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Isaiah 25:6-9 Death destroyed
Romans 5:5-11 God loves us
Matthew 11:25-30 You will find rest

Response to the Psalm:

Do not be afraid,
I am with you.
I have called you
by your name,
you are mine.
I have called you
by your name,
you are mine.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! (x 2)

**Father, of all
you are blessed,
creator of earth
and heaven,
for the mysteries
of the kingdom
shown to children.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)



The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Year A

'Come to me all you who labour and I will give you rest.' As we remember those who have died we are comforted that Jesus came to bring life. His death and resurrection assure us of eternal life. The worldly-wise cannot believe this, but those with trusting faith like that of a child do know and do believe. May we always see spiritual truths with a child's heart.

Next Week: **God's sanctuary**
Ezekiel 47:1-2.8-9.12; Psalm 45
1Corinthians 3:9-11.16-17; John 2:13-22

Please remember in your prayers students who are currently sitting HSC exams:
Owen Kelly, Amelia Nolan, Carly Knight, Samantha Farr, Tristan Norton and Jessica Wilson.

Servers

2 Nov Wayne Kelly
7 Nov Diane Stewart (Mt Victoria)
9 Nov Ray Wood

Readers

2 Nov 1st Reading Mary Duggan
Ps/Intercessions Ian Maguire
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
7 Nov 1st Reader Therese Gatt
2nd Reader Maria Cora
9 Nov 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
Ps/Intercessions Carol Drummond
2nd Reading Ron Davis

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Nov Carla Endean and Pat Wicks
9 Nov Diana Landsberg and Sr Lyn

Children's Liturgy

2 Nov Frances Huckstepp
9 Nov Carroll Family

Counters

2 Nov Robyn and Kevin
9 Nov Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

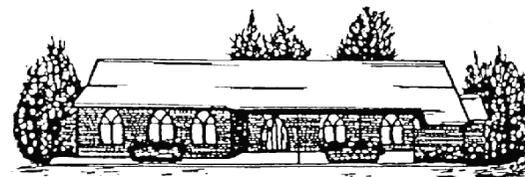
2 Nov Monica Van Horen
9 Nov Robyn Burns

Church Care

7 Nov Julie Hodgkinson
14 Nov Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

"Break Open the Word" for Year B (\$16.00) is now available. I will again order 4 copies and leave them in the sacristy for readers to borrow, but some readers, musicians and other parishioners do like their own, so if you want one, please let Sr Lyn know by Friday of this week.

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

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel contains one of my favourite images. "Take my yoke ..." Jesus does not walk ahead of us cracking the whip so to speak but rather, as Laurie Woods puts it ... (Jesus) uses the analogy of the yoke which was a kind of wooden harness that joined two bullocks pulling a plough In ancient farming the yoke meant that two animals had to combine to pull the load. Jesus invites us to join him in pulling the load." Whatever our burden we are encouraged to take it up "...and learn from me ..." not from walking behind Jesus – but beside ... The closer we walk in step with Jesus the easier and lighter our load.
Blessings, Lyn.

ALL SOULS' DAY: *An extract from a homily by Richard Leonard SJ*

... Soul as memory means that when I meet God face to face, I will remember who I am and how I lived, and God will remember me. It's also a comfort for us to think that we will be reunited with those we have loved who have died before us, because we remember each other.

And what is best about a 'remembering soul' is that it is purified. In the old catechism we used to say that heaven was the place where we are perfectly happy with God for eternity. If we think of purgatory as a stage rather than a place, then it's possible to reclaim it as a moment when we see the fullness of God's sacrificial love for us, and recall our sometimes destructive behaviour toward ourselves, others and the world. Purgatory can be a moment where our memory is purified so we can be eternally happy with God in heaven.

So let's remember at this Eucharist all those 'departed souls' we have known and loved over the years, that they might pray for us that we never forget God's saving love and live lives worthy of it.
From LiturgyHelp.com

Let us remember our loved ones who have died with our thanksgiving hymn.

Song of Farewell

Go now in peace, faithful friend of God
as you take our love into paradise.
God's holy angels will lead you home
to the wide waiting arms of the Lord.

Composer: Dan Schutte
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We remember in our prayers all who have recently died, especially, **Marjorie Cowell** (the mother of Anice and Michelle Funnell) who passed away last Wednesday and **Dulcie Davis**' mother.

May our prayers for peace and comfort support their families in this time of loss and sorrow.
May they rejoice in the presence of their loving God.

In memoriam
Josh Morante
~ 2 November ~
Lewis Hodgkinson
~ 7 November ~
Bob Taylor
~ 8 November ~

During November our **Book of Remembrance** will again be available to add the names of deceased loved ones you wish to have remembered in prayer. Each Sunday this book will be taken to the altar.

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so life well used brings happy death.
Leonardo Da Vinci

A WEEK TO GO UNTIL OUR PARISH MISSION: 9-13 NOVEMBER



SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER AT 5.30PM:

All are invited to our Parish Sausage Sizzle.

Sausages and bread provided by the Parish. **BYO Salads, nibblyies and drinks. Kindly fill in the slips provided on the seats to indicate the number of adults and children attending.** (These will be collected after Mass. Thank you.)

Kindly remember to wear your name tags.

Name tags are available before and after mass today.

Donation of \$2.00 - Thank You.

TEAM LEADERS for the Parish Mission are to meet with the Team on Saturday, 8 November at 3.30pm in the Hall. Thank you, everyone!

St Vincent de Paul Blue Mountains Regional Festival Mass

will be held in our Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, 15 November at 4pm. Everyone welcome.

VINNIE'S MEETING

As the Melbourne Cup luncheon will be held in the hall on Tuesday 4 November, the Vinnie's meeting will now be on Tuesday, 11 November at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

BE MY WITNESS

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Your generous donations have helped ease the burden of missionaries and communities around the world.

The Motor Bike Rocker raffle raised \$326.75.

It was won by Matthew Maguire ... so Claire and Ian's grandchildren will have an early Christmas surprise!

The total amount raised (including the raffle) was \$1867.75... so once again, a 'Sincere Thank You' for the wonderful generosity at Sacred Heart Blackheath!!

If you were not here last Sunday and wish to contribute to the wonderful work of Catholic Mission, envelopes are available in the Sacristy.

Please consider joining our **Friends in Faith** program and give monthly for the sake of those in need.

www.catholicmission.org.au **1800 257 296**

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The website of the **House of Welcome** (the flagship refugee project of the NSWEC) is now live.
Please check it out at:
www.houseofwelcome.com.au

PARISH SURVEY IS DUE BACK TODAY - Kindly place your return in the boxes provided.
THANK YOU!

A Vocation View

Be at peace, following Christ leads the soul into the hands of Christ. The faithful shall abide with Him in love. (Wisdom 3:1-9)