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Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 **Home truths**  
Romans 14:7-9 **Influence**  
Matthew 18:21-35 **Forgive sincerely**

Psalm Response  
**The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

Gospel Acclamation  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
I give you a new commandment: **love one another as I have loved you.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Today's readings focus on forgiveness. Jesus' parable illustrates our need for forgiveness from God, the King, and then our obligation to reciprocate this in our forgiveness of one another. This lesson runs right through the Gospel in Jesus' teaching and example, even on the cross. It features in the Lord's Prayer, too. Today's vengeful society needs to take this lesson to heart.

**Servers**

11 Sep Diane Stewart  
18 Sep Jan Roberts

**Readers**

11 Sep 1st Reading Brian Bright  
Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
2nd Reading Monica Bright  
18 Sep 1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

11 Sep Anthony Gilchrist and Ray Wood  
18 Sep Margaret Davis and Elizabeth Giddey

**Children's Liturgy**

11 Sep TBA  
18 Sep TBA

**Counters**

11 Sep Laurie  
18 Sep Carla and Neil

**Morning Tea**

11 Sep Barbara Grieves  
18 Sep Christine Burke

**Church Care**

16 Sep Judy Harris and Vicky  
23 Sep Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

Next Week: *Why be envious?* Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144 Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16

**Our Sacred Heart Parish is now on facebook or perhaps a better name in our case would be 'faithbook'**

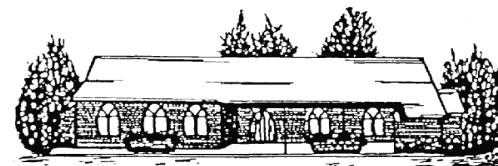
*Come and join us. Spread the word, get on and chat, share ideas, prayers and just have fun.*

**Feast Days for this week: 11th-17th September 2011**

Sun 11th St Adelphus, Bishop (5th Century)  
Mon 12th Holy Name of Mary - Optional  
Tue 13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor (C344-407), Memorial  
Wed 14th Triumph of the Cross, Feast  
Thu 15th Our Lady of Sorrows - Memorial  
Fri 16th St Cornelius, Pope & Martyr (d253) and St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr (d258) - Memorials  
Sat 17th St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor (1542-1621) - Optional



# 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.

**Parish Priest:** Father Bob Sheridan

**Parish House:** 4787 8811

**Parish Mobile:** 0428 878 810 (24 hrs/7 days)

**Parish Office:** 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143

**e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

**Parish Office hours:**

**Wednesday:** 12.00pm - 4.00pm

**Thursday:** 10.00am - 2.00pm

All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

**Parish Address:** 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Blackheath/153850768029631>

<b>Blackheath</b> - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - Vigil Mass	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 Fr Bob or Michelle Davis (Chair), Frances Huckstepp (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

**Sacred Heart Care Group:** Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638

**\*Bulletin Items:** Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email [shbheath2@bigpond.com](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the Graf family, Gwendoline and Simon on the Baptism of Mikaylee Gwendoline at St Joseph's, Megalong Valley on Saturday, 3rd September.

## PAPAL AND DIOCESAN HONOURS

**Diocesan Honours:** I draw your attention to the Diocesan Medal of Honour recently established by Bishop Anthony Fisher to honour the many unacknowledged heroes of the diocese and parishes of Parramatta.

The Diocesan Medal will be conferred by the Bishop annually on the Feast of Christ the King. This medal seeks to encourage and recognise outstanding contribution and service by members of the Parramatta Diocesan community to work on behalf of the Catholic Church and society. Thus, this medal is awarded for outstanding service to parish, diocese and community. The decision for the awarding of the honour for the Diocesan Medal rests with the Bishop of Parramatta. Nomination forms are available from the office.

**Papal Honours:** The Papal Honours system dates back many centuries, with each honour or award having its own history and relevance in the life of the Catholic Church. The Holy Father grants all honours and awards and the local church only has a role in promoting nominations for the grant of such honours or awards.

The Papal Honours system seeks to encourage aspirations and ideals of the highest standards and values within the Catholic Church by recognising people who have:

- shown outstanding valour and bravery on behalf of Church and Society; or
- carried out conspicuous deeds of merit in Church and Society; or
- provided significant services to the Church by persons maintaining unswerving fidelity to God and the Sovereign Pontiff; or
- were instrumental in conspicuous activity in support of the Church by persons (including non-Catholics), particularly, in the exercise of their professional duties; or
- undertook meritorious work on behalf of the Church.

The degree and value of the contribution made by the person nominated is to be the primary focus in considering nominations rather than the length of service. Additional information and nomination forms are available from the office.

## WYD

Many thanks to Jonathon Gilchrist for his donation to the parish for the Sacred Heart statue given us last week on his return from Madrid.

**God bless! Fr Bob**

**Clergy Support** donations collected last week amounted to \$346.80. Thank you to all those who contributed to this appeal.

## CHILD PROTECTION ~ Sunday 11th September

Today around the church you will see White Balloons.

This is a National Campaign to protect children from sexual assault. Child Protection is everybody's business.

By showing support for **White Balloon Day**, churches will

**"give a voice to those touched by this evil as well as protecting the innocence and sanctity of children".**

The aim of the awareness raising campaign is to break the silence.

This year's theme is **Safeguarding Children and Young People.**

We fly white balloons to acknowledge what our parish is doing to provide a safe environment. Joining with other parishes and churches in this awareness raising campaign, we proclaim to our parish and to society at large, our determination to protect our children and young people and to stop child abuse wherever it occurs.

So let us: **EDUCATE, EMPOWER and PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!!!**

## September Cosmology Morning

The theme of the meditation will be **"Blossoming this Spring"** for our gathering on **Friday, 16th September**, at 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The discussion will centre on Ch. 9 "The Fields Converge" in Fields of Compassion by Judy Cannato. Prayer for the sick and other needs, as well as morning tea, will be included in the morning's gathering. New guests are always welcome. Enquiries: Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

## Seniors' Lunch

Our monthly luncheon was held last Tuesday with 6 parishioners attending. Julie O'Keeffe taught the group how to make Vietnamese rolls (which was a very funny experience). Thanks Julie. Our next lunch will be on Tuesday, 4th October, and we welcome all those who dare to come!!!

## Happy Birthday

**Fiona Evans** for 13 September  
**Michael Cooper** for 14 September  
**Ian Maguire** for 16 September

## In memoriam

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~**Elsie Carroll**~  
15 September

## AWASA FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

Our luncheon will take place on **16th October.**

Parishioners and friends are welcome to attend this event.

**Cost is \$25,** all inclusive, and **all proceeds will go to the AWASA**

**Orphanage** in Ethiopia.

We are, at present, saving for our next contribution to the orphanage. Sr Giselle (Sisters of Charity at AWASA) has suggested that maybe our next donation could be used to buy new beds or much needed items for the children.

Please pray for those who are ill:

**Marion Crowley; John & Julie Duggan; Barry Finch; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Lee Piercy; Jean Pye and Cy Schreiber.**