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Isaiah 22:19-23 **Entrusted with authority**  
Romans 11:33-36 **God's greatness**  
Matthew 16:13-20 **Revelation**

Psalm Response: **Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**You are Peter, the rock on which I will build  
my Church; the gates of hell will not  
hold out against it. Alleluia!**

**Servers**

21 Aug Michelle Davis  
28 Aug Ray Wood

**Readers**

21 Aug 1st Reading Carmel Vanny  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2nd Reading Pat Wicks  
28 Aug 1st Reading Claire Maguire  
Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
2nd Reading Ian Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

21 Aug Anthony Gilchrist and Diane Stewart  
28 Aug Monica and Brian Bright

**Children's Liturgy**

21 Aug TBA  
28 Aug TBA

**Counters**

21 Aug Robyn and Adrian  
28 Aug Barbara and Bill

**Morning Tea**

21 Aug Robyn Burns  
28 Aug Michelle Funnell

**Church Care**

26 Aug Julie Hodgkinson  
2 Sep Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

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.

**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 (21st to 27th August 2011)**

Sun 21st St Pius X, Pope (1835-1914), Memorial;  
Our Lady of Knock, Irish Feast (1879)  
Mon 22nd Queenship of Mary (1955), Memorial  
Tue 23rd St Rose of Lima, Virgin (1585-1617), Optional  
Wed 24th St Bartholemew, Apostle - Feast  
Thu 25th St Louis IX, King (1214-1270), Optional  
St Joseph Calasanz, Priest (1556-1648), Optional  
Fri 20th St Caesarius of Arles, Bishop (470-543)  
Sat 21st St Monica, St. Augustine's Mother (331-87), Optional

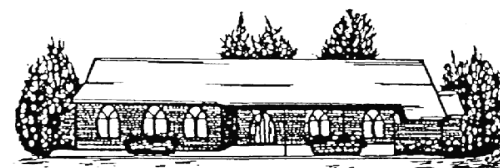


**Twenty First Sunday  
Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Peter's confession of faith in Jesus draws forth Jesus' confession of faith in Peter, and the choice of him as the firm rock on which to build his Church. We know from the gospels of Peter's human weakness, yet he is Jesus' choice. We know from history up to the present day the human weakness of the Church in its members - you and I. Yet Jesus' promise remains.

Next Week: **Follow me**  
Jeremiah 20:7-9 Psalm 62  
Rom 12:1-2 Matt 16:21-27

# 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 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)

### Parramatta Anniversary Masses

Couples who were married in 1986 (25 years) and over, are invited to celebrate their journey with other couples and family members during a special mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta on Sunday, 18th September, at 2pm. Bishop Anthony Fisher is hoping that those celebrating anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and over will be his special guests at this event. He will be the Principal Celebrant and will host afternoon tea following Mass. Should you be interested in attending, please let myself or the office know by Tuesday, 6th September.

### Vocations

Bishop Anthony Fisher has appointed the Rev. Fr. Warren Edwards (Parish Priest, Rouse Hill) as the new Vocations Director of the Parramatta Diocese, effective immediately. Fr. Warren takes the place of Rev. Fr. Paul Roberts who is on sabbatical leave studying for his Master's Degree in the United States. We congratulate Fr. Warren on his appointment and wish him well in this crucial work to bring more vocations to both the priesthood and religious orders into our Diocese.

While on the subject of vocations, I should point out that to have a vocation is not a job to find, nor an ambition to fulfil. It is a calling from God to discover.

#### A prayer for vocations

*Heavenly Father, You love me and You call me every moment of my life.  
You have a plan for me, a plan that will help me grace the world  
in the unique way that only I can  
Send Your Spirit into my heart and mind.  
Enlighten me with Your wisdom that I may come to know today  
where You are calling me in life.  
Give me the strength today to answer that call and inspire others to help me.  
I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### WYD Anecdotes – World Youth Day Cross

*“When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.”  
(John 12:32)*

On Palm Sunday, 1984, at the first gathering of young people in Rome at the Pope's invitation, John Paul II entrusted to youth the World Youth Day Cross with the commission to 'carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity, and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption'. The cross, which is THE symbol of Christianity, has since been carried around the world, making a pilgrimage from parish to parish, diocese to diocese, and country to country. In 1994, the Cross began in earnest what has since become a tradition: its year long journey around the dioceses of the host nation of each international World Youth Day is a means of prayerful preparation for the big event.

### Parish Council/AGM

Nominations have now closed for election of councillors to take place at the AGM on 18th September. As the names of those nominating for the vacant four positions are not available to me at this time (Thursday), they will be made known to you in the announcements following next Sunday's Mass.

God bless! Fr. Bob

*'Who do you say I am?'*  
*Then Simon Peter spoke up,  
'You are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.'*

**New 2011/12 envelopes**  
are available for collection  
at the back of the church.

**Liturgical Ministers Rosters**  
(4 Sept - 23 Oct) are available  
at the back of the church.

*Happy 44th Anniversary  
Ingeborg & David Caplice  
for 23rd August*

Happy Birthday  
**Monica Van Horzen**  
for 26th August

### Prayer of Saint Francis

Composer: Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console  
to be understood as to understand  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy. **(Refrain)**

Make me a channel of your peace,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
In giving of ourselves that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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### Jonathon's Gilchrist's WYD Pilgrimage - Please keep Jonathon in your prayers.

Sun 21 Aug **XXVI World Youth Day - Papal Mass** with the youth of the world.  
Mon 22 Aug **Fly to Rome.** Visit famous sites, landmarks and St Peter's Basilica.  
Tue 23 Aug **Pilgrimage to Rome** featuring the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, the ancient Catacombs for Mass, St Mary Major Basilica, Basilica of St John in Lateran (First Papal residence) and the adjacent Holy Stairs brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena, and the Basilica of Santa Croce in Jerusalem with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land including a full size replica of the Shroud of Turin.  
Wed 24 Aug **Private Mass at St Peter's Basilica** and visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel to view Michelangelo's masterpieces (fresco of The Last Judgement and the Pieta). Pray before the tomb of Bl. Pope John Paul II.  
Thu 25 Aug **Rome to Assisi** - Visit the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels (where St Francis spent most of his life.) See the Portiuncola (the thornless rose bush), the cave where St Francis returned for prayer and the chapel where he died in 1226. Visit the Basilica of St Rufinus and the Church of St Clare and the tomb of St Clare.  
Fri 26 Aug **Assisi Pilgrimage** - Attend Mass at Basilica of St Francis housing the tomb of St Francis (for Mass); the Church of St Damiano and the Hermitage (the cave and the Chapel of Our Lady are preserved in the Hermitage). Attend Vespers in the Church of St Clare and listen to the angelic singing of the Poor Clare nuns.  
Sat 27 Aug **Farewell Assisi and head back to Rome** for flight back to Australia.  
Sun 28 Aug Heading home.  
Mon 29 Aug **Home.**