

Acts 9:26-31 Barnabas reconciles 1 John 3:18-24 Real, active love John 15:1-8 Vine and branches

Psalm Response

I will praise you Lord in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

3 May Ray Wood 10 May Ray Wood

Readers

3 May 1st Reading Christine Helby

Intercessions Ron Davis 2nd Reading Claire Maguire

10 May 1st Reading Lillis Family Intercessions Patricia Dee

2nd Reading Lillis Family Ministers of the Eucharist

3 May Michelle Davis and Diana Landsberg

10 May Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

3 May Pamela and John 10 May Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

3 May Jan Roberts

10 May Pamela Scott and Elizabeth

Church Care

8 May Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

3rd May 2015

The same life that feeds the vine feeds the branches also. The branches must be firmly joined to the vine for that life to flow and make them fruitful. Pruning is painful but necessary for the vine to bear abundant fruit. Jesus is the vine. we are the branches. To bear fruit we must remain firmly joined to him, accept his pruning, and be attentive and responsive to his words.

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell and also their carers: Siobhan Atkin; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford; Kenneth Kirkham; Frank Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Fr Laurie Mooney OSA; Junko Odawa; Cathy Salier; Frances Slater; Nicole Warner and Pat Wicks.

This Week's Feast Days for Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th May

- 3rd Sts Philip and James, Apostles, Feast Day
- 4th St Florian, Martyr Patron of Poland (3rd-4th Century)
- 5th Blessed Edmund Rice, Founder Christian Brothers (1762-1844)
 - h St Dominic Savio, Youth (1842-1857)
- 7th St Domitian, Bishop (d560)
- 8th St Acacius, Martyr (d 2nd Century)
- 9th St Pachomius, Abbot (292-346)

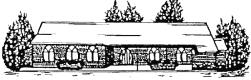


Next Week

Love one Another

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 Psalm 97 1 John 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

SACREDHEARTPARISH



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 SheridanOffice hours:Wed: 1.00pm - 4.00pmParish House:4787 8811Thu: 9.00am - 12.00pmParish Mobile:0428 878810 (Emergency only)Fri: 9.00am - 12.00pmParish Office:4787 8540Fax: 4787 6143All enquiries regarding Baptisms,e-mail:shbheath2@bigpond.comMarriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

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Website: http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html

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Blackheath - MassSunday9.30amEvening MassTuesday6.30pmMorning MassWednesday, Friday and Saturday
Thursday9.00am
8.00amBenediction2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass

Benediction 2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass Exposition All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass

ReconciliationSaturdays9.30amHealing Mass1st Saturday of the month9.00amMount Victoria - Vigil Mass1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays6.00pm

 Megalong Valley - 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**

MAY – THE MONTH OF "MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD": This is the month dedicated to Marian devotion, a popular tradition dating back to the sixteenth century. Although May is a form of "Mary," the name of the month actually comes from the Latin for the "the month of Maia," the Roman Goddess of grain. Hence the people of ancient Rome celebrated the first day of May by honouring Flora, the goddess of flowers. Dances around a flower-bedecked Maypole were common, especially on the first day of May. Often a May queen was chosen as part of the festivities.

St Philip Neri (1515-1595) initiated devotion to Our Lady on the first day of May. He also began the custom of decorating the statue of the Virgin with spring flowers. Thus was another pre-Christian custom/festival given a Christian dimension. Today, in many parts of the world, floral tributes, processions and crowning of Our Lady's statue take place. Too, on many occasions – as with us during this month – a flower-decorated statue of Mary will be specially presented as a Marian shrine. Rosary time!

MOTHERS' DAY: Mothers' Day is the one day in the year when we make that special effort to honour our "Mum." Did you know that, traditionally, Mums were always recognised in church? Parishioners wore carnations to symbolise the love they had for their mothers, both living and deceased. Prayers would feature in any Mothers' Day celebration. You and I know that mothers are the heart of every family. So, I take this opportunity to honour all mothers, including my own dearly departed Mum, by sharing a prayer and a blessing with all parishioners for our Mums at the end of Mass next Sunday.

ANZAC DAY CENTENARY REVIEW: Whatever its cause, be that the extra publicity given this very special day through the various forms of media, and/or a natural interest increase among ordinary people, the end result has been a spectacular increase in attendances at every ANZAC gathering in our region. Here at Blackheath, huge crowds were present at the Dawn Service, replicated at the main 11.00am War Memorial Service with much larger crowds also present at the Sunset Service.

We at Sacred Heart, too, put our best foot forward via a special ANZAC DAY Mass with a superb floral display centred around the main "Rising Sun" themed arrangement behind the altar. Of equal standard was the special wreath prepared for and placed by the Lillis family at the foot of the **War Memorial** on behalf of all parishioners. Huge thanks to Jan, Patricia, David, Mary, Joe, Barbara, Bill, our readers and attending parishioners. A magnificent effort by all concerned in our commemoration of past and present war-protecting heroes!



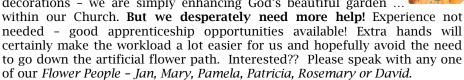
TURIN SHROUD FACSIMILE DISPLAY: On display until 24 June in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at St Marys is a full-scale facsimile of the Turin Shroud. The church is open for viewing every day during daylight hours. On 4 May (Monday) there will be a PowerPoint presentation on the Shroud in the church from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

God Bless! Father Bob

Fr Bob (*ex officio*), Michelle Davis, Kate Forbes, Julie Hodgkinson, Frances Huckstepp, Mary Woodward, Dennis Doherty and David Buckley (*Chair*). The key initial goal of our committee will be to discern how best to move forward with the list of priorities that came from the parish workshop. Our first meeting will be on **Thursday 7th May**.

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Thank you Fr Bob for your kind words last Sunday about our floral decorations - we are simply enhancing God's beautiful garden ...



Afternoon Capers will be held on Wednesday 6th May at Megalong Tea Rooms at 12pm. If you need a lift or more information, please phone Norma 4787 5906 or Diane 4787 1357. All welcome. Hope to see you there.

Caritas Project Compassion Appeal Caritas Australia

The final tally for this year's Lenten Project Compassion Appeal totalled \$1107.20. Sincere thanks from Caritas Australia for your continued generous support.

The Parish Dinner is to be held at the Blackheath Golf Club in late June.

REFUGEES - LET'S DO BETTER Compere: Fr Frank Brennan

The Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group are hosting this event. The speakers are:

Dorothy Hoddinott, two young refugees,
Lee Rhiannon and Phil Glendenning.

They will be supported by

They will be supported by The Western Sydney Male Voice Choir.

The event will be at **Wentworth Falls School of Arts on Sunday, 24 May, at 2.00pm.** Tickets: Adults \$15/Conc. \$10 available at Megalong Books, Turning Page and Gleebooks.

Reflection Morning ~ Saturday 16 May
Topic: 'Jesus the Man ... Life on the Streets.'
Presented by Leonard Blahut.
From 10am-1pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall,
Blackheath. Entry by donation.
No need to book. Morning tea provided.
Further details: Carmen Vanny tel 4787 8706.

Happy Birthday

Marilyn Rowe for 4th May Ken Kirkham for 6th May

Happy 37th Anniversary Monica and Brian Bright for 6th May



Join our online community at Sacred Heart Blackheath.

Liturgical Ministers

Please collect your copy of the new roster from the back of the church.

In memoriam Miriam Helby ~ 4th May Percy Potts ~ 9th May