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Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8 *Observe God's law*  
James 1:17-18.21-22.27 *Word planted in you*  
Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23 *Listen and understand*

**Response to the Psalm:**

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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



**Twenty Second Sunday Yr B**

Laws and customs are necessary, but true religion is more than observance.

Jesus teaches that our attitudes, and the actions that flow from them, reflect the intentions in our hearts.

We are to accept and submit to the word of truth that has been planted in us by God. If we love God and try our best to love others, we will indeed be true children of God.

**Next Week:** Deaf hear, dumb speak  
*Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145*  
*James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37*

**Servers**

30 Aug Michelle Davis  
4 Sep Diane Stewart *Mass at Mt Victoria*  
6 Sep Pat Wicks

**Readers**

30 Aug 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey  
Ps/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
2nd Reading Anthony Gilchrist  
4 Sep 1st Reader Maria Cora  
2nd Reader Therese Gatt  
6 Sep 1st Reading Catherine Beaver  
Ps/Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson  
2nd Reading Terry Beaver

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

30 Aug Heather Carroll and Julie Hodgkinson  
6 Sep Carla Endean and Diane Stewart

**Children's Liturgy**

30 Aug Bettina LeGras  
6 Sep Carol Drummond

**Counters**

30 Aug Barbara and Bill  
6 Sep Christa and David

**Morning Tea**

30 Aug Carla Endean  
6 Sep Claire Maguire

**Church Care**

4 Sep Phil and Pat Wicks  
11 Sep Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

Please pray for those who are ill: **John Duggan; James Ford; Lachlan Gilchrist; John Summers; Rita Jenner; Roger Johnstone; Irene Peacock; Cecily O'Brien & Hugo Riggs.**



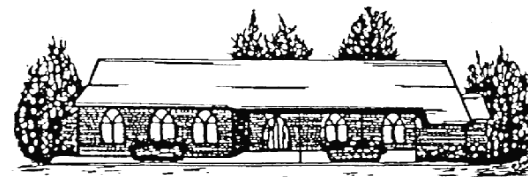
**Welcome the Word**

*Humbly welcome the Word that has been planted in you... you must do what the Word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. (James 1:21-22)*

St James exhorts us to accept with meekness the word planted in us, which is able to save us. Only this word is able to save us. To believe, to hope: this is the Christian's grace in our time. When many give up hope... the Christian says: No, we have not yet begun. We are still awaiting God's grace... That time will come!

**Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980)**

# 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 - 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 - Mass</b>	1st Friday of the month	7.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	2nd Saturday of the 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)

### Father's Day Collection for Retired Clergy

Last year in the Parramatta Diocese, Parish contributions for retired and ill Priests amounted to \$150,000. This was, in my opinion, a remarkable achievement given all the other pressures to which parishioners give so generously. Within our Diocese, there are currently retired, 16 Priests and 2 Deacons. Of these, 4 are in their 80's, 6 are aged between 76-80 years, 1 Deacon is aged 71-75 years and 4 Priests and 1 Deacon are between 65-70 years! Under 65, there are 2 retired Priests due to ill-health.

Last financial year, the Clergy Support Foundation, established in 2006 by Bishop Manning, spent \$218,000 caring for the needs of these retired Priests. Just over \$75,000 was invested in preparing for future clergy retirements!

Parramatta Diocese is blessed with 22 Clergy over 65 years who are still active in their Parish ministry. Of these, 3 are in their 80s, 4 are aged between 76-80 years, 7 are aged between 71-75 years and there are 8 Priests, plus 1 Deacon, aged between 65-70 years. Half the Diocesan Priests in our Parishes are over 65 years!

So, as you can see, there is an ongoing need to support both the retired clergy and those who in the near future will also be retired. That support, in whatever form needed, will be provided by the Diocese using funds donated for this purpose by our parishioners on this collection day (Father's Day) each year. This then is your opportunity to support your clergy, who down through the years, have supported you in so many ways through their dedication and commitment to your spiritual and many times, physical welfare.

Our retired Priests, and those edging towards retirement, are very conscious of all that is being done, by both parishioners and the Parramatta Diocese, to take care of them once their physical capacities limit the work they are able to perform on your behalf. They are without exception, most grateful to you for your support of them. Many thanks!

**God Bless! Fr Bob**

*P.S. I had no idea that I have aged so quickly as to be one of the 4 in the second most senior group! This is particularly challenging given that Priests may generally retire at 75 years.*

### Feast Days for this week! (30th August to 5th September 2009)

Sunday	St Fiacre, Hermit (C601-670)
Monday	St Raymond Nannatus, Priest (1204-1240)
Tuesday	St Giles, Abbot (d724)
Wednesday	St Ingrid of Sweden, Virgin (d1282)
Thursday	St Gregory the Great, Pope/Doctor, Memorial (540-604)
Friday	St Rosalia, Virgin (d1160)
Saturday	Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) St Lorenzo Guistiniani, Bishop (1381-1455)

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### ✠ In memoriam ✠

**Daniel Croke** ~ 30th August; **John Doyle** ~ 31st August;  
**Mollie Bland** ~ 1st September; and **Bernie Tierney** ~ 5th September.

### Long Weekend Sunday 4th October Cake and Craft Stall

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.



### Playful Connections

#### A new InterPlay Class in Blackheath

InterPlay fosters creative health and community life through playful connection using gentle movement, song, storytelling and stillness.

Beginners and experienced players welcome.

**With Trish Watts - Singer/songwriter, creative artist and voice movement therapist**

Thursdays 5.00pm-6.30pm in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall. Cost: \$15/12 Concession

Bookings: Trish 0419 487056 E: soul.voice@bigpond.com

[www.interplayaus.com.au](http://www.interplayaus.com.au)

### Social Justice Office ~ Diocese of Parramatta

You are invited to meet the new Executive Director of Centacare Parramatta, **Otto Henfling**. A unique opportunity to ask him questions, make suggestions and give him your ideas about the needs of Western Sydney - Monday, 14 September, Parish Hall, Swanston Street, St Marys from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

### REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held on Saturday, 12 Sept, from 10am to 12 noon at 227 The Mall, Leura. Theme: "Maintaining a Mellow Heart." All welcome.

### CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

**Sunday, 13 September** at the conclusion of Child Protection Week. The theme for this year is **'PROMOTING SAFETY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH.'** The aim is to ensure that all communities and organisations within the church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

### 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. Call Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.



### 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

### St Vincent de Paul Society

The Blackheath Conference will meet at 3.30pm this Tuesday, 1st September, in the meeting room.

### WANTED: PARISH TREASURER

Should **YOU** be interested in occupying this position, please contact Michael Cooper (4787 6883) to discuss details.