS ALL MOTHERS IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! AMEN.*

This is also an appropriate time for us to thank our other mother, Mary, in this her month of May, for the perfect life she lived and her unqualified support of Son Jesus and husband Joseph (her family!). Christianity has always honoured Mary as our Spiritual Mother from the day of her Immaculate Conception. The oldest Marian Feast in the Latin Church is that of Mary, the Mother of God, which we celebrate each year on 1st January. We especially rely on Mary to safely steer us through the troubles we all experience in this life in her devotion to us, and our responsive devotion to her. To this end, the Hail Mary is among our most basic prayers and the Rosary among the most often said. Thank you, Mary, our eternal Mum, for the love you impart to us, and for bringing us closer to Jesus and our beloved Father in Heaven.

**FATIMA'S MOTHER MARY:** Yesterday (Saturday, 13th May), was the 100th Annual Feast of Our Lady of Fatima's first appearance to her specially chosen three children. Led by Pope Francis, two of those children, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, the young sister and brother aged respectively 7 and 9 years, were canonized as part of a massive celebration still continuing as we gather for Mass this morning. The cause for sainthood of their elder cousin, Lucia dos Santos, the third child, who died only recently aged 97 years in 2005, is still underway.



**THE VINNIE'S CLOTHING BIN:** Finally, we hope, an acceptable permanent 'home' has been found for Vinnie's new clothing bin, now located at the boundary of our forest area along the Wentworth Street frontage. I have already seen one customer drop off some clothing this afternoon (Wednesday). Many thanks to Vinnie's and everyone involved in securing this facility for our wider community!

# HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF):** The next Sacred Heart Parish instalment for this year will be collected over the next two weeks. Please support these collections as they make possible quite a number of essential services within the Parramatta Diocese that rely on these collections for their continued existence. Next Sunday (21st May) is THE day! All collections over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your contribution! **God Bless! Father Bob**

The next **Cosmology Spirituality morning** will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on 19 May, 10am till noon. Ch.1 in the new book *The Blue Sky God* (\$22) will be the subject of discussion. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. New participants are very welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290.

## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Saturday, 10 June, (and Sunday morning from 10.30) is the launch of our **POP UP SHOP and TEAROOMS** giving you the chance to buy beautiful preloved and new fashions. And join us for a High Tea at Miss Pretty's Tearoom. *For all things naughty but nice!*

We are taking donations of **good, resaleable clothing** items now. If you can help on the Saturday OR Sunday morning after Mass, please let Marilyn or Patricia know.

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Please also note your diary, that our annual **PARISH DINNER** will be held in the Parish Hall on **FRIDAY 16TH JUNE.**

Spit Roast, great company and entertainment. All welcome! More information to follow.



**Mother's Day Prayer**  
*God our Creator, we pray:  
 for new mothers,  
 coming to terms with  
 new responsibility;  
 for expectant mothers,  
 wondering and waiting;*

*for those who are tired, stressed or  
 depressed; for those who struggle to  
 balance the tasks of work and family;  
 for those who are unable to feed  
 their children due to poverty;  
 for those whose children have physical,  
 mental or emotional disabilities;  
 for those who raise children on their  
 own; for those who have lost a child;  
 for those who care for the children of  
 others; and for those whose desire to  
 be a mother has not been fulfilled.*

*Bless all mothers, that their love may be  
 deep and tender, and that they may lead  
 their children to know and do what is  
 good, living not for themselves alone,  
 but for God and for others. Amen.*

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** Fr Clifford D'Souza MCBS, is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 12th Nov - 25th Nov 2017. This pilgrimage is being organised by Magi Pilgrimages and features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at an early bird offer of \$4,990. Reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500 prior to 30th May 2017. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve your seats, contact Mr George on 0422 215 855. **Magi Pilgrimages**

In memoriam  
**Dawn Sheridan ~ 14 May; Ken Austin ~ 15 May; Jean McSweeney ~ 17 May.**