

**TODAY**

Isaiah 56:1.6-7 **Foreigners welcome**  
Romans 11:13-15.29-32 **God's mercy**  
Matthew 15:21-28 **A pagan's faith**

**Psalm Response:**

Let the peoples  
praise you, O Lord.  
Let all the peoples  
praise you.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia! Jesus preached  
Good News of the  
kingdom and healed all  
who were sick. Alleluia!

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

**Wisdom of Women Mystics:**

Reflection Day at **St Finbar's Parish**, Glenbrook.  
Presented by **Trish Delaney**.  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September** from **10.00am to 3.30pm**  
46 Levy St, Glenbrook.

**Servers**

17 Aug Pat Wicks  
24 Aug Wayne Kelly

**Readers**

17 Aug 1st Reading Peter Ticehurst  
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Elizabeth Giddey  
24 Aug 1st Reading Christa Buckley  
Ps/Intercessions Steve Gauci  
2nd Reading Anthony Gilchrist

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

17 Aug Carla Endean and Brian Bright  
24 Aug Diana Landsberg and Jan Roberts

**Children's Liturgy**

17 Aug Moira McNair  
24 Aug To be advised.

**Counters**

17 Aug Barbara and Bill  
24 Aug Christa and David

**Morning Tea**

17 Aug Bettina Le Gras  
24 Aug Sue Holz

**Church Care**

22 Aug Julie Hodgkinson  
29 Aug Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**Twentieth Sunday  
Year A  
17 August 2008**

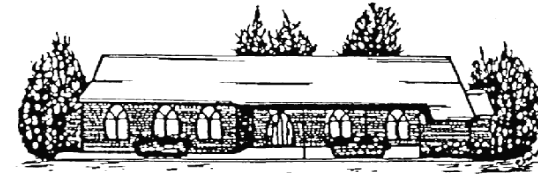
Jesus is in  
foreign territory.  
A local woman  
implores him to  
heal her daughter.

At first Jesus  
seems to ignore her,  
but she persists  
with her plea,  
'Lord, help me.'  
Her strong faith  
touches his heart and  
he grants her request.  
At times we too can  
feel that our prayers  
are not being heard.  
Jesus hears, and will  
answer in his own  
time and in his  
own way.

**Next Week:**

**Who do you say I am?**  
Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137  
Romans 11:33-36;  
Matthew 16:13-20

# 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</b> - 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
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - 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)

**Dear Friends,**

Our Parish Visitation with Bishop Manning seemed to go very well, not that we have received a formal report as yet. However, I did hear that "The Bishop raved about your parish - the men's breakfast, the Confirmation etc, etc." I said, "Does that mean that they passed?" and he just nodded and laughed! He did give me the same impression!

A big 'thank you' to Norma Carlon (Megalong Valley) and Diana and Joe Landsberg (Mount Wilson) for graciously opening their homes and providing a delicious afternoon tea. The other shared meals were so plentiful and delicious that many visitors commented on them. Thank you to everyone once more for your generosity, sharing our hospitality and creating a warm welcome (even snow was provided!). **Blessings, Lyn.**

**Letter of Thanks  
from Bishop Kevin Manning**

... Please accept my warmest thanks for the tremendous work you have all done in making World Youth Day such an outstanding success. WYD has left us with many happy memories... I also wish to acknowledge the enormous generosity with which parishes, schools and parishioners hosted pilgrims in recent weeks. Thank you for the hospitality and friendship you have so generously shown to the WYD pilgrims. I am grateful for all the hard work that has been done in promoting WYD and preparing for it. ... May the Holy Spirit continue to enliven the faith of the young and renew our Catholic Church.  
Copy of letter on Notice Board.

Do You have some free time?  
Would you like to help others in your  
community? GREAT Community Transport assists the frail aged and people with a disability and their carers to attend medical appointments, do their shopping and attend social outings. We rely on volunteers to help our clients with their shopping, assist on our buses on social outings, assist in the offices at Lawson and Penrith and drive clients to medical appointments using their own vehicles. If you think you might like to volunteer with us, please call Sharon on 4759 2403.

**Diocesan Works Fund 2008/9  
Our quota is \$1626.00**

Today envelopes are available for you to make your donation to support the many diocesan organisations that are supported by this appeal. We ask you to consider what you can afford to give. Envelopes will also be available next Sunday if that is more convenient. Many thanks for your past generosity.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:  
**Jennifer Holey, Alma Keane,**  
Paul's mother; and  
**Bob (Robert Stockton),**  
Fr Eugene Stockton's brother.

**Meditative Prayer Service** using Scripture and Taizé music, next Saturday, **23rd August** at 2pm for 1 hour in the Church. All welcome.

Happy 52nd Anniversary  
**Dulcie & Mick Davis**  
for 18th August.

Happy Birthday  
**Cec O'Brien**  
for 23rd August.

Happy 41st Anniversary  
**Ingeborg & David Caplice**  
for 23rd August.

**NSW Ecumenical Council  
Refugee Seminar**

The theme for 2008 is  
**"Unheard Voices: Australia's role  
in Iraq's growing refugee crisis."**

This theme is consonant with the National Council of Churches' focus on Iraq for Refugee and Migrant Sunday 2008. See Brochure on Notice Board for details or contact:  
**Catherine Loy on 9299 2215  
NSW Ecumenical Council.**

**AWASA VILLAGE, ETHIOPIA  
~ DONATION ~**

**Missionaries of Charity**

On 31st August we hope to hold a retiring loose coin collection for the Awasa village.

We made a donation earlier in the year but we have been recently informed that a lot of villagers have contracted Malaria.

The nuns desperately need more funds to treat this terrible disease. We hope to have baskets at each door to drop your coins into on that Sunday.

**Branching Out: Tues 19<sup>th</sup> August  
6:30pm – The Church Today**

Branching Out will run through August (1 night per week) for young adults interested in exploring Christianity from a Catholic perspective.

Each night will involve a dinner, followed by a talk and then breaking into small discussion groups.  
St Patrick's Church Crypt,  
20 Grosvenor St, Sydney  
(near Circular Quay), 6:30 - 8:30pm.  
Donation \$10. All young adults are welcome! For more information go to  
[www.stpatschurchhill.org/youngadults](http://www.stpatschurchhill.org/youngadults) or [yucan.org.au](http://yucan.org.au)  
or call Pat on 04 0380 9121.

**Al Madeheen - the quartet of  
Sufi musicians from Syria,**

who enchanted audiences at the Art Gallery of NSW in 2007, bring a taste of Islam's beauty to Casula Powerhouse. **The spinning of the 'whirling dervishes' is a 700-year old rite based in the Mevlevi sect of Sufism** (see Notice Board). The performance incorporates classical and mystical music with the *sema* [whirling] ceremonies as a demonstration of love for the Creator...(and) will include ancient costumes, dancing and evocatively interpreting the poetic messages and meaning of the music and songs.

"These art forms are rarely performed in Australia ..."  
**Casula Powerhouse Theatre,  
1 Casula Road, Casula, 7:30pm on  
Friday, 22 August. All tickets \$5.00**  
For more information ph Claire Hargreave on (02) 9824 1121 or 9821 4273.

**CASULA POWERHOUSE  
IS A CULTURAL FACILITY  
OF LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL.**

**A Vocation View:** A Canaanite woman implored Jesus to reach out to help her daughter. Jesus was stretched beyond what he thought was his mission. Let yourself go beyond what is 'safe'. (Matthew 15:21-28)

**St Canice's Primary School,  
Annual Golf Day**

14th September, 12.00pm tee-off, Katoomba Golf Club.  
Enter a team for a 4 person Ambrose. Please book a place by calling the club on 4782 2000.  
Great prizes, followed by an auction and raffle to raise money for the school. Any inquiries to Geoff McNair on 4782 5542.