

HODAY

Isaiah 50:5-9 God comes to save  
James 2:14-18 Faith needs works  
Mark 8:27-35 Who am I for you?

Psalm Response: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**  
**My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.**

**Servers**

13 Sep Jan Roberts  
20 Sep Michelle Davis

**Readers**

13 Sep 1st Reading John Woodward  
2nd Reading Christine Helby  
Intercessions Dominic Burke family  
20 Sep 1st Reading Robert Forbes  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire  
Intercessions Patricia Dee

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

13 Sep Elizabeth Doolan and David Buckley  
20 Sep Bill Grieves and Jan Roberts

**Counters**

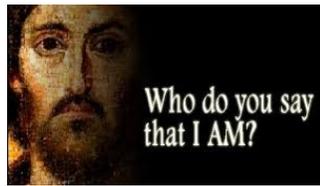
13 Sep Carla and Neil  
20 Sep Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

13 Sep Carroll Family  
20 Sep Dave Harris

**Church Care**

25 Sep Angie and Michelle Leman

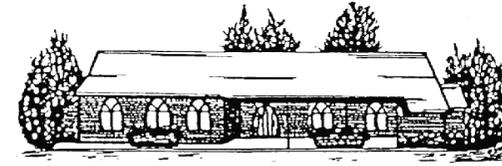


**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

13th September 2015

Jesus takes his disciples away from the crowds and asks who they themselves think he is. When Peter proclaims that he is the Christ, Jesus binds them to secrecy and begins to teach them what is going to happen to him. Yet Peter, like us, does not understand the implications of being a follower of Christ. To be with Jesus will mean suffering and death, but life, too.

# 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 Blue Mountains' 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 **Office hours: Wed:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Parish House:** 4787 8811 **Thu:** 9.00am - 12.00pm  
**Parish Mobile:** 0428 878810 (Emergency only) **Fri:** 9.00am - 12.00pm  
**Parish Office:** 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.  
**e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

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

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets the 4th Sunday of each month (after 9.30am Mass). If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Diana Landsberg (Chair); David Buckley (Deputy Chair) or Dennis Doherty (Secretary).

**Sacred Heart Care Group:** 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)

Next Week  
**Welcome me**

Wis 2:12.17-20  
Psalm 53

Jas 3:16-4:3  
Mark  
9:30-37



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

**Entrance Antiphon:**

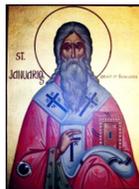
*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.*

*Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.*

**Communion Antiphon:**

*How precious is your mercy, O God!*

*The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*



St Januarius

**This Week's Feast Days: (Sunday 13th - Saturday 19th September)**

- 13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor, Memorial (c344-407)
- 14th Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15th Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial
- 16th St Cornelius, Pope & Martyr (d253) St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr (d258) Memorials
- 17th St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor (1542-1621) Optional
- 18th St Joseph of Cupertino, Priest (1603-1663)
- 19th St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr (275-305) Optional

**CONFIRMATION:** Today we are privileged and graced to have the Parramatta Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev. Peter Williams, to join us in our celebration of Confirmation to be bestowed by him upon four young members of our Sacred Heart Parish Community here at Blackheath. This will complete for these young people their receipt of the last of the four Sacraments of Initiation that will enable each of them to enjoy a full Eucharistic relationship with our beloved Saviour, Jesus Christ, supported by the strengthening effect of the Holy Spirit's added presence in them on their journey through life. This is a momentous occasion, both for those who are to receive this unique Sacrament, and for our whole community who are here to bear witness to, and share in, this wonderful gift from God. We also sincerely thank our Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev. Peter Williams for leading us in these wonderful celebrations, and our new Liturgy Group for its involvement. Locally, we thank every parishioner who has laboured so diligently "behind-the-scenes" to make this the great success it obviously is! Special mention is extended to Kate for her preparation of the booklet, to Colette our Sacramental Co-ordinator who prepared these students for Confirmation and, as well, to all who have prepared the church and the meeting hall, including the provision of food and refreshments for us to enjoy later this morning. Finally, we thank and congratulate the parents of our candidates for their partnership with, and support of, Colette in preparing their children for this great event - Katelyn Kennedy, Sophia Malafant, George Ossolinski and Vincent Rummery.

**SACRED HEART PARISH AUDIT:** Good news! No! Great news! The formal Diocesan audit of our parish last Wednesday (9 September) has yet again been 100% fault-free. Congratulations to Marilyn Rowe, Patricia Dee and more recently Carmen Beard, for their accurate administration of all Sacred Heart Parish records. Collectively, we have much to be proud of through the efficient operation of all that is done in our office. Again, huge thanks, ladies!

**RETIRED CLERGY SUPPORT:** Last week's special third collection during the 9.30am Mass raised a very creditable \$334.70 in support of our retired Diocesan clergy. Many thanks to everyone who gave so generously to those who themselves have given most of their lives to benefit us in our relationship with Christ.

**DID YOU KNOW:** Today is Child Protection Sunday, a reminder to us to focus our thoughts, prayers and actions on the protective needs of our children. This day also heralds the beginning of Marriage Week which concludes on Saturday, 19 September. During this week we are asked to build and protect the status of marriage in our Church and society through our physical and prayerful promotion of this most precious, sacred institution established by God Himself.

**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:** Tomorrow, 14 September, is the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, while Tuesday is the Memorial Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. **God Bless! Fr Bob**

**Fr Kevin Hay**, our former parish priest, died peacefully on 3rd September, at Our Lady of Consolation Home, Rooty Hill. His funeral was held at St Thomas Aquinas, Springwood last Friday. **Please remember Fr Kevin in your prayers.**

**Please pray for those who are ill and their carers:** Siobhan Atkin; Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farinton; David Finch; James Ford; Ken Kirkham; Norma Longmuir; Frank Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Cathy Salier and Frances Slater.

**SACRED HEART CARE MINISTRY** offers support for those in our community requiring assistance. **During September, please call Marilyn Rowe** on 4787 5276.

Please note that the **PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED next Wednesday**. If needed, either contact Fr Bob on 4787 8811 or leave a message on the machine on 4787 8540. Thanks.

**ELECTRONIC OPTIONS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION**

We now have a simple option available for you to set up a weekly direct transfer facility through your bank or credit union. Details are:

**Account Name: Blackheath Catholic Church**

**Account BSB: 067-950**

**Account Number is 00000230**

Please ensure you include your second collection envelope number in the transaction reference or transaction description to appear on the Sacred Heart receiving account. Of course, envelopes are still available should you prefer.

**Blackheath Reflection**

**Morning**

**Saturday, 19th September**

in our Parish Hall, 10am-1pm.

**Sr Bernadette Corboy SGS**

will lead the morning '**Praying with Images and Symbols**'.

No need to book, entry by donation and morning tea provided.

Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

**Cosmology Spirituality Morning** will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday, **18th September** 10am till noon. Chapters 11 & 12 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. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

**Happy 85th Birthday**

**Michael Cooper**

for 14 September

**Michael Cooper** asked to have his email address put in the bulletin. He would love to hear from anyone if they have the time. Email: [mpcooper2@bigpond.com](mailto:mpcooper2@bigpond.com)

**BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY:** Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church or foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate. If you wish, you can make online contributions at [csfparra.org.au](http://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 your name, and send e-mail to [csf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:csf@parra.catholic.org.au) with your details so we can send a receipt. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2016. Thank you for your generosity.

**Faith without good deeds is quite dead — you show your faith by your deeds.**

These words of James today challenge us all. I once saw a sign in Chennai on a YMCA Boys' Home — **To help with the hand is holier than to pray with the lips.** Perhaps this is what James meant when he asked, '*What good is it to say, "I wish you well, keep warm and eat plenty", but not give them the bare necessities of life?*' Do we follow up our good intentions with action? Do we write that letter to the paper or to our local member urging action on an issue of social justice? Do we respond to the call for groceries and toiletries at our local neighbourhood house? Jesus rebukes Peter in today's gospel for not thinking as God thinks but as humans do. Jesus reminds us that if we choose to follow him we will need to give up thinking and acting as the world urges us and model our life on the way Jesus lived. *from Daily Prayer online*

**In memoriam: Elsie Carroll ~ 15th September; Anne Croke ~ 19th September**