



**2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a** Hospitality rewarded  
**Romans 6:3-4,8-11** Alive in God  
**Matthew 10:37-42** Costs and rewards of discipleship

**Psalm Response:**  
 Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

#### **Servers**

2 July Michelle Davis  
 9 July Diane Stewart

#### **Readers**

2 July  
 1st Reading Brian Bright  
 2nd Reading Monica Bright  
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
 9 July  
 1st Reading Elaine Jackson  
 2nd Reading Basil Jackson  
 Intercessions Robert Forbes

#### **Communion**

2 July Elizabeth Doolan and Paul Harris  
 9 July Jan Roberts and Carla Endean

#### **Counters**

2 July Laurie  
 9 July Carla and Neil

#### **Morning Tea**

2 July Jan Roberts  
 9 July Pamela Scott and Elizabeth Doolan

#### **Church Care**

7 July Julie Hodgkinson



## **Thirteenth Sunday**

Year A

2nd July 2017

Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him.

There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as 'little ones' - a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.

(Liturgyhelp)

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

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

All peoples, clap your hands.  
 Cry to God with shouts of joy!

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
 and all within me, his holy name.

#### **Feast Days of the Week Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th July**

2nd St Monegurdis, Widow (d570)  
 3rd St Thomas, Apostle - Feast  
 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen (1271-1336), optional feast  
 5th St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest (1502-39), optional feast  
 6th St Isaiah, Prophet & Martyr (668BC-770BC)  
 7th St Willibald, Bishop (c700-C786)  
 8th St Grinibald, Abbot (d903)



#### **PHOENIX CHOIR**

*~ Idyll ~*

Music of the Pastoral and Picturesque  
**Elgar, Handel, Purcell, Sibelius, Alfen & Stanford**

**TODAY 2nd July ~ 3pm at the Uniting Church, Govetts Leap Rd, Blackheath.**

(A number of our parishioners will be singing in the Phoenix Choir.) The concert will be followed by afternoon tea in the church hall. Tickets: \$18 Adult / \$12 Conc.  
<https://phoenixchoir.org.au/>

# **Sacred Heart Parish**

**Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath  
 Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria  
 Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley**

**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.**

*We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past and present, including those who may be with us today.*

<b>Blackheath</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
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</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>

**Parish Priest:** Father Bob Sheridan

**Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540

**Parish House:** 02 4787 8811

**Facsimile:** 02 4787 6143

**Parish Mobile:** 04 1735 5479  
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**Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
 Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm  
 Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm

**E-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

**Parish House:** 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. 2785

**Sacred Heart Church:** 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.

**St Paul's Church:** 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.

**St Joseph's Church:** 1270 Megalong Road, Megalong Valley.

**For Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, please contact the Parish House.**

**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 Christine O'Grady (Secretary).

**Sacred Heart Care Group** (helping parishioners in times of need) call 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)

**Website:** <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>



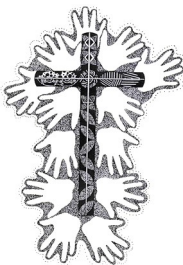
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## "Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me."

### ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY:

As foreshadowed in last week's Bulletin, 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 commemorate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics bring wonderful gifts to the Church in Australia. So it is on this day that we join with them to celebrate these gifts.



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**SEA SUNDAY:** Next Sunday (9th July), like ATIS this Sunday, is another once-a-year event when we are encouraged to support those engaged in the transportation of both goods and people around the globe. Over 1.2 million seafarers are currently employed in this work, worldwide! Their activities not only involve the transportation of goods into Australia, but, as well, their export from Australia to the rest of the world. Seafarers are important for our economy and our balance of payments. These people are not just a number, nor a commodity! They are real human beings who spend much of their lives at sea, away from home, family and friends. Contrary to popular belief, most are not well paid. This year's Sea Sunday theme 'In the midst of the storm,' highlights the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. Hence we are asked to pray for the wellbeing of all seafarers and the Apostleship of the Sea/Stella Maris. To assist in this regard, a leaving collection will be made after the 9.30am Mass next week.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:** School holidays began this weekend and will continue until the 18th July when schools resume for the start of Term 3. So, please take great care on the roads during this holiday period. Accidents maim! We also extend a very warm welcome to our many visitors who are with us at this school holiday time. Safety first, everyone!

**SO TO MY ANNUAL LEAVE:** In the old days when I was a boy/youth, priests never had holidays in the way we enjoy them these days. The old priest simply continued working in the same parish until at last he dropped. There was no such thing as retirement! I recall looking at the headstone of the Cumnock parish priest (that's not too far from Orange in the central west of NSW). He survived 38 years in that one place before he passed on. Intellectually, too, the world was a much slower and more relaxed place, though physically much more demanding in that pre-WWII era. Dirt roads and cars that kept breaking down at the side of the road meant that most people stayed local. Our neighbours were our friends! Families could be spread around quite a bit, with infrequent mostly written contact between them complemented by the occasional personal visit, generally by sooty slow steam train.

Compare that to today. Trains are 'out'. Planes are 'in'. Cars also are OK, especially for families. Distance is no longer a problem! Our best friend may well be quite some distance away from where we live. Doesn't matter! Just climb into the car - and go! A couple of hundred kilometres to travel is no big deal!

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when your young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. Thank you for making the effort of bringing these littles with you to Mass.



Once upon a time (not so long ago) mobile phones never disturbed the peace - these days disruption is guaranteed, all day long! What happened to a time for rest? It's gone! I hope it's not forever! These days we never catch up with technology - always, it's a step ahead! No wonder I need a break! See each of you one month from now - on 1st August. Then it will be 'on' again, together, by the grace of God!

**God Bless! Father Bob**

**CONFIRMATION** will be held at Sacred Heart on Sunday 17th September at 9:30am. Our ordained Celebrant will be the Very Rev. Fr Chris de Souza.

**2016 CENSUS:** The most common responses for **Religion** in 2785, NSW (Postal Areas) were No Religion, so described 42.3% (1,918), Anglican 15.1% (686), Catholic 14.9% (676), Not stated 11.0% (487) and Uniting Church 2.7% (123). There were 3,900 responses. (Answering this Census question was optional.) More info at <http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au>

*Did you know?  
Today, 2nd  
July, marks  
the middle of  
the year. How  
do you plan to  
spend the 2nd  
half of 2017?*

**Sacred Heart Care Group:** This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist those in times of need. Please contact Monica Bright on 4757 3943 if you think we can help.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Philia Portelli ~ Today**  
**Norma Longmuir ~ 4 July**  
**Kate Forbes ~ 5 July**  
**Christine Burke ~ 7 July**  
**Michelle Davis ~ 7 July**

**Please note:** Afternoon Capers has been cancelled for July.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:  
**Catherine Beaver,**  
**Barry Bowden,**  
**Adrian Carroll,**  
**Margaret Clancy,**  
**John & Marion Crowley,**  
**Norma Longmuir,**  
**Kevin Madden,**  
**Ray Phillips,**  
**Philia Portelli,**  
**Amber Simmons,**  
**Paul Windle**  
**and Roma Ziolkowski.**



**Remember the Beavers?**  
Catherine and Terry Beaver  
(former parishioners, SRE teachers  
PPC members and Presidents of  
Vinnie's Blackheath Conference),  
moved away about 6 years ago  
— our loss was Tassie's gain.

Recently, Catherine had surgery for pancreatic cancer and is about to start chemotherapy. She would love to hear from her friends in our Sacred Heart Parish. Contact details are: Phone (03) 6244 4149, 30 Nimala St, Rosny. TAS. 7018 e-mail: ctbeaver2@optusnet.com.au

**The next Benedictine Spirituality morning** will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on 7 July, 10am till noon. The new book "*Towards Purrfection — The Rule of Benedikitty (Not a Saint)*" Ch. 1 will be discussed. Morning prayer and a time of silence in the garden as well as morning tea will be part of the program. New friends are very welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290.

In memoriam: **Anne Forbes ~ 3rd July; Paddy Schmude ~ 4th July**  
**Annie Cecilia Smith ~ 6th July; and Alma Birrell ~ 8th July.**