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Genesis 18:20-32 God will save
Colossians 2:12-14 Brought to life
Luke 11:1-13 Teach us to pray

Psalm Response: Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia, Alleluia!



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C
24th July 2016**

Abraham bargains with God in prayer, and God listens. After seeing Jesus at prayer, one of his disciples asks him to teach them to pray, and he gives them the 'Our Father'. He tells them to persist in prayer, as Abraham did. If we ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our prayer will always be granted, for this is the gift of God's life within us.

ROSTERS

Servers

24 July Grahame Adams
31 July Pat Wicks

Readers

24 July 1st Reading Christine Helby
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Patricia Dee
31 July 1st Reading Brian Bright
2nd Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion

24 July Ray Wood and Jan Roberts
31 July Elizabeth Doolan and Diane Stewart

Counters

24 July Barbara and Bill
31 July Marilyn

Morning Tea

24 July Rasa Blansjaar
31 July Dave Harris

Church Care

5 Aug Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

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

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

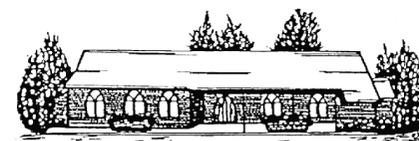
Please pray for the sick and their carers: **Sharon Booth; Stan Dochniak; Frank Farsaci; Mary Kingston; Frank Mackrell; Kevin Madden, Greg Portelli and Jack Solomons.**

Feast Days of the Week ~ Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th July

24th St John Boste, Bl. George Swallowell, Bl. John Ingram, Martyrs (d1594)
25th St James the Greater (Son of Zebedee), Apostle (d42)
St Christopher, Martyr (patron of motorists) (d250)
26th Sts Anne and Joachim, Memorial
27th St Pantaleon, Doctor & Martyr (3rd Century)
28th St Samson, Bishop (490-565)
29th St Martha, Virgin (sister of Mary and Lazarus), Memorial
30th St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor (408-450), Optional

Next week
Seek lasting wealth
Eccl 1:2;2:21-23
Ps 89
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

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



Today we celebrate
the feast of
Sts Joachim and Anne,
grandparents of Jesus.
(July 26).

To all our grandparents,
we thank them for the many
gifts of life and faith
they have given us!

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older, may they
continue to be for their families, strong pillars of
Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits of their mature human and
spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society to value
the presence and roles of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents
constantly in your care, accompany them on their
earthly pilgrimage and, by your prayers,
grant that all families may one day be reunited
in our heavenly homeland, where you await
all humanity for the great embrace of
life without end. Amen!

This Universal Prayer For Grandparents was composed
by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008.

~ Blessing ~
God, our heavenly Father,
we ask your blessing on
these grandparents
gathered here today.
We recognize their
treasured gifts to their
families and to the parish
family. They are valuable
links, between the past
and the present, passing
on the family stories
and traditions.

May they be surrounded
with the love, respect and
support of their families
as they embrace their
unique vocation. May they
be strong models for our
families and for our
parish community.
May they be anchors that
provide stability and a
firm foundation.

May their witness to
their faith guide and
strengthen us.
Lord, bless and empower
these grandparents.
Help them share their
distinct gifts with their
families and all whom
they encounter.
Keep them in your love.

Give them
your joy and
peace each
day so that
they may
always follow
your Son
Jesus. Amen.



POPE FRANCIS—March 11, 2015

"The words of grandparents contain something special for young people. And they know it. The words that my grandmother gave me in writing the day of my priestly ordination I still carry with me, always, in the breviary. And I read them often and they do me good."
(<http://www.romereports.com/>)

OFFICE HOURS

Please note the Parish Office will be open on
Wednesday 27th July from 9am to 12noon.

New **Rosters for Liturgical Ministers**
can be found at the back of the church.
Please collect your copy today.



COFFEE CAPERS will be held at the
Wollemi Bakery (just down from
Harvey Norman on the same side of
the street), 203 Main Street, Lithgow
on **Wednesday 3rd August at 12noon.**
All welcome! Please let Diane Stewart know
if you need a lift—4787 1358.

Last Week's Collections — Thank You!

1st: **\$164.65** Pastoral Revenue (support of the
Bishop and Diocesan Priests both active & retired)
2nd: **\$397.40** (includes direct deposits)
This money is used for local parish needs.

Living the Gospel - Ask, Search, Knock.

Jesus says in the gospel, **'Ask, and it will be
given to you; search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened to you.'**
The actions of asking, searching and knocking
are means by which we initiate the encounter
with God. If we don't ask, search and knock,
how is anyone (including God) to know
our needs or know what it is that we are
searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives,
it is only through the search and the knocking
on the doors of different experiences that
we ever come closer to finding answers.
(Liturgyhelp)

In the words of a grandparent:

"I will never forget this cosmic shift as I watched our first born walk from the birthing room with his first born in his arms. What a blessing it is to live this long! Being a grandparent allows me to swim in an ocean of questions that only more reveal the wonder of our creator who calls to us for even greater intimacy and union."
(Vic) <https://www.catholic.org.au>

† In memoriam †

David Ridoutt ~ 24 July (2009); Jean Pye ~ 25 July and Eric Perriam ~ 28 July.

The Sacred
Heart Parish
is supporting the
Trek for Timor
with a **sausage
sizzle** after Mass



TODAY. Come along,
join in the fun, and,
of course, remember to
bring your money with you!

**BLUE MOUNTAINS
TREK FOR TIMOR!
17th September 2016**

Calling Trekkers,
Sponsors and Volunteers.
Help us raise funds for
projects in East Timor
including continued
support for a school
we helped build and water
and sanitation projects.

If you can trek 15kms,
join our Parish team with
Christine and Ray O'Grady,
Don Newbury and Fr Paul,
Tykes Trekking for Timor
or form your own team.
Alternatively, be a Sponsor
or Volunteer. Register at
www.trekfortimorbm.org.au
or contact Pamela Nash.

Happy Birthday
Laurie Noyes ~ 27th July
Ron O'Brien ~ 28th July