

TODAY

Acts 2:1-11 Filled with the Spirit
1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 One Holy Spirit
John 20:19-23 Receive the Spirit

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!

Servers

11 May Michelle Davis
18 May Diane Stewart

Readers

11 May 1st Reading David Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Christa Buckley
18 May 1st Reading Mary Duggan
Ps/Intercessions David Ridoutt
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

11 May Pat Leeder and Jan Roberts
18 May Pat Wicks and Wayne Evans

Children's Liturgy

11 May Julie Hodgkinson
18 May Frances Huckstepp

Counters

11 May Barbara and Charles
18 May Monica

Morning Tea

11 May Monica Van Horen
18 May Robyn Burns

Church Care

16 May The Gatt Family
23 May Noeline and Kevin Phelps



Pentecost Sunday

Year A

A mighty wind proclaims the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles.

The Spirit fires them up with great enthusiasm as they tell all the people in Jerusalem of the wonderful things Jesus has done.

The Spirit can also renew our own lives if we are open to receive his gifts, and then this fire will spread to all whom we meet.

NEXT WEEK: God loved us so much Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; Psalm Daniel 3:52-56 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Please pray for those who are ill:
**Marjory Cowell,
Roger
Johnstone,
Cec O'Brien,
Irene Peacock,
David Ridoutt
and
Marion Walker.**

MAY COSMOLOGY MORNING

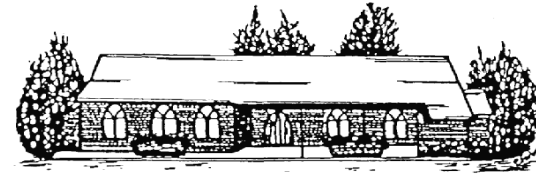
At our next Cosmology gathering,
10am till noon Friday 16th May,

Chapter ten "Embracing the Dark" of our book *Quantum Theology* by Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu will be studied.

The theme of our quiet meditation will be
"Winter Whisperings".

We gather at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea as we share together our prayer, insights and concerns. Enquiries Sr Jacinta (4757 2290).

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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Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm

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, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Many years ago, amongst the Wurrundjerri people in Victoria, ... it was the sacred task of the women in the tribe during the gray, wet winter months to carry the fire. Fire meant life... At Pentecost the Spirit's outpouring is presented through the imagery of tongues of fire. The Spirit is given us to enflame our faith, our hope, our love.... This Pentecost let us ask ourselves what of the state of the coal of which we are heirs and now carry within our heart. Does it breathe? Is it aglow, ... can (it) spark ever new fires and give ... the richness of life about which Jesus offers us? Or are we simply carrying charcoal? (See bulletin insert for the whole reflection of Father David Ranson.) **Blessings, Lyn.**

Monster Garage Sale 24th and 25th May

We need helpers for our Garage Sale on the day(s) and also the week leading up to the sale.

We need people to help with sorting out our goodies and setting up the hall ready for an early start on the Saturday. If you can help with either of these activities, please put your name and phone number on the list on the bulletin board. Thanks and don't forget ... keep your treasures coming in.

The Parish Hall will be open before and after mass for Garage sale items to be dropped off.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY
65 days to go!**

We, your church flower arrangers, desperately need another person to share this privileged commitment. Please ring Jan Roberts on 4787 5252 or David Buckley on 4787 5105.

* **A Mother's Day Prayer** *
* *God our Creator, we pray:* *
* *For new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;* *
* *For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;* *
* *For those who are tired, stressed or depressed;* *
* *For those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;* *
* *For those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;* *
* *For those whose children have physical,* *
* *mental or emotional disabilities;* *
* *For those who have children they do not want;* *
* *For those who raise children on their own;* *
* *For those who have lost a child;* *
* *For those who care for the children of others;* *
* *For those whose children have left home;* *
* *For those who delight in their children;* *
* *And for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.* *
* *Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,* *
* *And that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,* *
* *Living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.* *



Caritas Australia has opened an appeal for the people of Burma affected by Cyclone Nargis.

Donations can be sent to:

Caritas Australia Burma Cyclone Appeal

GPO Box 9830, Sydney 2001

Facilities for on-line donations are available on www.caritas.org.au

Telephone donations can be made on **1800 024 413.**

**Catholic Bishops call for national day of prayer
for Burma cyclone victims**

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have called for a national day of prayer this Pentecost Sunday, in solidarity with the people of Burma who are suffering so greatly from the tragic effects of Cyclone Nargis.

"We call on people of faith to pray for all the people in Burma, for the enormous suffering they have endured with the great tragedy that is emerging to us in the wake of Cyclone Nargis," the Bishops said. "We know that a million people are homeless and tens of thousands have been killed. Tragically, we may not yet have heard the worst of this crisis."

The Bishops, said that the Catholic Church, through its international aid agency, Caritas, is delivering assistance to the needy. "The urgent need for clean water, food, shelter and medical attention remains severely hindered in many of the worst affected areas in the Irrawaddy Delta."

Caritas' partnership across the world with grassroots organisations is also strong in Burma and faith communities, including Catholic, Buddhist, and others are among the first to deliver assistance.

"May the Spirit who came into the world on Pentecost Sunday fill those who are mourning their loved ones and those who are suffering dislocation, injury and devastation in Burma, with strength to endure their great burden."

Sacraments of Initiation: This week our children begin their reflection books for Confirmation. Pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will come upon these families, and all of us, in great abundance this Pentecost. Take a prayer card and remember them by name: Jacinta Laird, John-Paul Lillis, Freya McNair, Edwina Ruse and Brigid White. The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be administered by Bishop Kevin Manning on the 10th August.

A big **THANK YOU** especially to **Jan Roberts,** **Anne Hartigan** and **Pat Leeder** and all who helped make the **Day of Prayer for Christian Unity** such a wonderful gathering. The prayer opportunity was appreciated and the delicious afternoon tea enjoyed by all!