

HOLIDAY

Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10 A sacred day  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Body of Christ  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Jesus' mission

**Psalm Response**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me  
to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Servers**

24 Jan Jan Roberts  
31 Jan Ray Wood

**Readers**

24 Jan 1st Reading Monica Bright  
2nd Reading Brian Bright  
Intercessions John Woodward  
31 Jan 1st Reading Christine Helby  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire  
Intercessions Pat Wicks

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

24 Jan Michelle Davis and David Buckley  
31 Jan Monica and Bright Bright

**Counters**

24 Jan Laurie  
31 Jan Carla and Neil

**Morning Tea**

24 Jan Carla Endean  
31 Jan Dave Harris

**Church Care**

5 Feb Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston  
19 Feb Julie Hodgkinson



**Third Sunday  
Year C  
24th January 2016**

Today we read the beginning of Luke's gospel, followed by Jesus' announcement of his mission in the synagogue of his home town, Nazareth. He chooses to read words from Isaiah's prophecy and makes them his own. He has been anointed and sent by God to bring good news to the poor, proclaiming the Lord's year of favour. This prophecy is being fulfilled today as it was in Nazareth.

Next week  
**A prophet's lot**  
Jeremiah  
1:4-5.17-19  
Psalm 70  
1 Corinthians  
12:31-13:13  
Luke 4:21-30

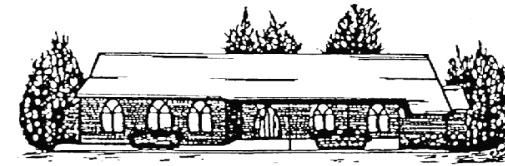
In  
memoriam  
**Jean Walsh**  
28th  
January

**St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley**  
**Entrance Antiphon:** *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*  
**Communion Antiphon:** *Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

**Feast Days for this week! 24th to 30th January**

24th St Francis de Sales, Visitation Order Founder, Bishop & Doctor (1567-1622) - Memorial Feast  
25th Conversion of St Paul, Apostle - Feast  
26th Australia Day - Sts Timothy & Titus - Feasts (transferred to 23 Jan)  
27th St Angela Merici, Founder of Ursuline Nuns (1474-1540), Optional  
28th St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (1226-74) - Memorial Feast  
29th St Aquilinus, Priest & Martyr (d1015)  
30th St Bathildis, Queen & Widow (d680)

# 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, e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com      Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

**Parish House:** 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

**Sacred Heart Church:** 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.

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

<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)

**HOLIDAYS GONE:** Well! Christmas, New Year and the first half of January are now behind us. Effectively, for most people, the Christmas Season is now ended. Here in Sacred Heart Parish, we have once again enjoyed a very busy Season serving locals and visitors to an unprecedented extent, to the point where a decision has already been made to produce weekly bulletins next year in what has been this year's close-down January period. Also, don't be too surprised if the office doesn't completely close next January. I fervently trust that you have enjoyed your "break" and now harness up for another year of interesting toil. May 2016 be for you a great and memorable year!

**AUSTRALIA DAY:** Our National Day this year occurs next Tuesday when we come together to celebrate and reflect upon all those benefits our forefathers (and ourselves) have produced down through the generations in this great country. In so saying, we also acknowledge the contribution made by our indigenous brothers and sisters to preserve this wonderful country as its original owners.

**We invite everyone to make that annual Australia Day trek to the Landsberg family's magnificent property, 'Withycombe', at Mount Wilson, to shelter under that remarkable grand old Oak Tree yet again, and be entertained by members of our own music group (and others) in that historic setting.** How good is that! And what better way to begin these celebrations than by attending Tuesday's 9.30am Mass here at Sacred Heart Church. Thank you Diana and Joe for making this day's outing possible for us! 'Withycombe' is situated at the corner of The Avenue and Church Lane. You get there by turning into the Mount Wilson Road and following the white lines for 8km until you see a sign for the picnic at a gate on the left. Turn into the gate for parking. Alternatively, if you need easier access, turn left at the corner and either park in the property (where it is only a few steps to the picnic) or over the road, where it is about 20 metres of flat walking. **Time: any time after 10.30am to allow for those attending our special Mass at 9.30am. BYO picnic lunch and drinks.** Hot water for tea and instant coffee and mugs will be provided. There are several picnic tables and chairs so BYO if you want to. If it rains, we can have the picnic on the verandah (and a fire inside if it is cold). **Please note that there will be NO Mass that evening!**

**2016:** We have certainly hit the floor running - and still without a bishop to guide us! We have already had our first Parish Council meeting during which our five new councillors took their seats (more next week). Too, the Liturgy Committee has also had its first meeting for the year. The office has re-opened this week (20/1). Schools return about 28/1; the Annual SRE (Catechists) Mass and presentation of certificates is to be held at St Thomas Aquinas' Springwood (2/2); the Annual Garage Sale (5/2 - 7/2); Shrove Tuesday (9/2); Ash Wednesday (10/2); World Day of the Sick (11/2); Parish Council Formation Seminar (13/2); Parish Council Commissioning (14/2); Easter - Second Rite of Reconciliation (Wed 16/3); Palm Sunday (20/3); Chrism Mass, P'matta (23/3); Holy Thursday (24/3); Good Friday (25/3); Easter Saturday (26/3); Easter Sunday (27/3); Divine Mercy Sunday (3/4); Daylight Savings ends (3/4); Social Justice Workshop (Sun 10/4); ANZAC Day (Mon 25/4); Parish Renewal (Mission) (30/4 - 4/5). These dates and events have been set for the early part of this year. They are listed for your information only at this time. More details later!

Happy  
Birthday

Marjanna  
Gilchrist  
for 23rd  
January

Patricia  
Frazier

85 on 25th  
January

Jeremy  
Lillis

10 on 30th  
January

Afternoon  
Capers  
will be  
held on  
Wed,  
3 Feb at

Ellie-Cats  
Cafe  
(was  
Monkey  
Creek  
Cafe,  
Dargan)

at 12pm if  
you need  
a lift or  
info,  
please ph  
Diane on  
4787 1357.

Happy  
Anniversary  
Louise &  
Laurie  
Noyes  
for 23rd  
January

**VOLUNTEERS:** As you can see from the above listings, there has never been a greater level of parish activity in my seven years here than we have this year. The above information does not include Pope Francis' "Year of Mercy" promotion, nor any special activities that may occur if/when we finally secure the services of our own Diocesan Bishop. The truth is that we urgently need the services of a number of volunteers in various fields to help offset the gradual loss of volunteers who, for many reasons are unable to continue in their voluntary roles, plus the already-mentioned extra workload. In particular, we need catechists and a Sacramental co-ordinator today! Can you help? If so, please see either myself or any councillor. **God Bless! Father Bob**



The annual FAMOUS Garage Sale is set for the weekend of 6th/7th February. To make this a successful fundraising event for our Parish, we really need YOUR help with the following:

- \* **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb** - fit people to assist with the transfer of cartons from the Parish House to the Parish Hall between 3pm and 5pm (trolley available)
- \* **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Volunteers needed to help 'set up' the garage sale
- \* **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb** - volunteers needed to sell the items (8.30am to 4.00pm)
- \* **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Volunteers needed after Mass to sell and CLEAN up the hall (from 9.30am)

Also required are cooks/servers/sellers for the sausage sizzle on Saturday 6 Feb - Teams of 3 for 2 shifts - 10:00 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 2:30pm (7.30am to 10am shift already filled - thank you!)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL - PANCAKE SUNDAY  
Volunteers to bring batter for pancakes - preferably in 2-litre plastic milk containers - easier to pour (Volunteers to cook and sell - Team of 4 cooks/servers/seller 10:30 to 12:30)

There will be an Information session on Sunday 14th February after 9:30 Mass, in the hall, for all those interested in joining a new group inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. The purpose of the group is to become familiar with, discuss and apply the direction of *Laudato Si'* to both the life of our parish and our personal lives. Interested? Come along and find out more.

*The Epiphany Pilgrims would like to thank Sacred Heart, Blackheath for their support and hospitality during the Epiphany Pilgrimage which took place from 2nd January to 7th January 2016. Without your generosity and support, the pilgrims would not have been able to embark on this great pilgrimage. We would especially like to thank those who joined with us in prayer and others who supported and encouraged us along the way. Please continue to pray for God's blessings upon all who participated in this pilgrimage and we hope that many more will want to be part of it in the future! Should you wish to check out our adventure, please log onto: [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) Thank you all sincerely!*

To add someone's name to the list for **prayers for the sick**, please email the parish office - **shbheath2@bigpond.com**

Please pray for the sick and their carers:  
**Frank Farsaci and David Finch.**