

Ezekiel 2:2-5 The Lord speaks
 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Grace is sufficient
 Mark 6:1-6 Lack of faith

Psalm Response: Our eyes are fixed
 on the Lord; pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
 he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Servers

5 July Ray Wood
 12 July Jan Roberts

Readers

5 July 1st Reading Lillis Family
 2nd Reading Lillis Family
 Intercessions Patricia Dee
 12 July 1st Reading David Buckley
 2nd Reading John Woodward
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Ministers of the Eucharist

5 July Monica and Brian Bright
 12 July Ray Wood and Elizabeth Doolan

Counters

5 July Barbara and Bill
 12 July Marilyn

Morning Tea

5 July Michelle Funnell
 12 July George Commens

Church Care

17th July Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**Fourteenth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Year B**

Sunday 5th July

Jesus has been travelling
 and telling the Good News
 of God's kingdom, and the
 people in general have
 welcomed him.

Here in his own home
 town, the people are
 sceptical, their narrowness
 and prejudice preventing
 them from accepting him.

We can do the same.

Faith leads us to see
 differently, to recognise
 the presence and power
 of Christ in surprising
 people, places and
 circumstances.

Next Week: **The Twelve sent**
 Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

This week's Feast Days: Sun 5th - Sat 11th July

5th July St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest (1502-39), optional
 6th St Maria Goretti, Virgin/Martyr (1890-1902)
 aged 12, optional
 St Isaiah, Prophet, Martyr (668BC-770BC)
 7th St Willibald, Bishop (C700-C786)
 Blessed Peter To Rot, (New Guinea) Martyr
 (1912-45), Optional
 8th St Grimbald, Abbott (d903)
 9th St Veronica Giuliani, Virgin
 (1660-1727)
 10th Sts Secunda & Rufina,
 Virgins/Martyrs (260)
 11th St Benedict, Abbot (C480-547),
 Memorial; St Olga, Duchess/
 Widow (879-969)



St Maria Goretti

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

Entrance Antiphon

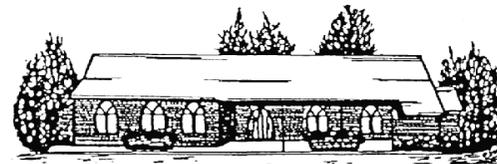
Your merciful love, O God,
 we have received in the
 midst of your temple.

Your praise,
 O God, like your name,
 reaches the ends
 of the earth;
 your right hand is filled
 with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord
 is good; blessed the man
 who seeks refuge in him.

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 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>

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 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

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: Today is that one day each year when we especially focus our attention on the gifts, needs and wants of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. This is also the beginning of a week of celebrations throughout the nation where these first Australians celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics bring beautiful gifts to the Church in Australia, and so it is on this day that we join with them to celebrate these gifts. This year's theme chosen by NATSICC is "We all stand on Sacred Ground." To bring a greater level of understanding to this celebration, I quote from a statement by Deacon Boniface Perdjert, Wadey NT when he says... "Deep down, we Aborigines are religious people. We did not have many material goods, but we are rich with spiritual goods. It is this strong religious side that made us. It gave us our identity, dignity, our self-assurance. My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time, God was with my people. He worked through their culture. He was saving us despite our human weakness. He was preparing us for the day we would see the features of Aborigines in the image of His Son." So, let us acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders for their past and current presence among us, and support them in every possible way.

PARISH ENVELOPES: This is a reminder, with apologies to all, that now is the time to renew your parish envelopes. Should you not be part of our envelope contribution system, there are blank forms at the main entrance for you to complete and return to the office or to me. I reaffirm last week's comments that the funds we gain from these envelopes are used exclusively to improve services and facilities in any or all of our three churches or communities. We are the beneficiaries of any envelope support you may choose to give. Huge thanks in advance to every contributor!

VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL: The value of last week's donations are not yet known, at least, not to me. However, as some people would have been absent last week and/or didn't have funds on them at the time, an opportunity is available this week to support this most worthy of causes by helping those homeless and deprived people who have to cope with our mid-winter climate. Please place your envelope on the second collection plate. Your donation will assuredly be most welcome to those needy amongst us.



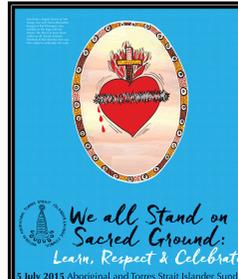
PARISH OFFICE: Wednesday next, 8th July, due to circumstances outside our control, the parish office will be closed for that day only. We deeply regret this one-off hiccup in our office trading. Other office opening times are unaffected! My apologies for any inconvenience this may cause! Emergencies, phone me on 0417 355 479.

WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Just a final reminder that this renowned choir is to perform in St Patrick's Hall, Lithgow next Wednesday evening (8th July) from 6pm. A gold coin will gain you admittance. Should be a great night's entertainment - and so close to home.

God Bless! Father Bob

For ONE NIGHT ONLY (and a gold coin donation) hear the world-renowned and wonderful **WATOTO Children's Choir** from Uganda sing "Oh What Love". The Concert will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, **8th July**, in the MacKillop School Hall of St Patrick's School, 69 Lett Street, Lithgow.

More information: Phone Jeff Larsen on 6352-2245 or visit <http://www.watoto.com/the-choir/see-the-choir>



**We all Stand on Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect and Celebrate
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

For 2015, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council decided to adopt the National NAIDOC Theme for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday –

We all Stand on Sacred Ground.

There is a great parallel with today's Gospel ... where Jesus is not recognised in his own land and a definite resonance

of recent talk of closing remote Aboriginal Communities in Western Australia. They, too, find themselves in Jesus' shoes – not accepted in their own land!

Our land, known as Australia, is sacred. It is Sacred in the beliefs, culture and Spirituality of our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters. It is also sacred to our Faith.

Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

An 'Acknowledgement of Country' is a way that **all people** can **show awareness and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage and the ongoing relationship the traditional owners have with their land.**

Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can perform 'Acknowledgement of Country'. It is a demonstration of respect dedicated to the traditional custodians of the land.

Prior to European settlement of Australia, the region of Blackheath and surrounding areas were thought to be a summer corroboree meeting place for several Aboriginal nations, these being **Darug** (East), **Gundungurra** (South) and **Wiradjuri** (West).

Some descendants of these people still reside in the modern township and the surrounding areas.

For our Celebration this Sunday, our Liturgy Group has chosen the following:

The Sacred Heart Catholic Parish acknowledges the Darug, Gundungurra and Wiradjuri people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell and also their carers:
Siobhan Atkin; Alma Birrell; Michael Cooper; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford; Robert Graham; Fr Kevin Hay; Kenneth Kirkham; Frank Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Ron O'Brien; Cathy Salier and Frances Slater.

Happy Birthday
Kate Forbes for today
Christine Burke for 7th July
Michele Davis for 7th July
Robyn Carroll for 10th July

No Coffee Capers for July.

In memoriam: **Annie Cecilia Smith** ~ 6th July; **Patricia Roser** ~ 7th July; **Cecily O'Brien** ~ 9th July; **Margaret Hudson** ~ 11th July; and **Maureen Taylor** whose anniversary occurs at this time.