

TODAY

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *My flock*
Ephesians 2:13-18 *Hostility destroyed*
Mark 6:30-34 *Teaching the flock*

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Servers

19 July Michelle Davis
26 July Ray Wood

Readers

19 July 1st Reading Christa Buckley
2nd Reading Christine Helby
Intercessions Dominic Burke/family

26 July 1st Reading John Woodward
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Robert Forbes

Ministers of the Eucharist

19 July David Buckley and Diana Landsberg
26 July Brian Bright and Jan Roberts

Counters

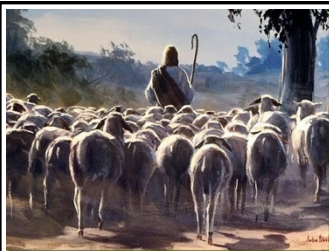
19 July Laurie
26 July Carla and Neil

Morning Tea

19 July Claire Maguire
26 July Carla Endean

Church Care

31 July Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

Sunday 19th July

The apostles rejoined Jesus after their mission of preaching and healing. He invited them to go with him to a lonely place, where they could be by themselves, rest and replenish their spiritual and physical energy. But the people were clamouring to hear Jesus and he chose to respond to their need. The apostles, too, must have been replenished by listening to his teaching, despite the crowd.

Next Week: *Five loaves* 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144 Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

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

Entrance Antiphon

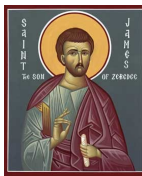
See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with
willing heart, and praise your
name, O Lord, for it is good.

Communion Antiphon

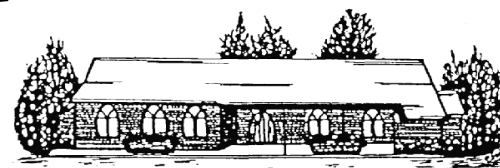
The Lord, the gracious,
the merciful, has made a
memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those
who fear him.

**This week's Feast Days
Sunday 19th - Saturday 25th July**

19th St Macrima the Younger, Virgin (330-379)
20th St Apollinaris, Bishop/Martyr (d200) - optional
St Margaret, Virgin, Martyr (d304)
21st St Lawrence of Brindin, Priest, Doctor (d619),
optional, St Daniel, Prophet (bc610bc)
22nd St Mary Magdalene (1st Century), Memorial
23rd St Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373), optional
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)



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

KEEPING PACE: You may or may not recall last week's item relating to marriage. Titled - *"Don't Mess with Marriage"*, this is a guide to a more stable married life where marriage always seems to be under siege from many media sources. Produced under the auspices of the Australian College of Bishops, we see this publication as being a welcome addition to the family's armoury in defence of this most basic, most fundamental of society's building blocks over past millennia. Therefore, we are encouraged to keep this little booklet as a permanent reference in our household.

Next, there is the Parramatta Diocesan initiative titled *"Safeguarding Communication Strategy"* that is targeting those unknown survivors of abuse, those who have been harmed as a consequence of their engagement in ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Consequently, we at Sacred Heart Parish Blackheath have been invited to include in all future editions of this Bulletin up to and including Sunday, 30 August 2015, the following item:-

"The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you"

If you or someone close to you has suffered ANY abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

You can contact us tel 9933 0233, email safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information please visit: www.safeguarding.org.au For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000."

Parishes are also welcome to post this information on our websites. Overall, these are but two current initiatives being taken in this nation by our Church leadership. Maybe this might be due in part to Pope Francis' new initiatives.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: While last week's contributions have yet to be totalled, because of the small number of envelopes deposited - ten - we are not optimistic about that collection. So I live in hope that this second week will see greater support from those who have yet to contribute funds for those vital activities of benefit to the needy within our Diocese. In the meantime, huge thanks to those who have so far generously supported this round of DWF.

R.I.P.: Wednesday just past, we farewelled one of the mainstays of this Parish dating back to 1949. I am, of course, referring to **Alma Lilian BIRRELL**, who passed away in Lithgow on Wednesday, 8 July 2015. A funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart at which a large number of Alma's family, relatives and friends attended. With Alma's passing, a large part of Blackheath history covering the second half of the twentieth century has been taken from us. For example, did you know that Alma was for 45 years both the 'mailman' and shopper/carrier for the residents of Megalong Valley? In a very real sense, Alma was their contact with the outside world. *Vale, Alma! Commiserations, family!*

A couple of days ago (Friday), a second funeral was held, this time in Penrith for a tiny three months young baby. His family are devastated by this unexpected loss. Please pray for them!

God Bless! Father Bob

For your diary: **PHOENIX CHOIR - SCHUBERT AND MOZART - Schubert Mass No.2 in G Major**
Phillips Hall, Blackheath ~ Friday, 21st August at 7pm
and at St Hilda's Anglican Church, Katoomba ~ Saturday 22nd August at 4pm
 (Joe and Rasa are members of this magnificent choir.) More details at www.phoenixchoir.org.au

Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers: Our Parish has a long history of lay involvement with various Liturgical Ministries - especially involvement in the Mass. To ensure the long-term continuation of this practice, the Ministry and Liturgy Group believe it is essential that we recruit and train additional women and men in these important roles.

In the first instance, we are seeking parishioners who may be interested in being trained as Special Ministers of the Eucharist and as Altar Servers.

The process will involve a day of formation and hands on training - conducted by Sister Mary Louise Walsh ISSM, Liturgy Educator in the Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Worship. Existing Ministers will also be available to act as mentors.

If you are interested or would like additional information, please see Fr Bob or any member of the Ministry/Liturgy Group (David, Dennis, Frances, Joe, Julie or Kate).



FASHIONS BY THE PEW: To be held in the Parish Hall in November. We are looking for donations of good quality clothing which can be sold. Monies raised will support our charity and care groups. Now is a good time to start clearing out our wardrobes! More information to follow.

Happy Birthday
Christa Buckley for today

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

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In memoriam
John Briggs ~ 19th July
Monica van Horen ~ 20th July
Nikola Sandor ~ 22nd July
Bert Carlon ~ 23rd July
David Ridoutt ~ 24th July
Jean Pye ~ 25th July

SACRED HEART CARE MINISTRY
 offers support for those in our community requiring assistance. Please contact Michelle on 4757 2638.

Then he said to them, ***'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.'*** (Mk 6:31)

Living the Gospel - Take time out
I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilised and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, 'When do I take time out to renew myself?'
 Greg Sunter (Liturgyhelp)