

2Kings 5:14-17 God acknowledged
2Timothy 2:8-13 God always faithful
Luke 17:11-19 Thank God

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord has revealed to the nations, his saving power.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Servers

14 Oct Michelle Davis
21 Oct Diane Stewart

Readers

14 Oct 1st Reading David Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Sr Lyn Eastmure
2nd Reading Christa Buckley
21 Oct 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp
Ps/Intercessions Mary Duggan
2nd Reading Kevin Burns

Ministers of the Eucharist

14 Oct Pat Wicks and Jan Roberts
21 Oct To be advised

Children's Liturgy

14 Oct Carroll Family
21 Oct Bettina Le Gras

Counters

14 Oct Laurie and Louise
21 Oct Irene

Morning Tea

14 Oct Marie Johnston
21 Oct Monica Van Horen

Church Care

19 Oct Julie Hodgkinson
26 Oct Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



28th Sunday ~ Year C

Today's readings highlight thanksgiving to God for his blessings, his saving love and his healing power. The healing of Naaman the foreigner elicits faith in the God of Israel, while the healing of the Samaritan leper elicits faith in Jesus, God's messenger.

Paul suffers hardships for the sake of Jesus, witnessing to the one who is always faithful. How strong is our faith, how manifest our gratitude?

Next Week: Never lose heart

*Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120
2Timothy 3:14-4:2;
Luke 18:1-8*

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 21 Oct, after a cup of hospitality. All are welcome to make a difference. Sr Helen of the Good Shepherd Order at Ashfield has written a letter of thanks to me and wishes to pass on her thanks to you all.

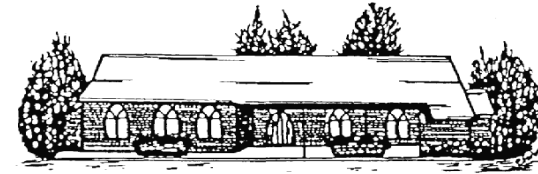
"Your efforts, your great spirit and your willingness to assist many, many people in countries less fortunate than ours, are appreciated... Blessings upon each and everyone of you." Sr Helen RGS

We will keep you informed of our next Christmas stall to support The Trading Circle.

The Parish Social Justice Committee has acquired 60 packs each of 5 assorted St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards. Please select from the shelf in the rear entrance way of our church, placing \$3 in the tin provided. Proceeds to support "our" Refugees.

Our grateful thanks to each of you for your generosity. The Social Justice Group.

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
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday (4787 7098)	7.00 pm
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, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

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

**World Mission Day
Sunday 21 October**

Next Sunday every parish around the world will celebrate the vital work of global mission. This year, in keeping with World Youth Day in July 2008, the focus is on "Youth in Mission – Care for Creation, Care for Your Neighbour". We have invited Jacqueline Dynan to speak to us of her experiences working in Cambodia with the Marist Brothers – as a young physio-therapist and as a youth leader. This World Mission Day we invite you to help "care for creation and your neighbour" by sharing your time, prayers and money.

**Men's Breakfast
Saturday 20 October – 8am**

Our speaker at this month's Breakfast is **Father Paul Hanna** – who will share some of his experiences working for many years in the area of Social Justice. Come and enjoy – great company, great food, an inspiring talk ... and a few good laughs! For catering, please let Brian Bright know today if you will be attending.

PARISH AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish will take place in the Hall on Sunday 25 November commencing at 10.45am. Closing date for Agenda Items will be Friday 11 November.

Please remember in your prayers Jenny Inman's mother, **Annie Woodley**, who died on Monday, 8 October, 2007. Annie was 92 years old.

In Memoriam: Mark Bates~15 October † **Tony Van Horen**~17 October.

Workshop Powerful Points for Liturgical Ministers, Sacramental Teams, School RECs, Clergy. Presenter **Sr Judy Foster**. 22nd October, 7.30 – 9pm \$20.00 per parish team. You will be able to buy the CD on the night.

**Sacramental Theology
The Questions**
Presenter: **Sr Virginia Bourke RSJ**
Wednesdays
Oct 31, Nov 7,14,21
from 6.30pm to 9pm,
\$60 p.p.

Being Church Lecture Series:
**The Ecclesial
Community**
Presenters: **Srs.
Linda Ferrington RSC
& Maria Bongiorno
IBVM**
17th Oct, 7pm – 9pm
Cost: Donation

If you would like to take part in the above please contact Maryann, Administrative and Resource Officer, Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown (9831 4911).



Reasons for gratitude With prayer goes gratitude. Thanksgiving is a real, interior, knowledge. With great reverence and loving fear, it turns us with all our powers to do whatever our good Lord indicates. It brings joy and gratitude within. Sometimes its very abundance gives voice, 'Good Lord, thank you and bless you!'. Thanksgiving is a blessed thing in his sight. *Dame Julian of Norwich (c.1342-1416)*

**A
MELBOURNE
CUP DAY
PICNIC**
will be held at the home of Norma

*Longmuir
97 Evans Lookout
Road, Blackheath
at 12.30pm on
6 November.
BYO basket
lunch.
(Dessert, punch,
champagne,
coffee & tea will
be provided.)*

*\$10 p.p.
RSVP 30 October
to: Anne-Marie
(47876325) or
Jan (47875252).
Inclement weather:
bring a jacket/
sweater.
Sunny weather:
bring a hat.*

**St Aidan's
Festival of
Flowers**

Once again the Festival of Flowers will be held in St Aidan's Anglican Church as part of the Rhododendron Festival.

All churches in Blackheath have been invited to contribute to this wonderful display on Saturday 3 Nov. If you would like to prepare an arrangement or to donate some flowers, please speak to Anne Hartigan (4787 8618), Jan Roberts (4787 5252) or David Buckley (4787 5105).



**Parish Council
Recommendations**

All parishioners are asked to give some thought to this important aspect of our Parish Life. If there is someone you feel would serve the Parish well on the Parish Council, please fill out one (or more) of the Recommendation Forms distributed last week and place in the basket - at each of the church doors.

Recommendations close next Sunday – 21 October.

**Happy 62nd Anniversary
Barbara & Charles Hodgkinson**
for 16th October.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Gregory Nolan ~ 17 October
Jessie Kelly ~ 21 on 18 October

VOCATION VIEW: If faith can move mountains, it can remove hardness of heart. Faith does move mountains, so faith does remove hardness of heart.

'Where are the other nine?'

How often we take the gifts God gives us for granted. He showers us with his gifts: faith, family, friends, our country, all of creation. At times we lose sight of the gifts God gives us because we are so preoccupied with ourselves, our problems, our anxieties, our fears.

Naaman the leper and the ten lepers in the Gospel story highlight the way people respond to God's gifts—in this case the gift of healing. Naaman and the Samaritan respond with gratitude and love, acknowledging God's power and gift which has healed them and transformed their lives. The other nine lepers turn away from God, refusing to acknowledge his gift. They take it for granted; they are preoccupied with themselves.

How do I respond to God's gifts? Do I acknowledge them and let them transform my life, or do I refuse to acknowledge them, turn away from God and focus on myself?

Lord, I pray for the grace to be aware of your gifts and to thank you for them, so that they will transform my life, leading me to worship and serve you and opening me to love my fellow pilgrims in this life.
(from Daily Prayer online)