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Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24 In God's image  
2 Corinthians 8:7.9.13-15 Be generous  
Mark 5:21-43 Have faith

**Response to the Psalm:**

I will praise you,  
Lord, for you have  
rescued me.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Praise the Word of  
Truth and Life.



**Thirteenth Sunday  
Year B**

The first reading tells us that death was not God's doing. God made us imperishable. When Jairus' daughter dies, there seems to be no hope, and the people laugh at Jesus when he says she is asleep.

With tender compassion, Jesus restores the little girl to life. With his love, Jesus can restore us to life, and bring us to our eternal home at the end of time.

**Next Week: Lack of faith**  
*Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 122*  
*2 Corinthians 12:7-10;*  
*Mark 6:1-6*

**Servers**

28 June Bill Grieves  
3 July Diane Stewart (Mt Victoria)  
5 July Michelle Davis

**Readers**

28 June 1st Reading Monica Bright  
Ps/Intercessions Anthony Gilchrist  
2nd Reading Brian Bright  
3 July 1st Reader Maria Cora  
2nd Reader Therese Gatt  
5 July 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey  
Ps/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
2nd Reading Anthony Gilchrist

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

28 June Heather Carroll and Carla Endean  
5 July Heather Carroll and Julie Hodgkinson

**Children's Liturgy**

28 June Bettina LeGras  
5 July Carol Drummond

**Counters**

28 June Barbara and Bill  
5 July Christa and David

**Morning Tea**

28 June Margaret Ridoutt  
5 July Bettina LeGras

**Church Care**

3 July Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam  
10 July Robyn and Kevin Burns

**Liturgical Ministers' Roster** for 5<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> August is now available.

**Praying the Gospel Group**

meet Wednesdays at  
9.30am after Mass.

The new **PA System** in the Church is up and running with the Hearing Aid Loop complete.

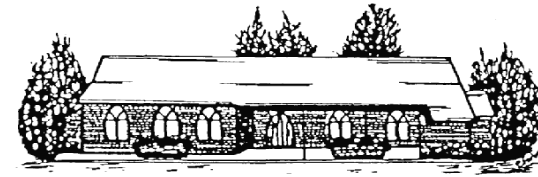


A big **thanks to Marilyn Rowe and Pat Drummond** for overseeing this project.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

**Russell Ellis; James Ford; Judy Frazer; Rita Jenner;**  
**Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Irene Peacock; Cecily O'Brien;**  
**David Ridoutt and Hugo Riggs.**

# SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath  
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria  
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We wish to acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,  
the original custodians of this 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.

Administrator: Fr Bob Sheridan Parish Office hours:  
Parish House: 4787 8811 Wednesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm  
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.30am - 2.30pm  
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,  
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8540.

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

<b>Blackheath</b> - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Communion Service	Monday	9.00am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30am
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am to 10.00am
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - Vigil Mass	2nd Saturday of month	6.00pm

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob, Monica Bright (Chair), Adrian Carroll (Deputy Chair) or Chris Le Gras (Secretary).

**Care Group** - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

**Bulletin Items:** Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.  
Phone 4787 8520 or email [sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

## THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST: 2009-2010

Pope Benedict XVI recently declared a year-long celebration of one of the most basic and fundamental elements of the Catholic Church: the priesthood.

Beginning June 19 just passed (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus), our Church will dedicate one full year to remembering what it is to be a priest. This will not only be an opportunity for us priests to rediscover our vocation, mission and passion for Christ, but it also gives parishioners a chance to rediscover the gifts (benefits) the priesthood is for your own lives.

The Pontiff chose this year to reflect on priests because this is also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St John Vianney, known as the Cure d'Ars. By linking the Year for Priests with St John Vianney, who is also the patron of Diocesan priests, this jubilee not only celebrates the basics of the Church, but also the basics of the priesthood itself.

The road to priesthood was difficult for John Vianney who had difficulty even learning to read, write and learn Latin. Nine years after he began his priesthood studies, the student Vianney was finally ordained at age 29 years. Less than three years later he was assigned as assistant pastor in the small country village of Ars, not far from Lyons. Eventually, he re-awakened the faith of his parishioners through his preaching, prayers and way of life. His reputation slowly grew until, spending up to 18 hours a day in the confessional, Fr Vianney was confessing up to 80,000 penitents a year. Exhausted, the Cure D'Ars died August 4, 1859 aged 73 years.

St John Vianney was a "tireless worker for God", a sentiment expressed by Pope John XXIII and symbolic of every one of the world's 408,000 priests, and that is one priest for every 2,810 Catholics in the world.

Pope John XXIII stated "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." This year we have the opportunity to do just that.

**God Bless! Fr Bob**

### Feast Days for this week! (28<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009)

Sunday	St Iranaeus, Bishop/Martyr (C130-208) St Paul I, (Pope 757-67)
Monday	St Peter & St Paul, Apostles – Solemnity
Tuesday	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome, optional St Bertrand, Bishop (533-623)
Wednesday	St Aaron, Jewish Priest (brother of Moses) St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop/Martyr (1629-1681)
Friday	St Thomas, Apostle, Feast
Saturday	St Elizabeth of Portugal (Queen 1271-1336), optional



**Advance Notice for Parishioners:**  
The 9am Mass on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July will be a Healing Mass. On 11<sup>th</sup> July, Benediction with Mass and Reconciliation will be held at 9am.

The Parishioners at **St Josephs, Megalong Valley** are celebrating the new arrival of a **Paschal Candle Stand. Thanks to Bill Grieves** for your hard work.

**Living Faith:** We have a few extra copies of the Living Faith if anyone would like to subscribe to it. Cost is \$16 yearly. Please see Jan Roberts if you are interested.

### **Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

*In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.*

*God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be open-handed as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.*

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### **Happy Birthday**

Louise Hoyes for Today  
Judy Harris for 30 June  
Ingeborg Caplice for 30 June  
Camden Gilchrist for 2 July  
Norma Longmuir for 4 July

### **In memoriam:**

James Johnston ~ 1st July  
Anne Forbes ~ 3rd July  
Paddy Schmude ~ 4th July  
Paul Zielinski ~ 4th July and  
Maureen Taylor whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### **The Lord has pity**

Love, speaking in silence, is the way into the void of another's grief. The best of all loves comes silently, and slowly too, to soften the pain of grief, and begin to dispel the sadness. It is the love of God, warm and true, which will touch the grieving heart and heal it. He looks at the grieving person and has pity, for grief is a great pain. He came among us to learn about grief and much else too, this Man of Sorrows. He knows. He understands. Grief will yield to peace – in time.

**Cardinal Basil Hume (1923-1999)**

