

**TOP**

Acts 2:14, 36-41 **Promise is for you**  
 1Peter 2:20-25 **Our shepherd**  
 John 10:1-10 **Fullness of life**

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is my shepherd;  
 there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
 I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia...

**Servers**

7 May Ray Wood  
 14 May Michelle Davis

**Readers**

7 May 1st Reading Brian Bright  
 2nd Reading Monica Bright  
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
 14 May 1st Reading Elaine Jackson  
 2nd Reading Basil Jackson  
 Intercessions Robert Forbes

**Communion**

7 May Elizabeth Doolan and Paul Harris  
 14 May Jan Roberts and Carla Endean

**Counters**

7 May Robyn and Adrian  
 14 May Barbara and Bill

**Morning Tea**

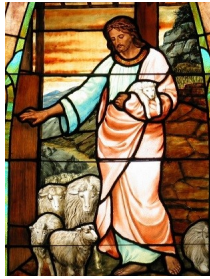
7 May Claire Maguire  
 14 May Rasa Blansjaar

**Church Care**

12 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

**Fourth  
 Sunday  
 of  
 Easter**

**Year A**



**7th May 2017**

‘One by one he calls  
 his own sheep and  
 leads them.’

What a fantastic image  
 of God’s love for us!  
 Notwithstanding the  
 billions of people now  
 walking the earth and all  
 those of earlier centuries,  
 God knows and cares for  
 each of us personally,  
 individually.

He looks for a return  
 of love and gratitude  
 on that same basis.

What does he want  
 to give us?  
 Life to the full.

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of  
 the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the  
 Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd  
 has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep  
 and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next Week: **The Father’s house** Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Please pray for the sick and  
 their carers: Barry Bowden;  
 Margaret Clancy;  
 John & Marion Crowley;  
 Danielle Moir; Paul Kalmar;  
 Norma Longmuir;  
 Kevin Madden; Philia Portelli;  
 Amber Simmons; Paul Windle  
 and Roma Ziolkowski.

**Feast Days of the Week (Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th May)**

7th St Domitian, Bishop (d560)  
 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



# 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>
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<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 Karen Hayward (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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**GOOD SHEPHERD/VOCATIONS SUNDAY:** The fourth Sunday of Easter (today) is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday and the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The need for all vocations incorporating both religious and secular lifestyles is always of an extremely high order in our Christian society. While all vocations are valid, the Church has forever a great and particular need for more priests and religious. So, we the faithful on this day each year are encouraged to pray for more men and women to enter into consecrated life - a life of dedicated service to God, Church and people under the guidance of the Most Holy Spirit. Pope Francis has this year provided for us a comprehensive message on this subject, from which I quote below some excerpts for our consideration:

*“Now, on this 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I would like to reflect on the missionary dimension of our Christian calling. Those who are drawn by God’s voice and are determined to follow Jesus soon discover within themselves an irrepressible desire to bring the Good News to their brothers and sisters through proclamation and the service of charity. All Christians are called to be missionaries of the Gospel! As disciples, we do not receive the gift of God’s love for our personal consolation, nor are we called to promote ourselves, or a business concern. We are simply men and women touched and transformed by the joy of God’s love who cannot keep this experience just to ourselves.*

*Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love.*

*Certainly many questions arise when we speak of the Christian mission. What does it mean to be a missionary of the Gospel? Who gives us the strength and courage to preach? What is the evangelical basis and inspiration of mission? We can respond to these questions by meditating on three scenes from the Gospels: the inauguration of Jesus’ mission in the synagogue at Nazareth; the journey that, after his resurrection, he makes in the company of the disciples of Emmaus and, finally, the parable of the sower and the seed. To be a missionary disciple means to share actively in the mission of Christ. Jesus himself described that mission in these words: ‘The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...’*

*Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Saviour, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God’s hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted the same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, ‘Here I am’, to the Lord’s call, and that same joy in setting out, like her, to proclaim him to the whole world.”*

The fourth Sunday of Easter also offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them - that’s you and that’s me!

**MOTHERS’ DAY:** Mothers’ Day is that one day in the year when we make that special effort to honour our “Mum”. I recall asking you a few years ago whether you knew that, traditionally, Mums were always recognised in church! Parishioners wore carnations to symbolise the love they had for their mothers, both living and deceased. So it is that prayers would feature in any Mothers’ Day celebration. You and I know that mothers are the heart of any family. So, I take this opportunity to honour all mothers, including my own dearly departed “Mum”, by sharing a prayer and a blessing with all parishioners for our “Mums” at the end of Mass next Sunday.

**FATIMA:** Saturday next (13/5) is the 100th anniversary of the Feast of Fatima. Pope Francis will be there that day to canonize both Jacinta and Francisco Marto, the young brother and sister who, along with their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, were central to Mary’s Fatima appearances. Our normal Blackheath Mass will be celebrated from 9.00am. **God Bless! Father Bob**

**World Day of Prayer  
For Vocations**

Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, more vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations - whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. The Pope, in his Letter for today, tells us **‘There is no room for fear!’**

May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations.

**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.

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!

**Happy 45th Anniversary  
Pat and Carol Drummond for 13th May**

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



**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.

**Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group Trivia Night ~ Saturday 17 June**

Despite the wonderful news regarding Patrick receiving Refugee Status, there are still many thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum that need assistance - in a whole range of ways.

Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group continues to do an outstanding job in helping to fulfil the needs of many. To do this, BMRSG needs money!

The Trivia night on 17 June is an opportunity for a social get-together, fun and fundraising to assist with the continuation of BMRSG’s great work.

**Venue:** Mavis Wood Hall, Lawson. **Time:** 7pm.

Teams of 6, 8 or 10 can be accommodated. **Cost:** \$25 per person.

Numbers are limited and table bookings will fill up quickly - so if you would like to join a Team from Sacred Heart Blackheath, please contact David Buckley ASAP - 4787 5105 or by email at dbuckley45@bigpond.com

In memoriam: **Percy Potts** ~ 9 May; **Kathleen Columbine** ~ 10 May  
**Arthur Jenner** ~ 10 May; **Kath Writer** ~ 12 May; **Leonard Kirkham** ~ 12 May.