

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29 Be humble
 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24 City of God
 Luke 14:1,7-14 Humble yourself

Responsorial Psalm: God in your goodness,
 You have made a home for the poor.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Servers

2 Sep Jan Roberts
 7 Sep Pat Leeder *Mt Victoria*
 9 Sep Wayne Kelly

Readers

2 Sep 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey
 Ps/Intercessions Peter Ticehurst
 2nd Reading Mary Duggan
 7 Sep 1st Reader Catherine Beaver
 2nd Reader Terry Beaver
 9 Sep 1st Reading Jane Nolan
 Ps/Intercessions Ian Maguire
 2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Sep Monica and Brian Bright
 9 Sep Ray Wood and Pat Wicks

Children's Liturgy

2 Sep Carol Drummond
 9 Sep Sr Lyn

Counters

2 Sep Judith and Frank
 9 Sep Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

2 Sep Anne-Marie Bland
 9 Sep Cathy Cavanagh

Church Care

7 Sep Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
 14 Sep Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst



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Today's gospel passage says: 'They watched him closely.' Did they want to be drawn along Jesus' path or to condemn him? Jesus teaches humility – living the truth of who we are, and respecting others. It is about giving generously to the poor and disadvantaged without looking for any return. If we follow Jesus' example we shall find a place in the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

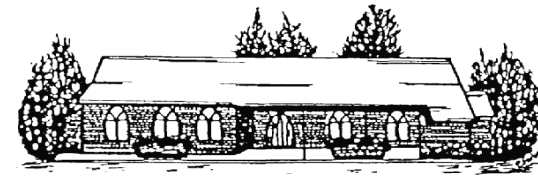
Next Week: Cost of Discipleship
 Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89
 Philemon: 9-10; 12-17
 Luke 14: 25-33



Joys of fatherhood - A colleague had become a grandfather for the first time. There was much anticipation and excitement, discerning of family resemblances, discussion of the significance of the name chosen and so on. In the midst of it all, he decided he would write to his firstborn, the new father, describing his arrival all those years ago and what it had meant to become a Dad. I think the third generation of the family is getting off to a great start. (Tracey)

Be gentle in carrying out your business and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
 (Ecclesiasticus 3:17)

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
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
Mount Victoria - Mass	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

Dear Friends,

On 10th September, 1867, eight Sisters from Ireland arrived in Maitland – just after a severe flood – to open a convent and schools for children and families of the new diocese. Out of their self-sacrifice and passion for spreading the Gospel grew the Congregation of Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands, and a wonderful family of ex-students and friends. We will be celebrating our 140 years in Australia with a Eucharist at 2.00pm in St Mary's Chapel, Maitland celebrated by Bishop Michael Malone. Please join with us as we give thanks for those 140 years of Dominican presence in Australia. Blessings, Lyn.

Happy Fathers' Day to all the Dads in our Parish.

Father's Day Appeal (tax deductible) - for retired and sick priests. Bishop Manning has established the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta to assist in meeting the needs of retired and sick priests of the Diocese. This is the first ever appeal in this Diocese. Special envelopes are available and all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction please tick the box. **This Collection will be taken up as you leave the Church.** (Please note that the 1st Collection supports active clergy in the Diocese by providing the Stipend, Housekeeping, Food and Beverages, and Power.)

Parish Care Group:

As we prepare a brochure for your response – I wish to clarify what we intend this group would offer. Firstly, it **will not** duplicate any services that already exist in the local area – and there are many of these. We would, however, like to have a comprehensive list of these services so parishioners are aware of what is available to them and how to contact them. We have named four areas where we could assist each other: meals, transport, visiting and maintenance (for want of a better word). They would be in cases of emergency or for a short-term need - none of these would be long-term. If you know of local services to add to the list, please speak to Michelle Funnell or ring the Parish Office. Also, ring the office if you have ideas in relation to the four areas we have named.

Happy Birthday

Diane Stewart
for 5th September
Heather Carroll
for 6th September
Joan Tumeth
for 6th September
Erin Cater
for 7th September
Yvonne Thomas
for 7th September
Michelle Funnell
for 7th September
Lanez Hodgkinson
for 8th September

Confirmation and First Eucharist - Sunday 16 September: Please remember **Chelsey Laird** and **Ethan Petra** as they complete their initiation into the Catholic Church which began in Baptism. Let us pray for them, their families and Heather and Michelle in these last few weeks of preparation.

† In Memoriam: **Ray Thomas** ~ 8th September †

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) "What the world needs now - The Courage of Compassion"

Guest Speakers:

Julie McCrossin

(Freelance journalist,
broadcaster and trainer)

Fr Michael Whelan sm

(Principal of Aquinas Academy,
Sydney, Lecturer and Author)

Gardners Inn,

G W H'way, Blackheath

12th September at 7.30pm.

Info: Robert Gwyther (4784 3003)
email gwyther@pnc.com.au

"More than any other Evangelist, Luke portrays Jesus at meals. He eats not only with tax collectors and sinners, but with friends like Martha and Mary; and he dines frequently with Pharisees.

Echoing Mary's vision in the Magnificat, Jesus invokes the theme of reversal—those who exalt themselves will be humbled, while the humble will be exalted. Since the meals of Jesus throughout Luke have eucharistic overtones, this Gospel can suggest proper 'etiquette' for our celebrations. Eating with Jesus should be a time of healing, which can shock even customary religious sensitivities. Liturgy should be inclusive of those whom our society today views as unworthy or unclean."

Notes from a homily by **Fr John Donahue SJ**

An invitation to R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey into the Catholic faith and Parish Community. If you would like to know more about:

- * what Catholics believe; or
- * if you have returned to the church and are interested in the changes over the years; or
- * have a Catholic partner and want to know what makes them tick, then the R.C.I.A. journey may be for you.
- * If you have relatives or friends that ask questions about Christianity or Catholicism you could invite them to the R.C.I.A. group, or
- * if you are a Catholic and want to renew and share your faith with others you are welcome to come along.

Over the past 3 years, 12 of our parishioners have journeyed through the R.C.I.A. We can put you in contact with them so you can hear their experience of the journey. If you want to ask questions or are interested in the R.C.I.A. process please talk to Sr Lyn (4787 8540) or Michelle Davis.

Branching Out (this week's topic: Forgiveness)

Continuing this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm at Saint Patrick's Church Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St, Sydney. Hosted by young adults (20s & 30s) for young adults, \$7 per evening including dinner. Enquiries: Ellen on 0407 459 490.

POSITIONS VACANT

Executive Director, Catholic Social Services Parramatta

Applications are invited for the role of Executive Director of Catholic Social Services. This is a newly created position to oversee the management and delivery of social services within the Diocese of Parramatta.

Customer Consultant

Applications are invited for a reliable, motivated person to fill this full-time position in the Parramatta Office of the Diocesan Development Fund.

Details: www.parra.catholic.org.au