

TODAY

Numbers 21:4-9 They lost patience  
Philippians 2:6-11 He emptied himself  
John 3:13-17 God's only Son

**Response to the Psalm:**  
Do not forget the works of the Lord!

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3x)  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

**Servers**

14 Sep Jan Roberts  
21 Sep Wayne Kelly

**Readers**

14 Sep 1st Reading Le Gras Family  
Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family  
2nd Reading Le Gras Family  
21 Sep 1st Reading Brian Bright  
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Monica Bright

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

14 Sep Brian and Monica Bright  
21 Sep Wayne Evans and Julie Hodgkinson

**Children's Liturgy**

14 Sep Carroll Family  
21 Sep Bettina Le Gras

**Counters**

14 Sep Barbara and Charles  
21 Sep Monica

**Morning Tea**

14 Sep Fiona Evans  
21 Sep Jo Gauci

**Church Care**

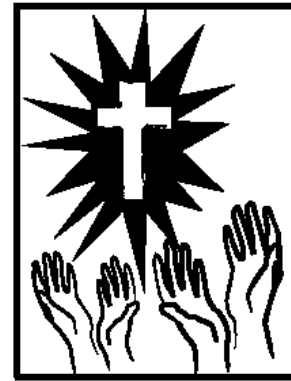
19 Sep Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston  
26 Sep Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

Please remember in your prayers:  
✠ **Anne Croke** ~ 19th September

**Next Week:**

**Why be  
envious?**

*Isaiah*  
55:6-9;  
*Psalms* 144  
*Philippians*  
1:20-24.27;  
*Matthew*  
20:1-16



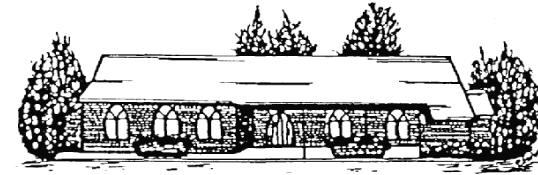
**Triumph of  
the Cross  
Year A**

The Cross is indeed a sign of contradiction. It is a sign of great suffering and death, and also of resurrection. Jesus became one of us and did not exploit his status as Son of God. He humbly endured self-emptying and derision, and did not retaliate; all this to save us. When we share the cross with Jesus we too shall be raised up and live with him forever.



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

# 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: 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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

**'God loved the world so much ...'**

Lord, these words resound clearly in the readings of today's liturgy as we reflect on the deep symbolism of the cross for us. Remembering the bronze serpent fashioned by Moses in the wilderness, we look to your cross for healing and salvation in the midst of our modern wilderness.



Lord Jesus, on the cross you concealed your divinity and plumbed the depths of our humanity, teaching us love without limits. As I contemplate your cross today, may I discover something of your surrender to the Father, something of your unfathomable love for me and of the cost of true discipleship. Teach me to take hold of my own cross, believing that it can be a means of dispossessing myself in order to live entirely for you.

**Our Parish Mission Dates: 8 - 13 November  
"SPIRITUALITY FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM"**

**What is a Parish Mission?**

The renewal or mission is best compared to a retreat. It is a time of relaxation and refreshment. People are free to just come, relax, pray, listen and reflect.

**Sessions:** The format for each session is as follows:

- ◆ **Opening Hymn**
- ◆ **Prayer**
- ◆ **Preaching** (30-40min approx)
- ◆ **Break** (15 min approx)
- ◆ **Question Time**

There will be a morning session and an evening session. You will be notified as to the times of each session as our date draws closer. The Renewal begins Sunday evening and concludes Thursday evening. The Renewal is for adults and students that are fifteen years and over. Let us pray for our community and for Sr Lyn and Sr Joan, Fr Mike and Fr Nick.

Peace and blessings, Monica Bright.

**Evening Mass  
in Megalong Valley**  
Saturday evening,  
20 September, 7pm Mass  
will be celebrated by  
Fr John Frauenfelder at  
St Joseph's, Megalong  
Valley. All are welcome.

During mass next Sunday,  
21 September, we will  
celebrate the Baptism of  
**Sophie Ellen Jane Patton**  
Our blessings and  
congratulations are  
extended to the family.

**Social Justice  
Sunday**

**28 September**

We will have our stall outside the Church for you to purchase those wonderful crafts at such reasonable prices. Perhaps you might care to choose some gifts for Christmas for your family and friends. The Trading Circle helps empower women to earn the money they and their families need to survive and live with dignity.

It is a wonderful initiative of the Good Shepherd Sisters.

Thank you for your support.

*The Social Justice  
Group*

**Child Protection Sunday: 14 September**

This year's theme is

**Safety for Children in our Families.**

On Child Protection Sunday we are asked to focus on child safety in our community. Strong, healthy communities have less child abuse and neglect. A child-safe community has services and social networks to support families, involves and respects its children, models appropriate parenting behaviour, and takes pride in its people and culture. Child Protection Sunday is supported by the Church's National Committee for Professional Standards.

**SEPTEMBER COSMOLOGY MORNING**

At our next Cosmology gathering, 10am till noon, Friday 19th September, Chapter 13 - 'Reaching towards Infinity' of our book, Quantum Theology by Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu, will be studied. The theme of our quiet meditation will be '**Spring of New Hope**'. 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 Tel. 4757 2290.

**CATECHISTS - Reflection Day with  
Sr Bridie O'Connell. Wed, 15<sup>th</sup> October,**

10.00am: Trench Reserve by Nepean River.  
BYO picnic chair and lunch to share.  
Contact: Noeleen Cliff.

**Scholarship Applications**

are invited from families who would like a Catholic school education for their children, but for whom the cost is out of reach. Applications close - 19th September. For more information, please contact your local Catholic school or visit: [www.scholarship.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.scholarship.parra.catholic.edu.au)

**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR WYD**

On Sunday, 20th September, Bishop Kevin Manning will celebrate Mass at 5.30pm at St Patrick's, Blacktown. This is an opportunity to join with the youth of our Diocese in thanking God for the many, many blessings we received as a result of the WYD experience. Everyone who was involved in any way is invited.

**Bishops' Social Justice  
Sunday Statement:**

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 28th September. The subject of this year's Social Justice Sunday Statement, **A Rich Young Nation**, is the challenge of affluence and poverty in Australia. Our nation has experienced spectacular economic growth and prosperity in recent years, and increasingly our international economic status has become a symbol of our national identity. Yet there are many who are wealthy but live in spiritual poverty, and there are those who have been bypassed by the economic growth and live in material poverty. To order your copy of the statement contact the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council ph 02 8306 3499, [www.acsjc.org.au](http://www.acsjc.org.au)

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