

*Isaiah 35:4-7* God comes to save  
*James 2:1-5* God chose the poor  
*Mark 7:31-37* The deaf hear

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Praise the Lord, my soul,  
 and bless His holy name.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise  
 the Word of Truth and Life.*

#### Servers

10 Sep Michelle Davis  
 17 Sep Ray Wood

#### Readers

10 Sep	1st Reading	Frances Huckstepp
	Ps/Intercessions	David Ridoutt
	2nd Reading	Mary Duggan
17 Sep	1st Reading	Catherine Beaver
	Ps/Intercessions	Wayne Evans
	2nd Reading	Terry Beaver

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

10 Sep Ray Wood and Sr Lyn Eastmure  
 17 Sep Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg

#### Children's Liturgy

10 Sep Sr Lyn Eastmure  
 17 Sep Julie Hodgkinson

#### Counters

10 Sep Monica  
 17 Sep Judith and Frank

#### Morning Tea

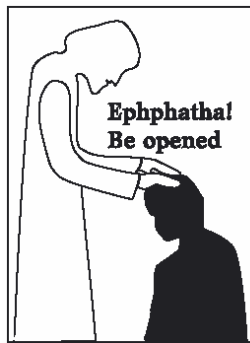
10 Sep Cathy Cavanagh  
 17 Sep Carroll Family

#### Church Care

15 Sep Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen  
 22 Sep Julie Hodgkinson

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Robyn and Kevin Burns for 13th September.**

**New CD: 'Concert Favourites'** Fathers Arthur Cook, John O'Neill, Terry Hogan and Stephen Monaghan with Helen Renaud have recorded a new CD of favourites including: 'Born Free', 'Wonderful World', 'Rose of Tralee', 'A Policeman's Lot', 'O What a Beautiful Morning', 'The Pearl Fishers' and 'How Great Thou Art'. All proceeds will go to the Diocesan Clergy Support Foundation. To order your CD phone 9627 5363.



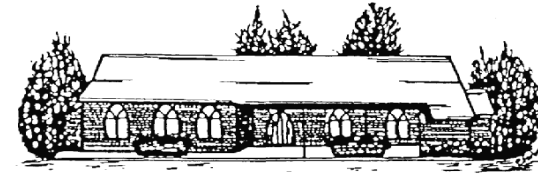
### Twenty Third Sunday Year B

**Isaiah proclaims the signs that would accompany the coming of salvation: cure of the blind, deaf, dumb and lame. In Jesus' public ministry we see precisely this happening. Today's gospel recounts the cure of a deaf and dumb man, which causes the crowd to exclaim in admiration, 'he has done all things well,' just as in the story of creation God 'did all things well.'**

#### Next Week

Who am I for you?  
*Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114*  
*James 2:14-18;*  
*Mark 8:27-35*

# SACRED HEART PARISH



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

#### 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.

**All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriage and sick calls  
 to the Parish House.**

~ Pastoral Director ~ Sister Lyn Eastmure O.P. ~

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 Parish Office 4787 8540 email: shbheath@hermes.net.au

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

#### **Blackheath**

Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Wednesday	7.00 am
	Friday	4.30 pm

Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - Liturgy of the Word	1st Friday of month	9.00 am

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

**Bulletin Items:** please contact Kate Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email D\_P\_I@telpacific.com.au

### Dear Friends,

Today, September 10th, is our Foundation Day. In 1867, 139 years ago eight Dominican Sisters (aged between 42 and 23), the youngest professed only 4 months, arrived in East Maitland.

The Sisters left Kingstown on June 8, boarded the Martha Birnie on Tuesday 13 at Plymouth and disembarked in Sydney on September 4. The Martha Birnie was a small wooden sailing ship of just 831 tons. One of the sisters kept an amazing journal of the trip, entering the Heads she writes:

*(We) put on white habits ... Sydney Harbour presented itself to our view, a romantic scene, shores on both sides covered with a kind of brushwood, beautiful villas, scattered about here and there, like Swiss cottages ... entering between the Heads we expected to behold the city open before us ... several projections had to be rounded before we could catch a glimpse of the far famed Sydney."*

I praise God for their faith and courage in bringing "The Holy Preaching" of Dominic to Australian Shores. **Blessings, Lyn.**

### Catherine of Siena

is coming to Australia and will be challenging us in Sydney at Santa Sabina College Hall, Strathfield. 3pm October 7, 2006.

To book Email: domadmin@opeast.org.au

Phone: (02) 9744 9511.

Cost: \$15 - payable at the door.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

A reminder that this group will be holding its first meeting, after Mass, on Sunday, 24 Sept, Social Justice Sunday.

All welcome.

### St Vincent de Paul Society

Welcome Friends programme will be held on **Wednesday, 27 Sept.**

**Public Forum:** Friday 15 Sept at 7.30pm "Towards a Cohesive Australia ... a challenge for all communities." Speakers: **Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Tony Abbott MP, Sheikh Taj Din Al Hilaly** & journalist **Nadia Jamal.** Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club - plenty of free parking. No need to book.

### Parish Family Bush Bash

Tickets will be sold after mass on 17th and 24th Sept.

**\$20 Adult**

**\$40 Family**

(2 adults & 2 children)

**Under 5 - free**

Nibbles, 3 meats, salads, desserts, tea and coffee.

### SHARE THE HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Special guest: **Fr John Rea** who has a powerful healing ministry. **10 -14 October at St Gregory's College,** Campbelltown. Charismatic, ecumenical conference for the whole family with international speakers. Includes special, fun programmes for youth, children and pre-schoolers. Daily Mass will be available.

**Everyone is welcome.**

Ph: Leanne at Servants of Jesus on 9624 3322.

### PARISH WORKING BEE

**Saturday 16 September**

*It's time to start tidying up our Church grounds in readiness for summer!*

*If you have 2-3 hours free on Saturday 16th, please come along and lend a hand. Lindsay has a list of jobs that need attention!*

**Start time - from 8am**

### Spirituality in the Pub

Guest Speakers:

**Sr Patty Fawcner SGS**  
**Fr Paul Maloney OSA**

Wednesday 13th September

from 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Gardner's Inn Hotel  
Blackheath

Bistro meals at 6pm.

Please pray for those who have recently died

**Father Brian Gallwey**

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

† **Mary Bland**

~ 10th September ~

† **Mary Johnstone**

~ 10th September ~



### PARRAMATTA MARIST OLD BOYS

All ex-students and teachers of Parramatta Marist High School are invited to their annual reunion at the Parramatta Leagues Club on Friday, 20 October 2006 at 7.00pm. *Bookings are essential.*

*All enquiries to Brian Prudames (9639 9992) or Mark Procajlo (9225 2597)*

### YCW (Young Christian Workers)

is holding a fundraising dinner on Friday, 22nd September 2006 from 6.30 to 10.00pm.

Guest speakers include:

**Phil Glendenning,**

**Director of Edmund Rice Centre;** and

**Guest Speaker from**

**NSW Youth Action Policy Association.**

This fundraiser will go directly to training and developing programmes for the youth at risk, refugees and job seekers.

Lucky door prizes and raffles on the night.

**Tickets \$35. RSVP by 18/9/06 on 9682 6719.**

### Happy Birthday

**Fiona Evans** for 13th September

**Audrey Gauci** for 14th September

**Vera Noble** for 14th September

**Terry Beaver** for 15th September

### Part-Time Personal Assistant - The Archdiocesan Liturgy Office

Applications are invited for the position of Part-Time Personal Assistant. Working hours will be 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday. A part time or job-share arrangement will be considered, and will be based in the Polding Centre, Sydney. Applications to: Anthony Spata, Manager, Employment and Staff Development, Level 5, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 or to anthony.spata@ado.syd.catholic.org.au. **Applications close 15 September.**



**Hearing, listening, speaking.** How can you expect to keep your powers of hearing when you never want to listen? That God should have time for you, you seem to take as much for granted as that you cannot have time for Him... The more faithfully you listen to the voice within you, the better you hear what is sounding outside. And only he who listens can speak. *Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961)*