**TODAY**

*Acts 9:26-31* **Barnabas reconciles**
*1 John 3:18-24* **Real, active love**
*John 15:1-8* **Vine and branches**

**Response to the Psalm:**
I will praise you Lord in the assembly of your people.

**Gospel Acclamation:**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

**Servers**

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| 10 May | Bill Grieves |
| 17 May | Pat Wicks |

**Readers**

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| 10 May | 1st Reading | Elizabeth Giddey |
| | Ps/Intercessions | Frances Huckstepp |
| | 2nd Reading | Anthony Gilchrist |
| 17 May | 1st Reading | Catherine Beaver |
| | Ps/Intercessions | Julie Hodgkinson |
| | 2nd Reading | Terry Beaver |

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

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| 10 May | Heather Carroll and Julie Hodgkinson |
| 17 May | Carla Endean and Diane Stewart |

**Children's Liturgy**

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| 10 May | Sarah Greene |
| 17 May | Elaine Phillips |

**Counters**

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| 10 May | Robyn and Kevin |
| 17 May | Louise and Laurie |

**Morning Tea**

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| 10 May | Janice Lane |
| 17 May | Carla Endean |

**Church Care**

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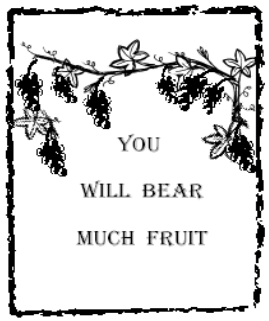
| 15 May | Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves |
| 22 May | Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean |




**Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Year B**

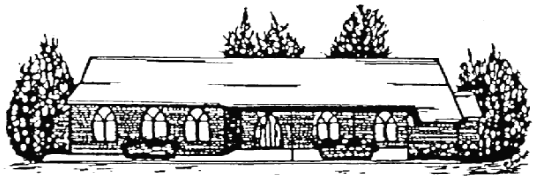
**The same life that feeds the vine feeds the branches also. The branches must be firmly joined to the vine for that life to flow and make them fruitful. Pruning is painful but necessary for the vine to bear abundant fruit. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches. To bear fruit we must remain firmly joined to him, accept his pruning, and be attentive and responsive to his words.**

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.**

Happy Birthday
**Jacob Wooldridge**
for today

**May Cosmology Morning:** On Friday, 15 May, 10am till noon, we will gather at the Good Samaritan Community House at 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls for our May Cosmology morning. The discussion will centre on Chapter 4 of 'Radical Amazement' and the meditation will be a quite silent time in the garden or by the fire. Sr Jacinta will show her PowerPoint presentation of *"The Story of the Universe and it Effects on our Spirituality"*. Our gathering includes prayer, song and morning tea. All are welcome. Enquiries: Sr. Jacinta ~ 4757 2290

# 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.

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| 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, Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8540. | |
| email: | shbheath2@bigpond.com | | |

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

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| **Blackheath** - 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 |
| **Mount Victoria** - Mass | 1st Friday of month | 7.00pm |
| **Megalong Valley** - 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**

**Mother's Day**

All mothers are special! Unique! The heart of every family! Once each year we take time out to particularly honour our mothers. Today is that day. Mothers are givers of themselves and of the things they have - without reservation - to their family and to all those with whom they share their lives. Mothers are love-driven for their family! So, let each of us take time out to reflect on the importance of our mother in our life, to tell her so, and then do something special for her alone as our great big thank you for looking after us. Thank you to all our Parish Mums!

This is also an appropriate time to thank our other Mother, Mary, 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 time of Jesus' Crucifixion. The oldest Marion Feast in the Latin Church is that of Mary, the Mother of God, which we celebrate at the beginning of each year on 1st January. We especially rely on Mary to safely steer us through the vagaries of this life through 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.

**Four Months On!**

I know it's difficult to believe, but as of May 5, I have shared my life with you for four months in my capacity as local Priest. In that time we have managed to celebrate 108 Masses (with Homilies/Homilettes), 3 funerals, 1 Baptism, 16 Reconciliation periods plus the Lenten and Easter Programs. None of the above would have been possible without the tremendous cooperation and support I have received from so many of you! Thank you! *God Bless! Fr Bob*

PROJECT compassion 9

Our final tally for **Project Compassion is $3603.40** - what an incredible result - our best ever! Thank you for your continued support and generosity. "What you do to the least, you do it to me."

**DWF**: Our quota for the May DWF is $1626. We have collected $808 to date and the envelopes are in the church again this Sunday. Thank you for you continued generosity.

**Do you long to give your life to something meaningful?** We, Daughters of St Paul, are a community of religious sisters focused on Christ. Engaging with the world through modern media and technology, we proclaim Christ in new ways to the people of each new generation. We invite you to share our mission and explore what religious life has to offer you. For further details see vocations@pauline.com.au or contact Sr Joanna on 0403 175 251. You can also find out more about us at www.daughtersofstpaul.org.au

# Happy Mothers Day

**Special Thoughts on Mother's Day**

We give thanks for the love of our Mother in our lives. For some in the community it may mean that they have been called to their heavenly home, perhaps this year, or some years past. We remember their unselfish love for us. We can recall the favourite meal that they made for us with love. We remember perhaps their favourite past time, whether it was embroidery, patching socks, gardening, reading or just being present to whoever came to their home. We recall the prayers that they so lovingly shared with us and their boundless wisdom. A mother's love is a visible presence of God's own love.

St Therese of Lisieux reminds us that **"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."**

May your Mother's Day be one of peace and sharing time with those close in your heart. We also give thanks for those in our community who share their mothering in many special ways, those who are single and give so generously.

**Being Mindful:** A very special Mum shared how when she pegs the clothes on the line for her children she prays for each one. What a beautiful prayer!

**Peace and blessings, Monica.**

**THANK YOU!**

What a special Eucharist we had on Good Shepherd Sunday! Special thanks is extended to all who provided hospitality for **The John Paul Singers**. Not only was it a memorable occasion for our community but also for David and Margaret and their family. Thank you all for your warm welcome to our visitors. Special thanks to Jan and Noeleen for their beautiful arrangements on the altar and for the Autumn leaves that featured with the cactus dahlias. David Buckley also added his touch to the hall with his artistry. *Monica Bright*

**Date to Remember ~ Sunday 17 May:** There will be a Re-Connection Mass with our Augustinian Fathers. Kindly bring a plate of hospitality to share after Mass in the hall. Thank you in anticipation.

**Prayer Day at Augustinian Centre for Spirituality, Greystanes:**

Praying in the presence of the Blessed Eucharist (Fr Peter Jones OSA)

A day of adoration and praise supported by a meditative listening to Scripture and Saint Augustine's insights on the mystery of the Eucharist.

**Wednesday, 10th June, 9:45am - 2:30pm**

at the Augustinian Centre of Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Avenue, Greystanes

$15 (concessions available). Bring your own lunch - refreshments provided.

Bookings: 9896-6794 or osaspirit@bigpond.com.au

In memoriam:
**Kathleen Columbine** ~ 10 May
**Kath Writer** ~ 12 May

*Happy Anniversary*
*Catherine and Terry Beaver for 14th May*