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Lv 19:1-2. 17-18 You must love your neighbour,  
as your self.  
1 Cor 3:16-23 All things are yours, but you belong to  
Christ and Christ belongs to God.  
Mt 5:38-48 Love your enemies.

**Psalm Response:**  
The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

**Servers**

20 Feb Pat Wicks  
27 Feb Bill Grieves

**Readers**

20 Feb 1st Reading Ron Davis  
Intercessions Kevin Burns  
2nd Reading Robyn Burns  
27 Feb 1st Reading Christa Buckley  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2nd Reading David Buckley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

20 Feb Elizabeth Giddey and Michelle Davis  
27 Feb Anthony Gilchrist and Diane Stewart

**Children's Liturgy**

20 Feb Carroll Family  
27 Feb Fiona/Wayne Evans

**Counters**

20 Feb Judith and Frank  
27 Feb Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

20 Feb Claire Maguire  
27 Feb Barbara Grieves

**Church Care**

25 Feb Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston  
4 Mar Julie Hodgkinson

Next Week: **Do not worry about tomorrow.** Is 49:14-15; Ps 61:2-3. 6-9. R.v.6; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

**Feast Days for this week!** (20th to 26th February 2011)

Sunday 20th Bl. Francisco & Jacinta Manto, (1908-1919), Fatima's children  
Monday 21st St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor (1007-1072AD), optional  
Tuesday 22nd The Chair of St Peter, Apostle, Feast  
St Margaret of Cortona (1247-1297)  
Wednesday 23rd St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (c69-c156), optional  
Thursday 24th St Ethelbert, King (d616)  
Friday 25th St Walburga, Virgin & Abbess (710-779)  
Saturday 26th St Porphyrius, Bishop (349-420)  
St Nestor of Magydos, Bishop & Martyr, 3rd Century

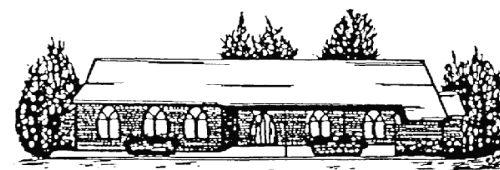


**Seventh Sunday  
Year A**

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us - anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

-from Liturgyhelp online

# SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath  
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria  
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We wish to acknowledge the Dharug 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 Office hours:  
Parish Mobile: (24 hrs/7 days) 0428 878 810 Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm  
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,  
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, ph 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

**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	7.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	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 Fr Bob or Michelle Davis (Chair), Frances Huckstepp (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

**Care Group - Carmel Vanny** (4787 8706) 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)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement for women, which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context.

Queensland and New South Wales in 1927 led the way to the introduction and establishing of Women's World Day of Prayer in Australia. The Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union was responsible for the service in both States. These two States were followed by Victoria in 1931. Programs were sent to South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in 1936, where the day was observed. These States went on and formed their own committees shortly thereafter.

In February 1986, Australia, in line with most countries, changed its name from 'Women's World Day of Prayer' to 'World Day of Prayer, Australia'. Here in Blackheath the various Christian denominations gather together on the first Friday of March each year to celebrate World Day of Prayer. This year is our turn to host this ecumenical gathering of women at Sacred Heart Church on 4th March. The theme for this year is Chile and the prayers to be used have been prepared by the women of that country. Further information will be on the notice board.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CENTENARY

Since 1911, International Women's Day has been celebrated as the global day connecting all women around the world and inspiring them to achieve their full potential. This day is an opportunity to reflect on the dignity and role of all women; in the family, society and the Church.

In celebrating the centenary of International Women's Day, we pray that we, the Church, ensure that women are encouraged to flourish within the Catholic Church in Australia and that all women are appreciated for their contribution.

## NEWLY BAPTISED

On Saturday of last week (12th February), four young children from Blackheath were baptised at St Joseph's Church, Megalong Valley. We congratulate and welcome them into our parish family and also pray for their physical and spiritual welfare and that of their parents in the future. Their names are Oskar Louie Cochrane-Kraus, Willow Maive Anthony, Ruben Henry Anthony, and Rosie May Vaughan.

## LENTEN GROUPS

The Lenten Group list is still available on the notice board and should you be interested, please contact Monica Bright on 4757 3943 as soon as practicable.  
*God Bless! Fr. Bob*

### On the Notice Board

- ◆ How Can I understand Matthew's Gospel?
- ◆ Positions Vacant
- ◆ Parish Golden Jubilees
- ◆ Southern Wonders Tour

✠ In memoriam ✠

**Rick Frazer** ~ 22nd February  
**Sharon Bann** ~ 25th February  
and **Ray O'Brien** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

## Lenten Groups

You are invited to join a Lenten Reflection and Prayer Group. The program is 'Heart to Heart' from the Brisbane Archdiocese. Kindly place your name and phone number on the sheet outside the Church and you will be contacted. With our hearts open to the heart of God we can say with the writer Henri Nouwen: "I have not seen you and yet I truly see you every time I look at the broken bodies of my fellow human beings....In the midst of all the brokenness and human pain, I see, hear and touch the heart of humanity, your humanity, the humanity of all the people embraced by your love." (Heart Speaks to Heart)

Thank you to those who responded so generously last Sunday.

**Monica and Brian Bright** (4757 3943).

## St Patrick's Get together Trivia Night & Sausage Sizzle

**Friday 18th March  
in the Parish Hall**

**7pm: Sausage Sizzle**  
(\$1 per sausage)

**7:30pm: Trivia Starts**

**Entry: \$5 per person  
or \$10 per family**

BYO Nibbles and drinks  
for your table.

**Gather in family and  
friends to make up  
tables of 8.**

Come dressed in Green  
or dressed like the Irish.  
Big things are planned  
for the evening  
including prizes!!!

Tickets on sale  
from Sunday,  
27th February.  
All welcome.



## PARISH DINNER

The Parish  
Dinner has been  
booked for  
**Friday, 1st July,**  
the Feast of the  
Sacred Heart. This year's  
venue is **St Mount's  
Trattoria**, 194 Great  
Western Highway,  
Blackheath, commencing  
at 6.30pm.



## Illawarra Machine Knitters

**Fashion Parade  
Uniting Church Hall**  
Govetts Leap Road  
**Blackheath**  
**Monday 7th March.**

Parade begins 10.45am  
Cost - \$8.00  
Light lunch will be served  
after the parade.

**RSVP by 28 February**  
to Pat Sherlock: 4787 5380  
or Wilga Mason: 4757 1332  
Please see the notice board  
for more details.

**THANK YOU!  
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My sister, Trish,  
wishes to thank  
each of you for  
your prayers  
during her illness.  
Her cancer is  
now in remission.  
Brian and I  
are very grateful  
for your prayers.  
Our Sacred Heart  
Community is a  
great blessing  
in our lives.  
*Monica and Brian  
Bright*

Please pray for  
those who are ill:  
**Kim Crawford**  
**Marion Crowley**  
**John Duggan**  
**Barry Finch**  
**Fr Frank Fletcher**  
**James Ford**  
**Virginia Hayward**  
**Miriam Helby**  
**Kenneth Kirkham**  
**Fran Knight**  
**Ray Lee**  
**Barry Leeder**  
**Cecily O'Brien**  
**Irene Peacock** and  
**Cy Schreiber.**

*Happy 51st Anniversary Ron & Cecily O'Brien for today.*

Happy Birthday **Janet Lamerton** for 23rd February  
Happy Birthday **Owen Kelly** for 28th February