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Jeremiah 20:7-9 **A laughing-stock**
Romans 12:1-2 **Offer yourself**
Matthew 16:21-27 **Follow me**

Psalm Response:
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Servers

28 Aug Ray Wood
4 Sep Bill Grieves

Readers

28 Aug 1st Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reading Ian Maguire
4 Sep 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Carla Endean
2nd Reading Barbara Smith

Ministers of the Eucharist

28 Aug Monica and Brian Bright
4 Sep Diana Landsberg and Michelle Davis

Children's Liturgy

28 Aug TBA
4 Sep TBA

Counters

28 Aug Barbara and Bill
4 Sep Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

28 Aug Michelle Funnell
4 Sep Claire Maguire

Church Care

2 Sep Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
9 Sep Carla Endean and Gail Shepherd

Next Week: **Winning back your brother or sister** Ezekiel 33:7-9; Ps 94 Romans 13:8-10; Matt 18:15-20

Our Sacred Heart Parish is now on facebook.

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

Feast Days for the week (28th August to 3rd September 2011)

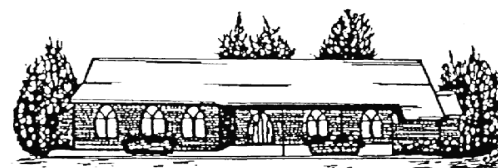
Sun 28th St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (354-387), Memorial; St Moses the Black, Martyr (330-405)
Mon 29th Beheading of St John the Baptist, Martyr-Memorial
Tue 30th St Fiacre, Hermit (c601-679)
Wed 31st St Raymond Nannatus, Priest (1204-1240)
Thu 1st St Giles, Abbot (d274)
Fri 2nd St Ingrid of Sweden, Virgin (d1282)
Sat 3rd St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor (540-604), Memorial



Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus predicts his coming passion, death and resurrection. Peter protests that this must not happen to his Master. He wins no commendation from Jesus this time, but a stern rebuke. Jesus then cautions all of us that if we wish to follow him, we must likewise take up our cross, we must be willing to lose our life if we wish to save it. Do we believe this?

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

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

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

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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>

Blackheath - 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
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - 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

Pastoral Council Update

Following last week's mentioned extension of the closing date of nominations for councillors for the next 2 years, the following 5 names have been submitted: **Norma Longmuir, Julie O'Keeffe, Colette Lillis, Bill Grieves and Diana Landsberg**. Because only 3 existing members of the council will remain after these elections, I have decided to accept ALL 5 nominations without election. So, congratulations to Norma, Julie, Colette, Diana and Bill who will join Frances Huckstepp, Michelle Davis and Marjanna Gilchrist. Sacred Heart Parish is fortunate indeed to have such dedicated, committed parishioners to steer us safely through the coming 2 years in the life of our parish.

Father's Day Appeal - 4th September

Father's Day this year is on Sunday, 4th September. That is also the day when there will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese - the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests. The Diocese is again looking for \$150,000 from this collection to meet part (about a quarter) of this year's budget of the Foundation. Your support for the Appeal is therefore vital given that there are presently 26 Parramatta Clergy who are retired (2 Bishops, 23 Priests and 2 Deacons). Last financial year, the Foundation spent just over \$420,000 caring for the needs of these retired priests. Parramatta Diocese is blessed to still have 21 clergy over 65 who are still active in their parish ministry, while there are another 34 Priests under 65 and 4 Deacons working in Diocesan parishes, including Bishop Fisher, too. Last financial year, the Foundation spent just over \$90,000 preparing for future retirement of clergy. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Special envelopes will be available in the church pews on that weekend. These retired clergy have given their lives to the service of God and parishioners without counting the cost and now in their retirement need our support, for which we thank you in advance of the collection.

Baptisms

Following a suggestion from a member of the Parish Council, henceforth, we will be listing each individual Baptism to be carried out and its location, day and time in the week before these Baptisms. All Baptisms are public events within our Parish and every parishioner is entitled to know of and to be present should they so desire. The next Baptism within our Parish will take place in St Josephs, Megalong Valley at 2pm on Saturday, 3rd September. So, please feel free to join Simon and Gwendoline Graf in celebrating the Baptism of little Mikaylee Gwendoline.

Spring Ember Day

Friday next, 2nd September, is the Spring Ember Day, with ancient origins dating back to Roman times where it was related to rural practices. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays in Autumn and Spring (March and September) each year as special days of prayer and penance. The choice of Fridays reminds us that they are days of penance; the Australian Bishops Conference recommends penitential practices such as prayer, self denial and helping others on these particular Fridays. You are, therefore, invited to make an extra special effort next Friday in line with the aspirations of Ember Day.

God bless! Fr. Bob

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

All SREs are invited
by Mr Paul Worthington (Director)
to attend the
Annual SRE Mass and Presentation
on Friday, 9th September,
at 10am at St Patrick's Parish,
Allawah Street, Blacktown.
Bishop Anthony Fisher OP
will be the principal celebrant
along with the priests of the Diocese.
A light lunch will be served
following the presentation.
RSVP by Thursday, 1st September,
to Maree Collis at
mcollis@ccdpparramatta.com.au
or phone 9890 4731.

September

Benedictine Spirituality

On Friday, 2nd September,
10am till noon at the
Good Samaritan Community
House, 3 Valley Road,
Wentworth Falls, the monthly
first Friday gatherings on
Benedictine Spirituality continue.
Discussion and input on
**"The Rule of Benedict
for Beginners"** pp. 29 to 43,
recitation of the Prayer of the
Church, silent prayer and morning
tea are included. All welcome.
Enquiries: Srs. Therese and
Jacinta 4757 2290

Sacred Heart Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need.
Please call Carmel 4787 8706 or Michelle 4757 2638 if you think we can help.

Liturgical Ministers' Rosters

(4 Sept - 23 Oct) are available
at the back of the church.

Happy Birthday
Frank Mackrell for today

Happy 29th Anniversary
Robert & Kate Forbes for today

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.



*'If anyone wants to be a
follower of mine, let him
renounce himself and take
up his cross and follow me.
For anyone who wants to
save his life will lose it; but
anyone who loses his life for
my sake will find it. Matthew 16:24-25*

~ PRAYER ~


'Prayer means entering into timelessness.
Prayer is a becoming.
It is our uncompleted task of becoming
ourselves; our uncompleted journey.
Prayer is a waiting. It is hunger. It is love.'

*Edward Farrell, Prayer is a Hunger. Provided by the
Benedictine Sisters, Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo.*

New 2011/12 envelopes

are available for collection
at the back of the church.

✠ In memoriam ✠
Daniel Croke ~ 30th August
Mollie Bland ~ 1st September
Lily Hanna ~ 1st September

 Please pray for a cure for cancer. 