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Acts 2:1-11 Filled with the Spirit
Romans 8:8-17 Children of God
John 14:15-16, 23-26 Spirit with us forever

Psalm Response: Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Sequence for Pentecost (read) *then we sing -*
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

15 May Diane Stewart
22 May Peter Gale

Readers

15 May 1st Reading Monica Bright
2nd Reading Brian Bright
Intercessions John Woodward
22 May 1st Reading Christa Buckley
2nd Reading David Buckley
Intercessions Pat Wicks

Ministers of the Eucharist

15 May Michelle Davis and David Buckley
22 May Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

15 May Julie and Lance
22 May Pamela and John

Morning Tea

15 May Carla Endean
22 May Dave Harris

Church Care

27 May Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**Pentecost
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15th May 2016

Pentecost commemorates
the gift of the Spirit,
marking the birth of the
Church as the apostles are
sent out to preach the
Good News. The Spirit is
the bond of love between
the Father and the Son,
the Spirit of Jesus,
the Spirit of Truth, the
Advocate, the Counsellor
reminding us of all that
Jesus said and did.
The Spirit in us prays
'Abba, Father.'

Next week: ***Spirit of Truth***
Proverbs 8:22-31; Ps 8;
Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

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

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Feast Days of the Week (Sunday 15th to Saturday 21st May)

15th St Isidore, Farmer (1080-1130)
16th St Simon Stock, Carmelite Prior General (d1265)
17th St Paschal Baylon, Religious (1540-1592)
18th St John 1, Pope, Martyr (d526), optional feast
St Eric of Sweden, Martyr (d1161), Patron of Sweden
19th St Celestine V, Pope (1215-1296)
20th St Bernadine of Siena, Priest (1380-1444), optional feast
21st St Constantine, Emperor (d313)

In memoriam

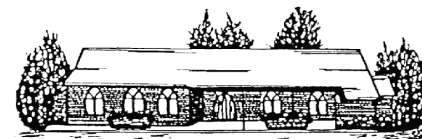


Ken Austin
15th May



Jean McSweeney
17th May

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

GREAT FEAST DAYS ARE HERE: We are in the middle of those Sundays that are the truly great themes of Catholic life. First, today is the Feast of Pentecost in which we celebrate the descent of the Most Holy Spirit, the Advocate promised and sent by Jesus fifty days after His Resurrection. Pentecost Sunday is also the birthday of the Church. This day also concludes the Paschal period of Easter, reflected in the last featured appearance of the lighted Paschal Candle today. From tomorrow, the Paschal Candle will be returned to its traditional position close to the baptismal font. Tomorrow, we also return to Ordinary Time, that period which is anything but ordinary, which will continue to the end of this Church year on 26 November, following the Feast of Christ the King.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, in which we are reminded of the omnipotence of our Triune God and His infinite love for us. Our attention is also drawn to the requirement for each Catholic to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Failure to abide by that obligation carries with it the taint of serious sin. So, it has to be action time for those who have yet to fulfil this obligation.

Last of all, the Solemnity Feast of Corpus Christi – the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ – falls on Sunday week, 29 May.

NEW BISHOP: The new bishop of Parramatta, the Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen, O.F.M. Conv., D.D is to be installed into that position in Parramatta Cathedral on the evening of Thursday, 16 June 2016. He will certainly need our prayers as he accepts responsibility for guiding us, spiritually, in our lives. An example of one suitable prayer is:-

“Gracious Holy Spirit, may the fire of your love and wisdom guide Vincent, your servant, called to be the fourth bishop of our Diocese of Parramatta. Prepare us to welcome and embrace Bishop Vincent as a brother and shepherd. Grant that his witness may encourage for each of us, and as a diocese, our discerning of your presence, your mission and your call. Bless our bishop as a shepherd after the heart of Christ and bless our diocese as an embrace of your mercy and joy for the world.”

A “NEW” CATHOLIC: Through our RCIA Programme, during last Wednesday morning’s 9.00am Mass, Mt Victoria resident **Emma Rachael Perpetua Quartermaine** entered into the Catholic Faith (our faith!) and became a most welcome new addition to our parish “family” plus, as well, the wider Church. Previously baptised into the Anglican faith, that is also acceptable to the Catholic Church, Emma received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Emma will be presented with a suitably inscribed certificate at the conclusion of today’s Mass. So, please, feel free to welcome her into our “family” at our post-Mass social get-together because Emma is certainly now one of us – and for ‘keeps’!

RENEWAL/MISSION: Sr Joan Bukrey, Fr Mike Camplin and Fr Nick Punch certainly drew way above average attendances for every Mass/session throughout the four and a half days of the “mission”, including our final farewell to them on the Wednesday evening. Except for an unplanned bruising fall on the last evening by Sr Joan, everything went off without a hitch. Quite a remarkable achievement by any standard, as much for your extraordinary input as for the content of the programme itself. Far too many people to thank individually! Superb effort, everyone!

God Bless! Father Bob

Who has heard of the Vale Street Centre? At our recent Social Justice workshop we spoke about 'what's already happening in our wider community in relation to Social Justice'? One project mentioned was the Vale Street in Katoomba – several of us attending had not heard of this! As can be gleaned on their website (<http://www.kncinc.org.au/projects/vale-street-social-and-recreational-services/>), the Vale Street Centre is a social and recreational service for people living with or recovering from mental health issues. Find out more – this Wednesday, 18 May an OPEN DAY is being held at the Centre – 21 Vale Street Katoomba – 11:00am-2:30pm – full details on Church Notice Board.

VINNIES FOOD BIN: Thank you for the 52 grocery items which were delivered to the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre. They were very grateful as their food bank was almost empty. BANC said that they have had a dramatic increase in requests for food and anticipate that with the colder weather there will be more demand. When shopping if you can buy an extra item or two, it will help our local community. A list of items requested is on the Vinnies Bin. Thank you!

Pamela Nash, President St Vincent de Paul, Blackheath

Cosmology Morning: At the next Cosmology gathering 10am till noon Friday 20th May, we will discuss Chapters 22 & 23 of *The Cosmic Mystique* by Henry A. Garon. The theme of our quiet meditation will be ‘The Winds of the Spirit.’ We gather at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls. You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea as we share together our prayer, insights and concerns. Enq Sr Jacinta - 4757 2290.

Catalyst Reflection Morning: The next reflection morning will take place in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 21st May**. **Donna Mulhearn** will be the presenter: **Action from Contemplation: A sustainable journey of justice.** Morning tea provided and no need to book. Enquiries to Carmel 4787 8706.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: **Sharon Booth; Stan Dochniak; Frank Farsaci; Frank Mackrell; Kevin Madden and Jack Solomons.**

PARISH DINNER ~ Friday 27th May: Seats are going fast. Tickets are just \$35 and are available for sale until Sunday 22nd May when we need to collate final numbers for our caterers. Please check that your name/s are on the list on the notice board, as the wild winds we have been experiencing through the week, have sent our previous list into the unknown!

Last Week’s Collections: 1st \$158.20 (Pastoral Revenue) support of the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese, both active and retired. **2nd Collection: \$597.00** (includes direct deposits). This money is used for local parish needs.

Parish renewal - Thank You!

As Fr Bob alluded to last week and again in this week’s Bulletin, the recent Parish Renewal was a great success – with excellent attendance at all Preaching Sessions and Masses. All feedback thus far has been most positive.

As with any successful event, there is always a small group who work largely behind the scenes with planning, preparation and implementation. On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and indeed, all Parishioners, I particularly want to thank Carmen Beard, Joe Blansjaar, Christa Buckley, Norma Carlon, Julia Clapin, Michelle Davis, Carla Endean, Kate Forbes, Karen Hayward, Diana Landsberg, Patricia McAuley and Carmel Vanny and, of course, the many Parishioners who took part in the various Liturgies and who provided tasty refreshments.

The Preaching Team were full of praise and thanks for the wonderful Liturgies, Home Hospitality and Suppers. Thank you one and all!

David Buckley, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council.