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**Acts 4:8-12 Our Saviour**  
**1 John 3:1-2 Love lavished on us**  
**John 10:11-18 The Good Shepherd**

**Response to the Psalm:**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

**Servers**

3 May Ray Wood  
10 May Bill Grieves

**Readers**

3 May 1st Reading Christa Buckley  
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns  
2nd Reading Robyn Burns  
10 May 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey  
Ps/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
2nd Reading Anthony Gilchrist

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

3 May Jan Roberts and Anthony Gilchrist  
10 May Heather Carroll and Julie Hodgkinson

**Children's Liturgy**

3 May Carmel Vanny  
10 May Sarah Greene

**Counters**

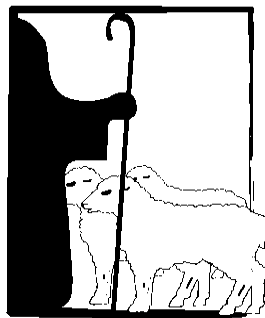
3 May Christa and David  
10 May Robyn and Kevin

**Morning Tea**

3 May Moira McNair  
10 May Janice Lane

**Church Care**

8 May Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston  
15 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**Fourth Sunday  
of Easter Year B**

Jesus follows in the line of David, the shepherd King of Israel.

He describes himself as the 'Good Shepherd', because he cares for his sheep even to the point of laying down his life for them. He knows and loves his sheep and they know and love him.

He equates this knowledge and love to that which exists between him and his Father. How overwhelming this is!

Next Week: **Vine and branches**  
*Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21*  
*1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8*



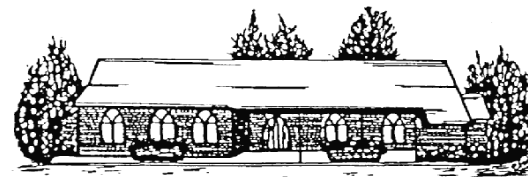
**Sacred Heart Care Group**

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact our Care Group if you think we can help - Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.

**LiturgY Rosters** are now ready for collection in the Church foyer.

Please pray for those who are ill:  
**Russell Ellis; James Ford; Judy Frazer; Arthur Jenner; Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Irene Peacock; Cec 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
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00pm
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

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

**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).

**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)

## CONFIRMATION

I am currently preparing one of our adult parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Somehow, in his receipt of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation) the Sacrament of Confirmation was left out.

There is a feeling among some Catholics that Confirmation is almost an optional Sacrament. It isn't! Confirmation imparts a true strengthening of our spiritual character through the increased presence of the Holy Spirit in us. It is very similar to a young person maturing into adulthood in their lives.

While we receive the gift of the presence of the Holy Spirit within the Sacrament of Baptism, the Holy Spirit's presence can be likened to the first instalment of this Sacrament, the second and final part of which is the particular Sacrament of Confirmation. We need to understand that our Eternal Father and his only Son, Jesus, work in us through the Holy Spirit as occurred in the coming Feast of Pentecost, when the timidity of the Apostles confined fearfully in that one room, found the courage through the Holy Spirit to speak out - to preach - to the multi-lingual crowd gathered to hear them proclaim Jesus' good news. Through Confirmation we too are strengthened so as to impart that same good news to our generation.

Perhaps we need to be reminded of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, which is ours through this Sacrament. These gifts are: Wisdom (to be truly wise to follow God's way), Understanding (helps us to see things as God sees them); Right Judgement (helps us to recognise the difference between good and bad according to God's Law); Courage (strengthens us to follow God's way whatever hardships ensue); Knowledge (enables us to recognise God's goodness, greatness and kindness to us); Reverence (helps us to love, honour and respect God) and Awe (assists us to appreciate the wonder of God).

Given this great gift, we are reinforced in our acceptance of the need for, and obligations appended to, this strengthening Sacrament of Confirmation.

**God Bless! Fr Bob**



### The Season of Letting Go

"It's that time of year again. As I drive down a tree-lined street, I'm captured by the beauty of the greens and yellows, the oranges and reds and I am drawn back to another time. It was a time when I was struggling with many changes in my life and I felt disillusioned, vulnerable and helpless. Each year for me the abundance of Autumn colours become a deep call to trust that each loss in my life holds the seeds of new life."

Sr Yvonne Parker Terra Spiritus.

### May Celebrations in honour of Our Lady and to pray for Peace in the World and the Welfare of Australia

will take place in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 9th May commencing at 11.30am with an entrance procession of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart (specially blessed by Pope Paul VI in 1967 to promote the important Fatima message of Hope and Peace).

The programme will include Rosary, Litany of Loreto and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 1.20pm by Fr Huy Phan.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 17** - there will be a Re-Connection Mass with our Augustinian Fathers: Fr Paul, Fr Peter and Fr John OSA. Kindly bring a plate of hospitality.

**May 31** - Fr John Frauenfelder will concelebrate with Fr Bob. Fr Joseph Sobb is still recovering from spinal surgery but when he is well, he would love to be with us again. He sends his good wishes to you all and asks for prayers for his full recovery.

### A WARM WELCOME TO THE JOHN PAUL SINGERS FROM OUR SACRED HEART COMMUNITY!

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we welcome a very special choir that David Ridoutt has been a member of for many years. We are very privileged that the John Paul Singers have come up the mountain to share their musical skills and expertise with our community. Our own choir and musicians are able to have a rest and sit back and appreciate the gifts of this wonderful choir. We thank our community choir and musicians for the gifts you share so generously with us every Sunday. We invite everyone to join us in the hall for a cup of hospitality after Mass. We hope the warmth of our welcome makes up for the mountain chill.

**Peace and blessings, Monica.**

### DIOCESAN WORKS FUND - TODAY

Contributions for the Diocesan Works Fund help many different services, some of which are: Clergy Health, Catholic Missions, Social Justice and Child Protection services, to name a few. Envelopes have been placed on the church seats for today's DWF collection. Thank you for your continued support.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Meditation takes place on Monday mornings, 10.30, at 227 The Mall, Leura.

For those who cannot make the daytime session, there will be a meeting on Thursday evenings: 7.30 at Blackheath. For more information, please ring Barbara: 4787 6032

### Put your faith into action

Volunteer to spend 2 weeks in PNG or Outback Australia helping children in need: 21 June - 5 July. [www.delasallebrothers.com](http://www.delasallebrothers.com) for details.

*In memoriam:*  
**Percy Potts ~ 9th May**

### Happy Birthday

Special birthday wishes to

**Marilyn Rowe**

60 on 4 May

**Ken Kirkham**

6 May

**Nicole Tokoli**

7 May

**Annabel**

**Dignam**

2 on 9 May



### SRE MEETING

All SREs (Blackheath, Mt Vic and Megalong) are invited to attend a meeting with Veronica Sultana on **Thursday 7 May at 10.30am** in the Meeting Room.

*Noleen Cliff*

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will meet this Tuesday, **5 May at 3.30pm** in the Meeting Room.