

*Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 God relented  
and  
Luke 15:1-32 God's joy*

For words to the **Responsorial Psalm** and **Gospel Acclamation**, please see the **Confirmation Booklet**.

### Rosters

#### Servers

16 Sep Diane Stewart  
23 Sep Ray Wood

#### Readers

16 Sep 1st Reading Julie Hodgkinson  
Ps/Intercessions Steve Gauci  
23 Sep 1st Reading Wayne Evans  
Ps/Intercessions Carol Drummond  
2nd Reading Gerard Nolan

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

16 Sep Jan Roberts and Diana Landsberg  
23 Sep Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis

#### Children's Liturgy

16 Sep Confirmation and First Communion  
23 Sep To be announced

#### Counters

16 Sep Robyn and Adrian  
23 Sep Barbara and Bill

#### Morning Tea

16 Sep Carroll Family  
23 Sep Fiona Evans and Jo Gauci

#### Church Care

21 Sep Pat and Phil Wicks  
28 Sep The Gatt Family

Happy Anniversary **Jan and Barry Roberts** for 22nd September.

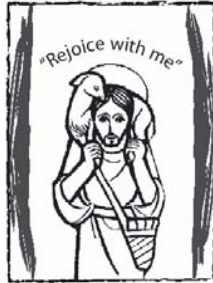
### **COMMISSION FOR WOMEN of the Diocese of Parramatta:**

#### ***Balancing work, life, faith and family.***

Sunday, 21 October 2007, 2-4pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. A forum to assist individuals to re-establish balance in their lives.

**Sandie Cornish** and **Dr Roberta Leary** will give brief presentations and there will be a panel discussion. Inquiries and registration for catering purposes to **Loretta Ring**: 9683 6277.

### 24th Sunday Year C



This is a Sunday of confidence for sinners. Moses pleads with God for Israel when they worship the golden calf. Paul is called from being a persecutor to being an apostle. The tax collectors and sinners seek to hear Jesus' teaching. Three parables of the lost and found – the sheep, the coin, the son – each illustrate straying, recovery and rejoicing. God celebrates when sinners return.

Next Week: Home truths  
*Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112*  
*1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13*

### **Marriage Encounter: Day of Growth**

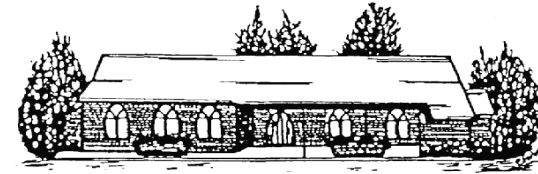
Saturday, 13th October:

A one day of relationship enrichment seminar in Waitara Parish.  
Further details - 9483 2300

### **Encounter Weekend 26-28<sup>th</sup> October**

for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings. An opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again. Venue: Mt Schoenstatt at Mulgoa. Bookings and details: Ardell & Bill Sharpe - 4283 3435

# 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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Mass</b>	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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

Dear Friends,

I was thinking today of the number of Sacraments that are happening at the moment with Weddings, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick at Lithgow and today, Confirmation and Communion for the children. As Catholics we have this rich tradition of Sacraments. They are not isolated acts. They are personal encounters with the person of Jesus Christ. Begun in Baptism, this personal encounter is continuous, dynamic and creative. Each Sacrament plays a part in this process. **Initiation into Life** (Baptism/Confirmation and Eucharist), **Life Support** (Eucharist), **Return to Fullness of Life** (Reconciliation/Anointing of the Sick) and **Building Up the Church Community** (Marriage/Holy Orders). Blessings, Lyn.

**Confirmation and First Eucharist:** Today we congratulate and rejoice with **Chelsey Erin Claire Laird** and **Ethan Kenneth Peter Petra** as they receive the Gift of the Spirit in Confirmation and the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion. We thank them and their families for their faithfulness to the weekly preparation and pray that they will continue to be greatly blessed. We also thank Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis who have shared their time and their faith with these families on our behalf. We warmly welcome our celebrant Fr Chris de Souza. Morning tea will be in the Hall and everyone is invited to come to continue the celebrations.

**World Youth Day 08 - The Cross & Icon**

*Where are they now!*

This week the Journey has travelled throughout the Townsville Diocese and will move into Cairns on Monday. Please remember in prayer our young folk especially! Check out our map and write the names of those you know on our scroll.

**303 days to go till WYD08 in Sydney!**

*Wedding Congratulations:*

*To **Katie Hodgkinson** and **Jason Robb** on their marriage yesterday, we offer our prayers and blessings for the years ahead.  
To **Alex Buckley** and **Matt Hendry** for their marriage on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September we pray that the joy and happiness they experience on their wedding day will continue to bless them in the days ahead.*

We remember in our prayers all who have died, especially, **Bernie Tierney**, the father of Judy Harris and Sue Gracey.

May our prayers for peace and comfort, support you and your families in this time of loss and sorrow. We also pray for Fr Kevin Bates (and family members) on the death of his mother, **Maureen**, who died last Monday.

**May Bernie and Maureen rejoice in the presence of their loving God.**

**Happy Birthday  
Ian Maguire**

~65 Today~

**John Crowley**

~ 20 September~

**Peter Le Gras**

~ 20 September~

**Judith Mackrell**

~ 21 September~

**Lindsay Inman**

~ 22 September~



**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

**R.C.I.A.** is a parish based process that includes the whole Parish Community through participation and witnessing to the various Rites within the journey. The wider Parish community is called upon to pray for the candidates and to be witnesses to the action of God in our lives. R.C.I.A. is a chance for renewal for the whole parish community and each of us within the community.

People come to the R.C.I.A. journey with different histories and life experiences and have different expectations of what they want to know, so each year the process is based on the needs and desires of the participants. Participants often have been on their own spiritual journey prior to coming into a group experience, which then becomes a shared journey growing deeper within the church community as the individuals grow in their faith and take on or understand the beliefs of the Catholic church gathered together on Sundays.

*"I enjoyed sharing our stories about how we came to be on this journey of becoming Catholics. It was inspiring and demonstrated to me how God is a subtle guiding influence in our lives. I came to the R.C.I.A. program from an Anglican/Presbyterian background and was fascinated to learn about the similarities and differences between the denominations. I enjoyed learning about how God speaks to us in the various parts of the liturgy of the Mass and the Sacraments in bringing us to a closer relationship with our Creator.*

*The R.C.I.A. program is an excellent preparation to becoming Catholic. I wish all who participate in this journey well."* (Fiona Evans)

If you have thought about becoming Catholic or would like to know more about the R.C.I.A. process, please speak to Sr Lyn (47878540) or Michelle Davis.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

**Youth Evening** is next week, Thursday, 20 Sept, at 7.30pm with **Jim Murphy**, and we'd love you to invite your youth groups, youth, and young adults to come along. **Jim is a Catholic man who carried a 1.85m cross 6800km across America in 1992! He walked over highways and mountains, through deserts and cities and nearly lost his life. It took him 18 months and 14 pairs of shoes! Come and listen to his amazing story!**

*Venue: St Ambrose School Hall, Cnr Stuart & Queen Sts, Concord West (Close to Concord West Station). Call Cathy: 9810 2499 or 0412 809 327*

✠In Memoriam: Anne Croke - 19th September ✠

**September Cosmology Morning**

At our next Cosmology gathering 10am till noon, Friday 21st Sept, chapter three of our new book Quantum Theology by Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu will be studied. As it is the Day of International Peace, the theme of our quiet meditation will be the "PEACE." We gather at the Good Samaritan Community House 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. You are warmly invited to join us as we share together in prayer, insight and laughter. Enquiries Jacinta (4757 2290).

To enrol in the R.C.I.A. process, please contact Sr Lyn or the Parish Office (4787 8540) with your name and phone number by 23rd September. There will be an information session where you can ask questions and find out more about the process. Meetings will commence in October 2007.