

that they speak to him of the spiritual joys of the

kingdom of God: the happiness of the people who

Pope Paul VI (1897-1978)

enter this kingdom, return to it or work in it, and the joy of the

past

Father who welcomes them.

wedding banquet with an abundance of fine wine. Here now is the promised Messiah manifesting his glory through abundance of 'the best wine'. This sign elicited the faith of Jesus' disciples. May our faith deepen as we meet Christ in our Eucharistic banquet. Next Week: **Good News** Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; Psalm 18 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

**Second Sunday** 

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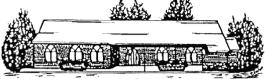
first miracle in

John's gospel.

The Old Testament

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SACREDHEARTPARISH



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 Lvn 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)	Wednesday	7.00 am
	Friday	4.30 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
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

#### Dear Friends,

We are back into what the Church calls "Ordinary Time" and after all the celebrations and gatherings with family and friends many of us are ready to welcome ordinary time to slow down a little! This is the time when we can perhaps take a little time for ourselves and reflect on the feasts we have celebrated, the renewed friendships with family and friends, the greetings that arrived on our Christmas cards and perhaps the sadness and disappointments we may have experienced. Back in ordinary time, we are now called to live our day-to-day lives reclaiming all the blessings we were gifted with by our friends, family and our Christian Community – blessings of joy, peace and love. Let's live life to the full! **Blessings, Lyn.** 

**January Cosmology Gathering:** The theme for our meditation for our January gathering will be "Summer Stillness". There will also be a DVD "Understanding our Universe" by Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme. We will meet at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on Friday 19th January, 10 am till noon. Morning tea and prayers for the sick will be included in our morning together. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta - 47457 2290.

# Happy Birthday Jane Schmude for Today

**Connor Lillis** ~10 years old on 20th January

There are many different ways of serving. From Paul's advice to the Corinthians we learn firstly that we need always to remember that everything we do and achieve flows from God's generosity to us. Also, we are called to make choices as to how we use our gifts. All those gifts and the choices that open up to us flow from the one and same Spirit, the same Lord. It is the same God that is at work in all. The important message, beyond this, is that, whatever we are granted, each one of us must use what we are given for the general good. Let us pray for the grace to be aware of our gifts, to be helped in our choices of the way we will use those gifts for the general good, and to always be aware of the need to seek the help of Jesus in sustaining our efforts. *(from Daily Prayer online)* 

In memoriam ⊕ Brian Birrell - 19th January Peter Forster - 19th January Henry Columbine - 20th January You are invited to hear ~Leigh Hatcher~

one of Australia's most experienced radio and television journalists who will tell his amazing story at **The City of the Blue Mountains Mayoral Prayer Breakfast Saturday 3rd February** at Springwood Civic Centre. Cost \$25.00 per person Booking deadline 27th January. Book through Travelworld

Springwood Ph 4751 3099 or Fantastic Aussie Tours Katoomba Ph 4782 1866.

A mass for GEORGE CORA will be celebrated by Fr Manuel Carracedo on Wednesday, 17th January at 5pm in the Sacred Heart Church. All very welcome.



**GLORY SEEN** When I was in my late teens. I caught the bus to Uni. Occasionally, a man who lived around the corner would be waiting to catch the same bus. He was grizzled with age and had a false leg. Back then I was overly concerned with the importance of clothes and looks. I used to avoid eye contact and felt very uncomfortable when he initiated polite conversation. One day I was walking to the bus as he was walking home. As he entered his yard, he was greeted with unbridled affection by his cat. The feeling of mutual love was obvious. The cat twirled around him and rubbed against his legs; he rubbed the cat and scratched behind its ears. The cat didn't care about false legs, wasn't worried by odd appearances or anything so trivial. He knew that his trusted owner was home to share an evening of warmth and companionship. That was all that mattered. That cat's reaction taught me a lesson in unconditional love. When I catch myself thinking critical thoughts about people I remind myself of the example of God's love shown me by one of his 'dumb' creatures. (Ronda)

Mass of the Sacred Heart - Irene O'Connor (USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna! Hosanna!

#### Acclamation

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Come, Lord Jesus, in glory, O come, Lord, come.

## The Parish Australia Day Picnic Day

We will begin with Mass at 9.30am (Friday, 26th January) followed by a picnic at the home of Jo and Diana Landsberg
'Withycombe', Church Lane, Mt Wilson. This is, as usual, a BYO everything function, so please bring whatever you need to be comfortable on a picnic.
Please contact Anne-Marie (4787 6325) if you require a lift to Mt Wilson.

Children's Liturgy roster is now available. (Sorry it wasn't before!) Please collect your copy from the Church Foyer. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers: **Anna Zahra**, Zara Tai's grandmother and **Eunice Ward** of the Kanimbla Valley, who were both buried last Thursday. We pray for their eternal happiness in the presence of our loving God and for peace and consolation for their family and friends.