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*Isaiah 45:1,4-6 I am the Lord*  
*1Thessalonians 1:1-5 Faith in action*  
*Matthew 22:15-21 Hypocrisy unmasked*

**Response to the Psalm:**  
Give the Lord glory and honour.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The Word of the Lord lasts for ever,  
What is the Word that is living?  
It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**

19 Oct Pat Wicks  
26 Oct Catherine Beaver

**Readers**

19 Oct 1st Reading Anthony Gilchrist  
Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan  
2nd Reading Elizabeth Giddey  
26 Oct 1st Reading Julie Hodgkinson  
Ps/Intercessions Peter Ticehurst  
2nd Reading David Ridoutt

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

19 Oct Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans  
26 Oct Monica and Brian Bright

**Children's Liturgy**

19 Oct Julie Hodgkinson  
26 Oct Carol Drummond

**Counters**

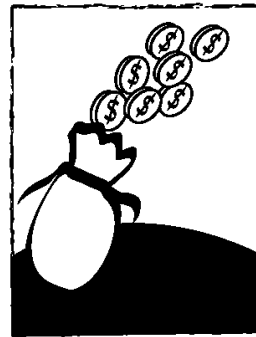
19 Oct Barbara and Bill  
26 Oct Christa and David

**Morning Tea**

19 Oct Carmel Vanny  
26 Oct Janice Lane

**Church Care**

24 Oct Noeline and Kevin Phelps  
31 Oct Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen

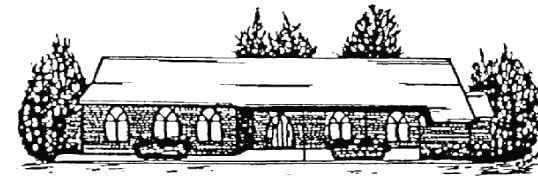


**Twenty Ninth Sunday ~ Year A**

Today's gospel passage contrasts the honesty and integrity of Jesus with the dishonesty and trickery of the Pharisees and Herodians. Using flattery, they seek to trap Jesus in a classical set-up: a conflict between religious teaching and political interests. Jesus first clears the air by exposing their malice. Then he acknowledges the existence of secular responsibilities while pointing out that all sovereignty ultimately belongs to God.

**Next Week:** Greatest commandment  
*Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17*  
*1Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40*

# 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
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

**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)

In memoriam  
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**Ron Drummond**  
18th October  
**Edith Ridoutt**  
23rd October  
**Br Colin Smith**  
23rd October

**A Vocation View:** God has called you by your name. You are a child of God. Be aware of your strength in God. (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6)

**Liturgical Ministry Rosters** are now available in the foyer of the Church. Please pick up your copy and mark the date in your diary. If you would like to join one of the ministries, please contact Sr Lyn.

Dear Friends,

At first reading of today's gospel we may be tempted to think that Jesus is separating religious behaviour from political or economic behaviour. A closer reading shows this is not the case.... There is no aspect of human life or activity that can be considered apart from God. This week as you watch or read the news, try to judge the various reports and breaking stories according to the Gospel. What would Jesus' response have been? Is that the response of our political, economic or civic leaders? What is your response? *The Summit* p.XIX  
Blessings, Lyn.

### NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Invites you to a **Prayer Symposium** to explore -  
*How does your tradition understand prayer?*  
*What is distinctive about prayer in your tradition?*

Speakers:

**Rev. Gordon Boughton**, Anglican Church;  
**Rev. Ian Pearson**, Uniting Church;  
**Sister Joan Smith**, Catholic Church; and  
**Rev. Fred Veerhuis**, Lutheran Church.

**Saturday, 8 November, 9.30am - 12.30pm**  
St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College,  
242 Cleveland Street, Redfern.  
(Cnr Cleveland & Regent Sts)  
Tel: 9299 2215 Email: [nswec@ncca.org.au](mailto:nswec@ncca.org.au)

### ~ Pastoral Associate ~

#### St Brendan's Parish, Central Bankstown

is seeking applications for the role of Pastoral Associate. This position is part time and based at Bankstown. Applications to Fr Peter Hai Ha, 54 Northam Ave, Bankstown NSW 2200 or [pp@stbrendans.org.au](mailto:pp@stbrendans.org.au). Enquiries on 9790 2859. **Applications close 11 November 2008.** Please see noticeboard for further details.

### Spirituality In the Pub:

*Hopes and Dreams: What are your hopes and dreams for the world and our Church?*

*Join Bishop Manning and Caroline de Mello, Youth Minister at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, for an evening of conversation on Wednesday, 22nd October.*  
Penrith City Golf Club, Northern Road, Penrith.  
The Northern Road (7.30pm - 9.00pm).

### Reflection on Life with Mary MacKillop

(Adult Life and Call to Mission, Age, Sickness and Joy)  
9.30am - 2.00pm  
**11th November**  
Mary MacKillop Place  
Joachim Forbes Room  
1st Floor, Museum Building, Mount Street, North Sydney.  
Cost:\$10.00,  
Refreshments provided.  
BYO packed lunch.  
Please contact Deborah on 8912 4878 by 7th November.

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

### Happy Birthday

Anne Hartigan  
for 25th October

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Matilda Gauci  
for 25th October

### Parish Survey Today - Sunday, 19th

**October:** Kindly complete the survey and return to boxes placed at the doors of our Church by next Sunday, 26th October. We are open to your suggestions as to how to continue to build community at Sacred Heart and to be inclusive of others in our Mountains' Home. Our sincere thanks.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## BE MY WITNESS

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Please join in the spirit of World Youth Day and be Christ's witness the world over. Like Christ, we are called to make a true sacrifice, not just a simple gesture. Please be prepared for your offering and think twice, and then give from your heart. Your generosity is vital to our world.

Thanking you in advance.

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Please remember in your prayers students who are currently undertaking HSC exams: **Carly Knight, Amelia Nolan, Samantha Farr and Jessica Wilson.**



**Working Bee - Saturday 25th October:** Bring your trowel, bring your gloves and get ready to garden. We want to set the gardens up for a hot summer and get that grass under control. If you can spare a couple of hours or more on Saturday 25 Oct, please join us. Put this date in your diary and we'll see you there!

Diary Date ~ 4 November  
**Melbourne Cup Day**  
Lunch in the Parish Hall.  
More details coming soon.

### Keyboard Wanted:

Do you have a keyboard that is no longer being used and would be happy to donate it to St Paul's Church at Mt Vic? If so, please contact Sr Lyn on 4787 8540.

### Meditative Prayer Service

using Scripture and Taizé music, next Saturday, **25 October** at 2pm for 1 hour in the Church. All welcome.

### Ideal Christmas present

for your young child or grandchild!!

Charles and Barbara Hodgkinson have very kindly donated a magnificent handmade wooden **Rocking Motorbike**



as a raffle prize in our fundraising effort for this year's

**Catholic Mission Appeal.**

Tickets will be on sale over the next few weeks - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Thank you  
Charles and Barbara!