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

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

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

Gospel Acclamation: (sung) **Alleluia!**

Servers

14 May Jan Roberts
21 May Wayne Kelly

Readers

14 May 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey
Ps/Intercessions Peter Ticehurst
21 May 1st Reading Jane Nolan
Ps/Intercessions Ian Maguire
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

14 May Monica and Brian Bright
21 May Marion Crowley and Anne Broomfield

Children's Liturgy

14 May Julie Hodgkinson
21 May Carroll Family

Counters

14 May Robyn and Adrian Carroll
21 May Barbara and Bill Grieves

Morning Tea

14 May Dulcie Davis
21 May Jan Roberts

Church Cleaning

19 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
26 May Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Forbes - 21 on 17th May
Marg Ridoutt - 17th May
Dominic Le Gras - 18th May
Mary Duggan - 19th May
David Colton - 19th May

**Congratulations to Catherine and Terry
Beaver on their Ruby Anniversary today.**
~ 40 years of wedded bliss ~

**Happy Anniversary
to Maria and George Cora for 16th May.**

The National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies will be conducted over the next 4 Sundays. This is held in the same year as the Australian Census (August) and the National Church Life Survey (July-Oct) so that the information collected can be most effectively used in association with results from the other two projects.

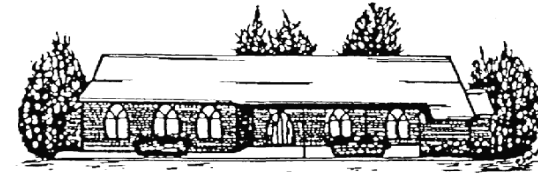


**Fifth Sunday
of Easter Year B**

14 May 2006

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 the branches. To bear fruit we must remain firmly joined to him, accept his pruning, and be attentive and responsive to his words.

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
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

Christian Meditation (one hour) Every Wednesday 7.00 am
Mass 1st Friday of month 7.00 pm

Megalong Valley

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

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



Dear Friends,

Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris wrote: "To be a witness does not exist in engaging in propaganda not even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would make no sense if God did not exist". There should be something about Christians that puzzles people and makes them wonder what is at the heart of our lives." (*Timothy Radcliff*, "What is the Point of Being a Christian" 2005.)
Anyone wondered what you're on about lately? Blessings, Lyn.

THANK YOU FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA: A total of \$1142.30 has been donated so far in this year's Project Compassion Appeal. Your generosity will assist:

- * **Tanzanians** to access safe drinking water;
- * **Australian indigenous women** to gain leadership and income generating skills;
- * **Solomon Islanders** to gain trauma support;
- * **Bolivians'** children to gain access to education;
- * **Papua New Guineans** to fight HIV/AIDS;
- * **Indonesians** to continue rebuilding their lives after the Tsunami.

If you have not returned your Project Compassion Envelopes or Boxes yet, they may be given to Phil Wicks or Sister Lyn.

May Cosmology Morning: You are invited to join us this Friday morning, 19 May at 10am at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The theme of our meditation will be "The Blessings of Winter" and the discussion will centre round Chapter 4, "Creative Energy" of Thomas Berry's book, *The Dream of the Earth*. All welcome. Enquiries: SrJacinta 4757 2290

PRAYER using Taizé music, Saturday, 27th May at 2pm in the Church.

Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and Christian Unity: 28th May - 4th June
 It was decided at our meeting this week to hold the ecumenical Prayer Service for our local Christian Churches on Thursday 1st June at 1.30pm. Invitations will be sent to the Churches in Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley Christian communities, inviting their participation as well as individual invitations to the Scripture Teachers of our local schools. We ask that you invite your friends to come along ... invitations will be available at the Church from this Sunday onwards. All attending will be invited to bring a plate for afternoon tea. If you can assist on the day ... setting up the church, hall, participating in the Prayer service, please let Sr Lyn know.

Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal will be held **next Sunday, May 21st.** Our levy is \$1299.00.

Your donation to this appeal helps support many ministries in our Diocese (see this month's OUTLOOK). This is the 3rd and last collection for the financial year ending 30th June. Receipts for your three donations will be issued in the near future. Sr Lyn would be grateful if anyone could offer some assistance with this collection.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council of NSW

This community event will again be hosted by Blackheath Public School in conjunction with Kookaburra Kindy.

When: 18th May 2006
Where: Blackheath Public School
Time: 9am to 1pm approx.
All welcome.

A soup kitchen will operate on the day as well as morning tea. Please support this worthy cause. Enquiries: **Jane Nolan 4787 7901**

The Blackheath Conference of St Vincent de Paul needs your help. We require assistants to work with a Conference member on Mondays and Wednesdays in the food bank and office at Katoomba. It requires a fortnightly commitment from 9:30am - 12:30pm. Please see Terry or Catherine Beaver after mass or ring them at home on 4787 1224 if you would like to assist.
Terry Beaver

Today we welcome into full communion with the Catholic Church **Neill Hemmings** and **Jordy Lee Burke**, through the waters of Baptism. Our congratulations and welcome!

The Beginning Experience Invitation There is a special loneliness for those who find themselves single again. The Beginning Experience offers people who have lost a spouse, through death, separation or divorce, an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into growth – a time to heal and begin again. **The Beginning Experience invites you to a love-in weekend on June 23 to 25 at Mt St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills.** For further information, please contact: Allen 4297 6218 or Helena 4572 5121 or visit www.beginningexperience.org

June 4 –Welcoming Sunday! As a parish we are well known for the warm welcome we extend to visitors and one another. We are also aware of new parishioners who have moved into our community and feel we need to celebrate, and greet and meet one another – "new" and "old", "weekenders" and "permanents". What better day to do this than on the Birthday of the Church - Pentecost Sunday. We'll gather in the hall after Sunday Mass for morning tea and the opportunity to meet one another, especially, those we may not know, or know by sight and not by name... possibly some entertainment ... and a light lunch of hot soup and rolls will be served!

Whether you can stay or not, to help update our census, would you please fill out the following form, tear it off and place it in a box at one of the doors as you leave the church. *Thank you!*

Family Name: _____ Christian Names : _____
 Address: _____ Contact No: _____
 Children: _____
 A skill/talent... I/we have to offer the community: _____

What might the community be able to assist/or help you with? _____

No. of years in the Parish: 1year 1-5yrs 5-10 yrs 10yrs +