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Wisdom 6:12-16 **Seek wisdom**  
1Thessalonians 4:13-18 **People of hope**  
Matthew 25:1-13 **Sensible preparation**

**Psalm Response:**

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

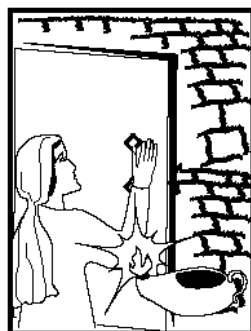
**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



**32nd Sunday - Year A  
Ordinary Time**

**6th November 2011**

The parable of the wise and foolish virgins shows that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must each do our part.

No one can make our response for us.

Each of us must be found watching and waiting for his coming. We must have our lamps alight, meaning that our lives must show our persevering efforts to be faithful to what God asks.

**Servers**

6 Nov Jan Roberts  
13 Nov Ray Wood

**Readers**

6 Nov 1st Reading Brian Bright  
Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
2nd Reading Monica Bright  
13 Nov 1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6 Nov Anthony Gilchrist and Ray Wood  
13 Nov Margaret Davis and Diane Stewart

**Children's Liturgy**

6 Nov Robert and Kate Forbes  
13 Nov TBA

**Counters**

6 Nov Laurie  
13 Nov Carla and Neil

**Morning Tea**

6 Nov Carroll Family  
13 Nov Carla Endean

**Church Care**

11 Nov Carla Endean and Gail Shepherd  
18 Nov Judy Harris and Vicky

Next Week: *Day of reckoning* Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 127 1Thess 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30

**In memoriam**

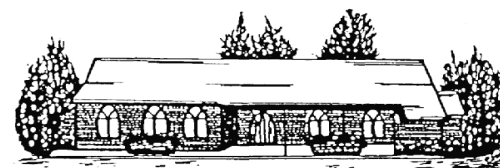
✠ Lewis Hodgkinson ~ 7th November; ✠ Melanie Hinklemann ~ 9th November

**Feast Days for this week:** (Sunday 6th Nov to Saturday 12th Nov)

Sunday 6th St Leonard of Noblac, Hermit (6th Century)  
Monday 7th St Englebert, Bishop & Martyr (1185-1225)  
Tuesday 8th Bl John Duns Scotus, Priest (1265-1308)  
Wednesday 9th Dedication of St John's Lateran Arch Basilica (324), Feast  
Thursday 10th St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor (c400-461), Memorial  
Friday 11th St Martin of Tours, Bishop (315-397)  
Saturday 12th St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr (1580-1623), Memorial



# 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 (Emergency only)

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

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

**Parish Office hours:**

**Wednesday:** 12.00pm - 4.00pm

**Thursday:** 10.00am - 1.00pm

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>

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| <b>Blackheath - Mass</b>            | 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 - 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).

**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)

### NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER

Commencing with the first day of November - All Saints' Day, which is a Solemnity Feast of our universal church, this month is a time for us to remember our departed loved ones in a very special way. As has been the usual practice in this parish, a Remembrance Book will be in place for parishioners to list the names of their departed loved ones.

We do this so that our community may honour them in their prayers throughout November. Additionally, should you wish to, you could place their name, in front of our altar, there to remain throughout the month. Blank cards will be available next to the Remembrance Book. Also, special envelopes are available for those who wish to have individual masses celebrated in honour of their loved ones.

### ARMISTICE DAY

Friday, 11th November, is Armistice Day. At 11am on this day, Remembrance Services will be held at both Blackheath and Mount Victoria Memorials. Everyone is invited to attend. I have been invited to officiate at the Mount Victoria service. Special mention of the Great War will be included in our 9am Mass at Blackheath on this Day of Remembrance.

### ROAD REPAIR THANKS

We're all indebted to both Lindsay and Lance for permanently filling in the many potholes on our entrance road to the church parking area. The special system they used has proven to be a winner on the exit road and we hope for the same result on the entrance road. Huge thanks to both Lindsay and Lance for their considerable volunteering effort.

### MORE ABOUT THE MASS - Breaking of the Bread

The meaning of the sign demands that the material for the Eucharistic celebration truly have the appearance of food. It is, therefore, expedient that the Eucharistic bread, even though unleavened and baked in the traditional shape, be made in such a way that the priest at Mass with a congregation is able, in practice, to break it into parts for distribution to at least some of the faithful... The action of the fraction or breaking of bread, which gave its name to the Eucharist in apostolic times, will bring out more clearly the force and importance of the sign of unity of all in the one bread...

### MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Due to health treatment, I will be absent from the Parish for most of this week commencing Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November. There is a possibility that I will also be absent on Thursday 10th. However, I should certainly hope to be available for the Remembrance Day service at Mount Victoria on Friday, 11th November. During my absence, alternative Masses will be available in the Katoomba Parish on Tuesday at 5pm (Leura), Wednesday 9.30am (Wentworth Falls) and Thursday 9.30am (Leura). Emergencies will be handled by Fr Ted Tyler, Parish Priest of Katoomba who may be contacted on 4782 2804. I sincerely regret my absence at this time and hope that it will be not too inconvenient for you.

*God Bless! Fr. Bob*

**AWASA:** The final **total raised** for our **Awasa Orphanage** was **\$1,403.50**.

What an amazing effort! These funds have been transferred to the orphanage from the parishioners of Sacred Heart Blackheath. There are so many people to **thank - you, the parishioners**, who contributed, **Karen and Les Hayward** for inviting us into their beautiful house and garden for an amazing picnic lunch, **the Social Committee** and **helpers for their hard work**.

*The winner of the AWASA raffle of necklace and bracelet was Marie Johnstone.*

*The Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on Friday, 4th November, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls. Preparational reading and input will be on the Benedictine Cellarer Part 3 (pp. 62-69) in "The Rule of Benedict for Beginners". Morning prayer, Lectio Divina and morning tea will be part of our gathering together. New participants are welcome. Enquiries: Sisters Therese and Jacinta on 4757 2290.*

**Happy Anniversary Ken & Iris Austin for Today**

Prayers are requested for: **Gabrielle Byrne; 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; Jan & Michael Pettit; Lee Piercy; Jean Pye; Fr John Smith and Cy Schreiber.**

**Happy Birthday Marj Cullgen ~ 8 November & David Caplice ~ 10 November**

### Living the Gospel - Living in hope.

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today, many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!  
-from Liturgyhelp online

### MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Our Tuesday function **raised \$145.30** for the parish kitty.

A small but vocal crowd enjoyed the day, and those who won, enjoyed it even more. Thanks Michael and Frank for your hard work and to our jockey extraordinaire, Marilyn, for organising the day. Well done team!

### AFTERNOON CAPERS Tuesday, 8th Nov, 12pm-2pm.

This month we will be making Christmas cards with help from Norma Longmuir. Come along and join the fun. Enquires for this month: phone Marilyn on 4787 5276.

### GARAGE SALE ~ 2012

Yes, it's that time again - our garage sale. It was a huge success in 2010 and we are hoping for a bigger and better event in 2012. Set your diaries - it will be on **4th and 5th February 2012** in the church hall. If you have any item or article to donate to help raise funds for the parish, put it aside and we will advise at a closer date when to drop it in. Remember - items must be re-sellable - no junk please!