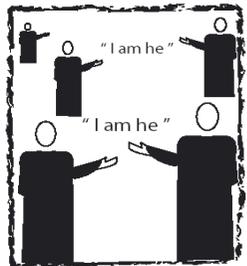


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*Malachi 3:19-20 The day is coming
2Thessalonians 3:7-12 Do not be idle
Luke 21:5-19 Endurance will triumph*



**Thirty Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year C**

13th November 2016

People have always looked for signs of the end of the world. Jesus tells us not to be deceived. Terrible things will continue to happen, but we live in God's world and he does not abandon us. The trials of life present us with opportunities to witness to God's faithfulness and healing love. Faithful endurance on our part will win us life with God forever.

In memoriam
Fr Jim Dooley ~ 14 Nov

Psalm response
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

13 Nov Ray Wood
20 Nov Michelle Davis

Readers

13 Nov 1st Reading Christine Helby
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Patricia Dee
20 Nov 1st Reading Brian Bright
2nd Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion

13 Nov Diana Stewart and Grahame Adams
20 Nov Elizabeth Doolan and Ray Wood

Counters

13 Nov Laurie
20 Nov Carla and Neil

Morning Tea

13 Nov Rasa Blansjaar
20 Nov Dave Harris

Church Care

25 Nov Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

Prayers for the sick and their carers:
**Madge Boylan; Margaret Clancy; John Crowley;
Stan Dochniak; Bill Grieves; Kevin Madden;
John Scott and Jack Solomons.**

**St Paul's Mt Victoria &
St Joseph's Megalong Valley**

Entrance Antiphon:
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Communion Antiphon:
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

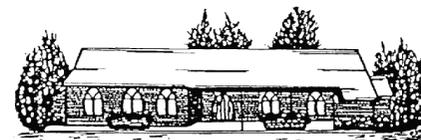
Feast Days of the Week

Sunday 13th Nov to Saturday 19th Nov

13th St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (1850-1917)
14th St Sidonius, Abbott
15th St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor (1206-80), Optional
16th St Margaret of Scotland, Queen (1045-93)
17th St Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen (1207-31), Memorial
18th Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter (1620) and Paul (1854), Apostles, optional
19th St Obadiah, OT, Prophet (c800BC)

Next Week: **Kingdom promised** 2Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Sacred Heart Parish



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

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of the land of the Blue Mountains.

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 **Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish House: 02 4787 8811 **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 04 2887 8810 **Fri** 9.00am - 12.00pm
(Emergency only) For Baptisms, Marriages, & sick calls
Parish Office: 02 4787 8540 contact Parish House.
Facsimile: 02 4787 6143 **e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

Parish House: 18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

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	Saturdays	9.30am
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd and 4th Saturdays	6.00pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or David Buckley (Chair); Adrienne Kitching (Deputy Chair) or Carmen Beard (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Monica Bright 4757 3943

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

POPE'S JUBILEE OF THE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED: As was the case last week, Pope Francis has decreed that this weekend will commemorate the Jubilee of the Socially Excluded, within the framework of this year's Extraordinary Year of Mercy. The Pope explained, and I quote his words: *"That is, those who for different reasons - from economic precariousness to various illnesses, from loneliness to the lack of family bonds - have difficulty in inserting themselves in the social fabric and often remain at the margins of society, without a home or a place to live."*

In Rome, about six thousand participants from a number of European countries are expected to participate in an intense Jubilee programme involving many of Rome's churches in which Pope Francis will be actively involved. Archbishop Rino Fisichello, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, reminded us that *"On Sunday, as you know, the Holy Door will be closed in all the churches and shrines in the world."* He added: *"The Jubilee celebration in St. Peter's intended to remind the Church of Jesus' words: 'The poor you will always have with you.' The closing of the Door of Mercy, therefore, does not mark the end of the Church's commitment, but rather in the light of the Jubilee we have experienced, reinforces her witness."*

The closing of the Holy Door in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is to take place this afternoon, 13th November, from 4.30pm-7.00pm in keeping with Rome's instructions. Dinner will be available for purchase should you be interested in attending this unique event!

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: As mentioned last week, the DWF supports the ministries and agency services of the Catholic Church in the Parramatta Diocese. However large or small, any donation you can make to the DWF will be gratefully received and help our ministries to continue their important work. By making a donation to the DWF, you will be supporting many hundreds of needy people who are part of our local community.

Today and next Sunday, 20th November, you should find envelopes on the pew in front of you to make easier the donation you may care to make. Please use the second collection plate for your envelope.

MERCY CROSS AND RELICS AT SPRINGWOOD: Last weekend, on both Saturday and Sunday, the Mercy Cross and Relics visited the Blue Mountains Deanery at a central point, St Thomas Aquinas Church, Springwood. Along with a number of our parishioners, most of whom seemed to be actively



involved in the conduct of the various activities, I attended on the Sunday afternoon just in time to hear Pat Drummond entertain us in his usual inimitable way. Thanks, Pat! You brought many a smile to our faces! Each parish in the middle and Upper Blue Mountains also featured their own static display relating to the history and work of each parish. Being biased, I think ours was the

best! Huge thanks, everyone, and I have to say that overall, we batted well above our weight!

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Friday's 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month was the commemoration of the first world war, the Great War, the war to end all wars! A Remembrance Day service was held at the Blackheath War Memorial. Verbal report today at the end of Mass! **God Bless! Father Bob**

"Many thanks to all those parishioners who helped make the Mountains Deanery Way of Mercy ceremonies such a great success last weekend. From the musicians and to those who contributed to the various liturgies; the compilers of the Parish stories; the organisers of children's games, the providers of welcome and hospitality, the publicists and printers and to those who got things done and all who attended - a great debt of gratitude is due to you all."

This has been sent to all four parishes. Thanks.
Dennis Farrar for the Liturgy Committee

Parish AGM - after 9.30am Mass next Sunday, 20 November. All welcome.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets will be available SOON for your chance to win fabulous prizes in our annual fundraising Christmas hamper raffle. This year, we have an extra prize of a \$150 hamper which was donated. Tickets will be \$2.00 each. Please see Sue Gracey for more information.

Happy Anniversary
Karen & Les Haywood
50 years on 11 Nov
Margaret & Bob Davis ~ 13 Nov
Colette & Sean Lillis ~19 Nov

Happy Birthday
Brian Bright ~ 19 November

Last Week's Collections
1st: \$167.00
Pastoral Revenue (support of the Bishop & Diocesan Priests both active & retired)
2nd: \$600.65
(includes direct deposits). This money is used for local parish needs. **Thank you.**

COSMOLOGY SPIRITUALITY MORNING
The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on Friday, 18th Nov, 10am till noon. Chapter 30 of "The Cosmic Mystique" will be the subject of discussion. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. All welcome.
Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

BLACKHEATH REFLECTION MORNING
The next Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning will take place on Saturday, 19 November, 10am-1pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. **Loretta Brinkman** (Director of Mission, St Joseph's Hospital, Auburn) will lead the morning - **Between the Lines: Take some time to open the pages of your own story and discover the mystery of you.**
Enq: Carmel 0417474 850.

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Please remember in your prayers, **Robert Graham** (brother-in-law of **Kate and Robert Forbes**) who died during the week, aged 66 years.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.