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1Kings 19:9,11-13 A gentle breeze  
Romans 9:1-5 Israel's heritage  
Matthew 14:22-33 Calming the storm

Psalm Response: **Lord, show us your mercy  
and love and grant us your salvation.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!**

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

7 Aug Pat Wicks  
14 Aug Jan Roberts

**Readers**

7 Aug 1st Reading Brian Bright  
Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Monica Bright  
14 Aug 1st Reading Claire Maguire  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Ian Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

7 Aug Michelle Davis and Elizabeth Giddey  
14 Aug Diana Landsberg and Bill Grieves

**Children's Liturgy**

7 Aug TBA  
14 Aug TBA

**Counters**

7 Aug Judith and Frank  
14 Aug Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

7 Aug Carroll Family  
14 Aug Carla Endean

**Church Care**

12 Aug Gatt Family  
19 Aug Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



**Courage  
It is I!**

**Nineteenth Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A**

Jesus walked across the lake to his disciples in the boat. Seeing him, they cried out in fear, but Jesus replied: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' In the storms of life, our families, our Church - the Barque of Peter, or the storms of our world, are we able to recognize Jesus' presence with us, sustaining and comforting us? Or like Peter do we waver in faith?

Next Week: **A pagan's faith** Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Psalm 66 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

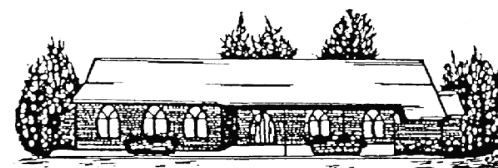
In memoriam: **Flo Gillette** ~ 7th August; **Maurie Byron** ~ 7th August  
**William Frazer** ~ 9th August

**Feast Days for this week (7th - 13th August 2011)**

Sun 7th Dedication of St Mary Major, Patriarchal Church, Rome (c432)  
Mon 8th St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842-1909), Solemnity (Virgin, Religious)  
Tue 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr (1891-1942), optional  
Wed 10th St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (d258), Feast  
Thu 11th St Clare of Assisi, Virgin (1193-1253), Memorial  
Fri 12th St Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious (1572-1641), optional  
Sat 13th St Hippolytus, Priest & Martyr (170-235), 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

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**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>

<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 Diocesan Conference:** Adding to my verbal report given at the conclusion of last Sunday's Mass, available today for those interested are copies of the conference summary and a list of subjects raised during the conference held at Magenta Shores from 25th to 28th July 2011. A copy is also on the noticeboard. As I indicated last week, there was a broadly consensus view that our independence should be protected, also our parish council, should Bishop Anthony decide to streamline our relationship with other nearby parishes. I further indicated that in the Blue Mountains Deanery, which ranges from Emu Plains to ourselves, at least four of the present seven Priests will be moved from their present post in the near future, leading to a re-evaluation of all parishes in the Mountains. As this was the first of a series of consultative conferences which will eventually provide an opportunity for all parishioners to contribute ideas for the enhancement of our parishes, this process might be expected to take place over the next two years or thereabouts.

**Ecumenical Service held 22nd July 2011:** Congratulations to the Blackheath Uniting Church convenors of the above service which attracted representatives from all local churches including Sacred Heart. Special thanks to those of our parishioners who actively participated in the conduct of this service. It's wonderful to see all Christian groups in the Blackheath area periodically coming together to share their love of God and of neighbour.

**Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop:** The Holy See has decreed that the feast day of St Mary of the Cross be raised to the rank of a Solemnity. Tomorrow, 8th August, I will be commemorating this Solemnity Feast at a 12 noon Mass to be held at Sacred Heart, Blackheath.

**Annual Dinner Photos:** Last chance! If you have not yet claimed your copy, please do so today. As previously stated, there is no cost to you!

**Safety & Building Maintenance Plan for Blackheath:** Following the consultant's report on our parish buildings, through the Parish Council, a number of contributors, led by Frances Huckstepp, has produced a safety and maintenance plan which takes into account the essential elements of the work issues raised in the original consultant's report. Congratulations to all involved. A copy of this report is on the noticeboard for anyone interested.

**WYD2011 Farewell to Jonathon Gilchrist:** Following today's 9.30am Mass, a special farewell morning tea will be held in the hall for all interested to attend. A special prayer card is available on the pews today. Please take one and say a prayer for all the pilgrims attending.

**Marriage Sunday:** Sunday next is Marriage Sunday in the Parramatta Diocese. Included in our Liturgy for that day will be a special focus on marriage, particularly, as it applies to our parishioners.

**Census:** A final reminder to all that Tuesday night is Census Night. Wherever you are on that night, you need to declare on the appropriate form which should by now be in your hands.

**God Bless! Fr. Bob**

**Happy Birthday to Mary Forster who turned 90 yesterday.**

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

Thank you for your generous response to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The total amount raised was \$2,850.00. The money will be put to good use.  
*Monica van Horen, Treasurer.*

**Happy Birthday**

*Ann-Marie Bland* for Today  
*Adrian Carroll* for 10th August  
*Marie Johnston* for 10th August  
*Phil Wicks* for 11th August

~ **Reflection Morning** ~

Our next Reflection Morning will be held in the parish hall on **Saturday, 20th August, 10am - 1pm.** All welcome, morning tea provided and entry by donation.  
**Sr Pauline Wicks rsj** will lead the Reflection:  
***The Spirituality of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.***

This is a joint venture of Catalyst for Renewal and the Aquinas Academy.  
Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

**Courage! It is I!**

God is watching over you, my dear faithful children, and you little know what treasures of graces our glorious Patron is obtaining in his own quiet way for each of your faithful souls. Work on with constancy and courage.



Bear your little trials with patience and love. Remember that they all come from the hand of a loving Father and that they are intended as your stepping-stones to Heaven.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop  
(1842-1909) - Feast Day 8th August

**The Heart of Our Believing**

Composer: Kevin Bates sm

Our mountain air is breathing  
A spirit of its own,  
Like God's own breath creating  
The Dreaming of our home.  
We hold in trust the memories  
Of many thousand years,  
Of families who have blessed us  
Beyond our story here.

**God whose heart we know so well,  
Keep showing us your Dreaming!  
Your mercy be our faithful song  
The heart of our believing.**

Now gathered round this story  
Of Word made flesh on earth,  
We ponder on the mystery,  
And give the Word new birth.  
We stand before the table  
Where Jesus, Living Bread,  
Gives taste to God's own passion  
That hungry hearts be fed.

The joyful and the gentle,  
The wounded and the free,  
Can find a home among us  
All hearts will welcome be.  
So God of all our memory  
Refresh our hope today,  
When future dreams creating  
We breathe your Word always.

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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

**Marion Crowley; John and 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.**