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*Numbers 11:25-29* **God's spirit abounds**  
*James 5:1-6* **Worthless wealth**  
*Mark 9:38-43.45-47-48* **Seek true good**

*Please see the Confirmation Booklet for the Response to the Psalm and Gospel Acclamation.*

**Servers**

27 Sep Wayne Kelly  
3 Oct Diane Stewart *Mt Vic (Saturday)*  
4 Oct Ray Wood

**Readers**

27 Sep 1st Reading Catherine Beaver  
Intercessions Liz Colton  
2nd Reading Gerard Nolan  
3 Oct 1st Reader Terry Beaver  
2nd Reader Catherine Beaver  
4 Oct 1st Reading Mary Duggan  
Intercessions Carol Drummond  
2nd Reading Anne Broomfield

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

27 Sep Pat Wicks and Anthony Gilchrist  
4 Oct Pat Leeder and Michelle Davis

**Children's Liturgy**

27 Sep Elaine Phillips  
4 Oct Anne Broomfield

**Counters**

27 Sep Carla and Neil  
4 Oct Monica

**Morning Tea**

27 Sep Christine Burke  
4 Oct Frances Huckstepp

**Church Care**

2 Oct Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston  
9 Oct Julie Hodgkinson

**Let's serve with love**

Let us love God, but let it be through the service of others, with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow. We must pass from affective love to effective love. And that is a love which takes flesh in works of charity: service of the poor which is undertaken with joy, constancy and tender love. It is only by feeling your love that the poor will forgive you for your bread.



**St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)**

*Today, 27 September, is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul.*

**Children's Liturgy Rosters** are now available for collection in the Church Foyer.



**Twenty-sixth Sunday Year B**

We can be very keen to work for God, and if we belong to a group that is working well together, how good that can be!

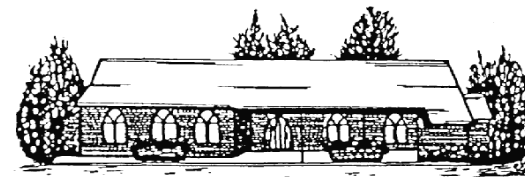
Jesus asks us to be welcoming and open to others, even when their ways are different from ours. Each of us can do great things for the Kingdom of God, but it is important not to be exclusive in our attitude towards others.

Next Week: Come to me  
*Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127*  
*Hebrews 2:9-11;*  
*Mark 10:2-16*

**Please pray for those who are ill:**

John Duggan; James Ford;  
Judy Frazer; Dominic Gilchrist; Lachlan Gilchrist;  
Rita Jenner; Roger Johnstone; Kenneth Kirkham; Irene Peacock;  
Cecily O'Brien;  
Hugo Riggs & Eric Tokoli.

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

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

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Communion Service	Monday	9.00am
Reconciliation	Saturday (for half an hour)	9.30am
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	2nd and 4th Saturdays	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)

### Welcome to our new Initiates!

Today, we welcome into full Communion with God and our Parish family - Matthew Brawn; Aaron Friend; Kate Friend; Tara Hargreaves; Taylah Keane and Connor White - through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

Prior to this initiation, all six have shared the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation, leaving only the above two Sacraments to be received in order to complete their initiation programme.

Much hard work has gone into the preparation of these young people by parents, our volunteers, including Heather, Michelle and Moira, our unique choir, our floral artists, Kate for producing the special Mass booklet with the support of other volunteers, and all those unheralded behind the scenes workers who have contributed their skills in so many ways, including the preparation of the garments (many thanks, Julie) and certificates. We also thank the wonderful ladies of our parish for once again bringing their culinary skills to bear so that everyone may fully enjoy the post initiation celebrations!

We also take this opportunity to thank Fr Chris De Souza EV PP who has been delegated authority by Bishop Manning to lead our candidates in this most important milestone in their spiritual lives. Fr Chris, may you enjoy your well earned break from both parish and diocesan duties during the next several months. Safe and enjoyable travelling!

Our sincere thanks are also extended on behalf of all parishioners to every one who has helped to make this the outstanding event that it is! Today's activities will always be fondly remembered by Matthew, Aaron, Kate, Tara, Taylah and Connor as a significant milestone in their spiritual life. Once again, the hospitality for which this parish is famous has come to the fore for the benefit this time, of our own young people! Congratulations everyone!

**God Bless! Fr Bob**

### From Bishop Manning - Swine Flu Update

Information from the public health authorities would indicate that the number of cases of H1N1 virus has sharply diminished in recent weeks. Given the risk of transmission is now very low, and, in fact the normal winter 'flu virus is also on the wane, I see it as appropriate to lift the liturgical protocols that were put in place several months ago and advise:

**\*Holy Water can now be restored; \*The Sign of Peace can be exchanged; and  
\*Communion under both Species can be restored.**

### Feast Days for this week!

Sunday	St Vincent de Paul, Priest (1581-1660), Memorial Founder of Vincentians
Monday	St Wenceslaus, Martyr (907-929), optional St Laurence, Priest & Companions – Martyrs (d633-637), optional
Tuesday	Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels, Feast
Wednesday	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor (347-420), Memorial
Thursday	St Theresa of the Child Jesus – Virgin, Doctor (1873-1897), Memorial
Friday	Guardian Angels, Memorial



### Special Congratulations and an Invitation to Celebrate!

Our community wishes to congratulate **Matthew Brawn, Aaron and Kate Friend, Tara Hargreaves, Taylah Keane** and **Connor White** on their reception of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. We invite you all to the hall to share in our celebration after Mass. In particular, we thank Father Bob and Heather Carroll for their preparation of our special candidates. We also thank Father Chris de Souza for conferring these sacraments in our Sacred Heart Community.  
**Peace and blessings, Monica**



**BBQ at Norma's Place  
Monday 5 October**  
Please see the notice board for details.

**Open Garden Weekend  
3 - 4 October**

Funds raised will be sent to the Awasa Orphanage, Ethiopia.  
Please see notice board for details.

**Happy Anniversary**  
*Marion & John Crowley*  
for 29<sup>th</sup> September



Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are travelling both in Australia and overseas at this time.

We pray that they have good health in their adventures and a safe return to their families and to our parish.

### REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held on **Saturday, 3rd October** from 10 am to 12 noon at 227 The Mall, Leura. Theme: **"Everyday Life as Sacrament"**

✠ In memoriam ✠  
**Fr Don Griffin** ~ 27 September  
**Ced Ward** ~ 1 October  
**Lal Nott Mark** ~ 2 October



**Happy Birthday**  
**Chantelle Burke**

6 on 30 September

**Barry Roberts** for 3 October  
**Eric Tokoli** for 3 October



**THANK YOU: Thanks and welcome to our new Treasurer - Sue Holz.**

Thank you for your generous contribution for the recent Father's Day "Clergy Support Foundation". Our parish raised \$436.50.

### Working Bee: Saturday, 3rd October

Jobs to do: Gardening; mowing; and clearing undergrowth around the perimeter.

**Cake and Craft Stall - Sunday 4 Oct**  
All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome.

Food items to have a list of ingredients attached.  
Please wrap and price items ready for sale.



### A Timely Reminder

Daylight saving will start again on Sunday, 4 October at 2:00am, when clocks will be put **forward one hour.**

**Wanted: Old Bricks** for landscaping the garden at Mt Vic Church. Please call Diane Stewart on 4787 1357. Will collect.