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Exodus 32:7-11.13-14 *God relented*  
1Timothy 1:12-17 *Mercy shown me*  
Luke 15:1-32 *God's joy*

**Psalm Response:**  
I will arise and go to my Father.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia! **God was in Christ,  
to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation  
he has entrusted to us.** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
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**Servers**

11 Sep Grahame Adams  
18 Sep Pat Wicks

**Readers**

11 Sep 1st Reading Christa Buckley  
2nd Reading Pat Wicks  
Intercessions Adrian Carroll  
18 Sep 1st Reading Christine Helby  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire  
Intercessions Patricia Dee

**Communion**

11 Sep Monica and Brian Bright  
18 Sep Ray Wood and Jan Roberts

**Counters**

11 Sep Barbara and Bill  
18 Sep Marilyn

**Morning Tea**

11 Sep Christine Burke  
18 Sep Jan Roberts

**Church Care**

16 Sep Noeleen Cliff



**Twenty Fourth  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**11 September 2016**

All human beings sin;  
no one is perfect.  
To acknowledge our  
faults and failings is  
to speak the truth.  
For Jesus, there were no  
outcasts. St Paul did all  
he could to discredit the  
Christian faith, and yet  
was called by God to  
become a great saint.  
Today's parables  
highlight God's love  
for us, showing that  
God is always searching  
for the lost one and  
rejoicing to bring us home.

**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.

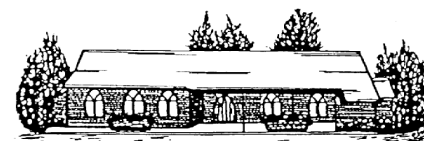
**Feast Days of the Week ~ Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th September**

11th St Adelphus, Bishop (5th Century)  
12th Holy Name of Mary - Optional  
13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor, Memorial (c344-407)  
14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast  
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

**Next Week**

**Home truths**  
Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 112  
1Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13

# 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>

<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 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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS:** Today, four young parishioners – **Natalie BUTTERWORTH, Emma CARLON, William EGAN and Lorelei FIELD** – are to make their First Holy Communion. Our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Jennifer Milani, has prepared these young people for this huge day in their lives when each will join the rest of us in full communion with our Beloved Saviour Jesus Christ. This has not just happened by accident! Jennifer has guided all four children on their learning journey to the discovery of our faith – what it means to be a Catholic – and what it really means to be part of our Eucharistic ‘family’. The children’s parents too, and other volunteers, have also contributed meaningfully to the success of this programme which has been underway for most of this year. We thank Jennifer and her ‘team’ for the time, effort and skill invested by them on behalf of all parishioners and the four children involved – Natalie, Emma, William and Lorelei. Massive congratulations to all! Following Mass, there will be our normal social get-together! However, this day there will also be the cutting of a special cake by our four guests-of-honour. Blessings everyone!

**CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY:** Chancellor of the Parramatta Diocese, Rev. Mons Ron McFarlane PP, will confirm into full Catholic faith, young **Jared Edward HARRIS and Daisy Pennicott LEVELL**. These two young persons have also been well prepared by Jennifer Milani, our Sacramental Co-ordinator, for their receipt of this final Sacrament of Initiation – Confirmation! Please pray for each, and their families! And again, let’s thank Jennifer (and ‘team’) for the wonderful results produced for these children!

**BISHOP’S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED & SICK CLERGY:** Thank you, once again, 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. Should 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 2017. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

**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, 17 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.

**COMING FEAST DAYS:** Wednesday, 14 September is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, while Thursday is the Memorial Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.  
**God Bless! Father Bob**

**HOME MASS** will be celebrated by **Father Isaac Koi** on Wednesday, **14th September at 7.30pm** at the home of Louise and Laurie Noyes, 8 Days Cres, Blackheath. All welcome.

*In memoriam*  
**Elsie Carroll**  
15 September

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre—Historical Wimbourne will be opening its doors to the general public for **Devonshire tea, brunch and lunch** from 9am to 2.30pm on the following Sundays—**18 Sept, 2 Oct, 16 Oct & 23 Oct**. Bookings preferred. Further dates to be advised.  
**Lupe’s Kitchen will be offering meals for \$20pp** which includes tea/coffee. Daily specials, dessert, soft drink and juice for sale.  
BYO—no corkage. 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Enq: Jeanette/Leanne (Monday to Friday) Ph 4773 5555 or Manager (Weekends) Ph 0408 974801.

**Lord Jesus, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion** for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Amen.



**Social Justice Sunday – 25 September**  
Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath has been invited to host the Diocesan launch of the Australian Bishops’ Social Statement for 2016-2017: **“A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society”**. To mark this celebration, we shall first include a focus on the Social Justice Statement in our Sunday Eucharist. After Mass we shall adjourn to the hall for a quick morning tea to be followed by the formal launch of the Bishops’ Statement and a workshop exploring the Statement and how it may impact on our Community here in the Upper Blue Mountains. A light lunch will end the morning with our guests. (As always, some help ‘bringing a plate’ will be most appreciated). Special guests will include **Sister Louise McMcKeogh** from the Diocesan Social Justice Office, as well as, representatives from CatholicCare Social Services Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid. This service provides a volunteer home visitation and support program in the Blacktown area for the frail-aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers. The workshop will also provide a platform for our own Care Group to showcase some of the wonderful work this small band of dedicated parishioners has been doing in our Community.

**Last Week’s Collections Thank you!**  
**1st: \$216.45**  
Pastoral Revenue (support of the Bishop & Diocesan Priests both active & retired)  
**2nd: \$594.65** (incl. direct deposits).  
This money is used for local parish needs.

**VINNIES FOOD DRIVE:** Spring may be in the air but many people in Blackheath and the Upper Blue Mountains are still doing it tough. The Parish and Vinnies have supported the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre by providing food for distribution in our community. Leah from BANC says that the recent extremely cold weather has caused a run on their stocks which have almost been cleaned out. **BANC has asked for donations of staples such as tins of baby food, baked beans, soup, lentils, long life milk, pasta, rice, salmon, spaghetti, stews and tuna. When you shop, if you can buy an extra item or two we know your donation will be gratefully received.** Please continue your support of this worthy cause by depositing items in the bin in church. Thank You!  
Pamela Nash, President St Vincent de Paul, Blackheath.

**Happy Birthday Ron Walsh for 12 September**

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.**

**Our weekly envelopes for 2016/2017** are now available at the back of the Church. Please collect yours today. Thank you!