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Wisdom 9:13-18 Saved by Wisdom
Philemon: 9-10,12-17 Giving and receiving
Luke 14:25-33 Cost of discipleship

Psalm Response: In every age of Lord,
You have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Let Your face shine on
Your servant, and teach me Your laws.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

ROSTERS

Servers

4 Sep Michelle Davis
11 Sep Grahame Adams

Readers

4 Sep 1st Reading Monica Bright
2nd Reading Brian Bright
Intercessions John Woodward
11 Sep 1st Reading Christa Buckley
2nd Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Adrian Carroll

Communion

4 Sep Jan Roberts and Peter Gale
11 Sep Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

4 Sep Robyn and Adrian
11 Sep Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

4 Sep Mary Batty
11 Sep Christine Burke

Church Care

16 Sep Noeleen Cliff



Twenty Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
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4th September 2016

A person undertaking
some building needs firstly
to assess his resources,
and a king marching to
war his possibility of
success. Likewise, if we
wish to follow Jesus we
must reckon realistically
the cost of discipleship.
This may mean choosing
between Him and
something as sacred
and precious as family,
possessions, or even our
life itself for His sake.
Where are our priorities?

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

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your
servant in accord with your merciful love.

Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is
yearning for you, my God;

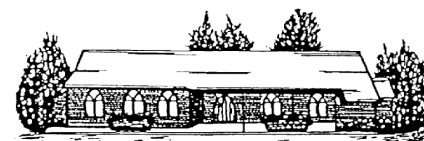
Please pray for
the sick and
their carers:
Madge Boylan;
John Crowley;
Stan Dochniak;
Frank Farsaci;
Bill Grieves;
Mary Kingston;
Kevin Madden;
John Scott and
Jack Solomons.

Next Week: **God's joy**
Exodus 32:7-11,13-14;
Psalm 50
1Timothy 1:12-17;
Luke 15:1-32

Feast Days of the Week ~ Sunday 4th to 10th September

4th St Rosalia, Virgin (d1160)
5th Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)
6th St Zechariah (c520BC) - Minor Prophet
7th St Regina, Virgin/Martyr (d251)
8th Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast
9th St Peter Claver, Priest (1580-1654), Optional
10th St Nicholas of Tolentine, Priest (1245-1305)

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

FATHERS' DAY: Today is that one day each year when we take time out to formally recognise and show our appreciation for the unique person that our fathers are in our lives. Mostly, we just take their presence among us for granted including all the odd jobs they do around the house. On this day, every family has the opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to our Dads for the love and support they give to each of us. **God Bless our Dads!** Fathers' Day each year is also the appropriate occasion for us to contribute financially to the support of our 'spiritual fathers' - especially those who, after a lifetime of service to the Catholic community, are now retired because of age or sickness. They have always been part of the family in your celebrations, unions, times of happiness and sadness. That 'family' bond can continue in their retirement with your funding support of their needs. 'Out of sight' will never mean 'out of mind' when you offer our retired clergy your friendly hand in this way.

The Diocese of Parramatta, through its Clergy Support Foundation, co-ordinates all the needs of the sick and retired priests and religious from this Diocese including the conduct of today's Annual Appeal! Last year, through your generosity, we almost reached the set target with donations totalling \$200,000. For this the Foundation sincerely thanks you. Let's see how much we can raise this year!

A third collection will be held today immediately prior to the Homily. Special envelopes and pencils are available on every pew for your convenience. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible! Should you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who might otherwise miss out on this opportunity.

Online contributions may be made at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No. 01691 in the name of the CSF with reference to your name, and send the e-mail to csf@parra.catholic.org.au with your details. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2017. Thank you for your generosity!

FIRST COMMUNION: Next Sunday, during the 9.30am Blackheath Mass, our First Communicants will receive this Sacrament. So, please pray for **William Egan, Natalie Butterworth, Emma Carlon and Lorelei Field** that they may each enter into a lifetime filled in an intimate relationship with God through His Son's Eucharist.

REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK: Migrant and Refugee Sunday was, by any standard, an outstanding success with over 40 people present at the post-Mass presentation by Sr Sarah Puls from the Jesuit Refugee Service. Congratulations to organiser David Buckley and to all who made such significant contributions (refreshments included), especially 'on the day'!

Sincere thanks also to all who organised the 'Wake' for Sharron Bryant's Funeral last Wednesday. Sad times, indeed! Well done, everyone!

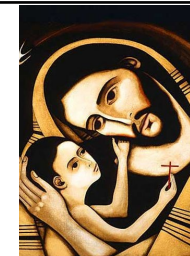
Finally, Thursday next (8/9) is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - a perfect opportunity for us to honour Mary in a very special way on this, her birthday!
God Bless! Father Bob

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DEAR DADS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

A Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father, You govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection. May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family. Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen. (Author unknown)



HELP NEEDED: We are in urgent need for more assistance with our A/V presentations during Mass. The preparation of the actual presentation is being done by others - all we need are a few more volunteers to be part of small group responsible for setting up the computer and operating the visual presentations during Mass - on a roster basis.

Be assured, it is not 'Rocket Science' - you do not need to be a 'tech guru'. It is all very simple once you have been shown what to do! And with our remote keyboard, you are free to sit wherever you like in the Church. Please see or contact David Buckley if you would like to be part of this important Ministry (4787 5105; dbuckley45@bigpond.com).

AFTERNOON CAPERS will held on **Wednesday 7th Sept** at 12pm at the Gardner's Inn Blackheath. Please call Diane on 4787 1357 if you need a lift.

Happy Birthday
Diane Stewart ~ 5th September
Michelle Funnell ~ 7th September
Lance Hodgkinson ~ 8th September

Counters Roster—Help needed
As you know, **Mary Kingston** is seriously ill and will no longer be able to prepare the Counters' Roster. She hopes someone will take over this duty. Please help. (See Kate Forbes.)

We thank our current counters:
Carla & Neil, Julie & Lance, Pamela & John, Robyn & Adrian, Barbara & Bill, Marilyn & Laurie.

Last Week's Collections — Thank You!
1st: \$265.10 Pastoral Revenue
(support of the Bishop and Diocesan Priests both active & retired)
2nd: \$623.00 (incl. direct deposits).
This money is used for local parish needs.

Our weekly envelopes for 2016/2017 are now available at the back of the Church. Please collect yours as they start **TODAY** (4th September). Thank you!

In memoriam: **Bernie Tierney** ~ 5th September; **Ray Thomas** ~ 8th September

CatholicCare Choices NDIS Information Day: Wednesday 7 September
CatholicCare Choices is holding an information day on the National Disability Insurance Scheme: 'NDIS and YOU - Your Questions Answered'. From 10am - 4pm on Wednesday 7 Sept, Shop 3/163 Macquarie Rd, Springwood. There is no charge, but bookings are preferred, tel (02) 8822 2222, choices@ccss.org.au