

Isaiah 55:10-11 God's fruitful word
 Romans 8:18-23 God's design
 Matthew 13:1-23 Hear and understand

Response to the Psalm:
 The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Halle, Halle,
 Halle-lu-jah! (x3)
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



- Servers**
 13 July Wayne Kelly
 20 July Diane Stewart
- Readers**
 13 July 1st Reading Monica Bright
 Ps/Intercessions Brian Bright
 2nd Reading Ron Davis
 20 July 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
 Ps/Intercessions David Buckley
 2nd Reading Mary Duggan
- Ministers of the Eucharist**
 13 July Wayne Evans and Julie Hodgkinson
 20 July Ray Wood and Sr Lyn
- Children's Liturgy**
 13 July Carol Drummond (School Holidays)
 20 July Frances Huckstepp
- Counters**
 13 July Barbara and Charles
 20 July Monica
- Morning Tea**
 13 July Janice Lane
 20 July Monica Van Horen
- Church Care**
 18 July Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst
 25 July Pat and Phil Weeks

Fifteenth Sunday
 Year A
 Perhaps during our life's journey the word of God has fallen in all the places mentioned in the parable of the sower. By being attentive to Jesus in our daily lives, we will gradually find that his words will sink deep into our hearts. We will then become people who have heard the word and allowed the seed to grow and yield fruit.

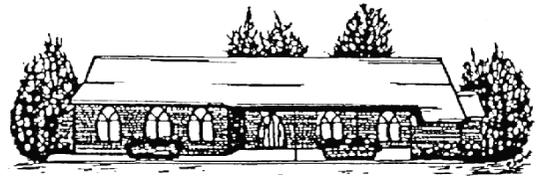
NEXT WEEK: Sower's patience
 Wisdom 12:13,16-19;
 Psalm 85 Romans 8:26-27;
 Matthew 13:24-43

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

For those who have died:
Solomon Matuti (42 yrs),
 Christine Burke's brother,
 who was killed in a car accident in Kenya.
 We pray for Christine and her family in their deep sorrow, that they may experience the comforting hand of their Compassionate God.

In memoriam:
Keith Malkin
 ~ 18 July ~
Fr Alex Sciberras
 ~ 18 July ~
John Briggs
 ~ 19 July ~

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. ~
 Parish House 4787 8811 Fax: 4787 6143
 Parish Office 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com

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
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
Care Group: Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)		

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

We welcome our Lithuanian pilgrims to our celebration of Sunday Eucharist! It is truly wonderful to have you with us, even though so briefly. I am sure that our lives have been very enriched and blessed by our coming together. You have graced our lives with your youth, your enthusiasm and above all your enthusiastic and sincere faith. It has been so life-giving sharing with you, as we too travel our spiritual pilgrimage. As you continue to sow seeds of faith may the harvest be a hundredfold. Blessings, Sr Lyn.

The body of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is now in Sydney!

Come and pray in the presence of Pier Giorgio's relics and be open to the special graces through his intercession! This is an historic event - it will probably never occur again in our lifetime, so come and receive the grace the Lord is offering us! Details on the Notice Board.

You are all warmly invited to join the community of Our Lady of the Nativity, Catholic Parish at Lawson to the following event:
View on a large screen the Papal Mass at Randwick, the conclusion of World Youth Day celebration
Date: Sunday 20 July **Time:** 9.30am for a cuppa before 10.00am start.
Place: School Hall, 254 GW H'way, Lawson
Afterwards: SAUSAGE SIZZLE.
RSVP 17 July (for catering purposes).

Sacraments of Initiation: Jacinta, John Paul, Edwina, Brigid and Freya have begun their preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist. Let us remember them and their families in our prayers as they enter more deeply into this great mystery of Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Happy Birthday
Caitlin Evans 2 on 19th July
Christa Buckley for 19th July



JULY COSMOLOGY MORNING
At our next Cosmology gathering, **10am till noon, Friday 18th July**, Chapter 11 "Integrating the Shadows" of our book *Quantum Theology* by Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu will be studied. The theme of our quiet meditation will be "Winter Magic".
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).

God whispers to us
There is hardly ever a complete silence in our soul. God is whispering to us well-nigh incessantly. Whenever the sounds of the world die out in the soul, or sink low, then we hear those whisperings of God. He is always whispering to us, only we do not always hear, because of the noise, hurry, and distraction which life causes as it rushes on. **Frederick W. Faber (1814-63)**



A Vocation View: God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Cultivate good soil in yourself and in your family. May the seed take root in your heart. (Matthew 13:1-23)

Our Pilgrims have arrived! We have been greatly blessed with beautiful, friendly and enthusiastic young people, who know they are blessed by a Loving God. The MAGISO8 Group enjoyed meeting parishioners during their Community Outreach and Meal – almost as much as parishioners did. We shared a wonderful evening full of fun and laughter. Thursday was another wonderful day with the arrival of two lovely groups from Lithuania and Poland. In spite of the freezing weather, they braved and even enjoyed their Cliff Walk from Govett's Leap to Evans Lookout. A number of parishioners shared Eucharist with them which was enriched by their beautiful singing. My thanks to all those parishioners who participated and those who have assisted in so many ways. Special thanks to Marilyn, Tony and Michelle for their thorough co-ordination.

WYD08 2 days to go!

World Youth Day News! Days in the Diocese:
www.parra.catholic.org.au/wyd08



Three international groups will be hosted in the Blue Mountains for Days in the Diocese in the week prior to WYD08. There will be 250 pilgrims from England, Poland and Lithuania. Everyone is welcome to join with the visiting pilgrims.

WYD MASSES

Sunday 13 July at 5.30pm: WYD Pilgrim Mass with Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, at St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. In the evening after Mass, there will be a FREE youth concert with Christian youth group 'Gen Rosso' at Bowman Hall, Blacktown Civic Centre, Campbell Street, Blacktown. Time: 8-9pm.

Monday 14 July at 12.30pm: There will be a special Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Manning will preside at the Mass, which will be concelebrated by members of the Papal entourage including Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Secretary of State in the Vatican, who will be in Sydney prior to the start of WYD.

WYD PHOTO GALLERY

The Diocese of Parramatta would like to receive photos and video footage of pilgrims from the diocese or Australian/overseas pilgrims staying in school venues or homestay within the diocese. Please ensure you have permission to photograph pilgrims and provide captions where possible. Photos/footage can be uploaded via

www.parra.catholic.edu.au/wyd2008

or send on CD/DVD to Catholic Outlook, PO Box 6644, Parramatta, NSW, 2150 by Thursday, 24 July.

Vocations Expo

Are you coming to WYD08 and are interested in becoming a priest or religious sister? Visit us at the Vocations Expo in Hall 1, Sydney Exhibition Centre, from Tuesday to Friday night.