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Acts 6:1-7 Deacons elected
1Peter 2:4-9 Chosen by God
John 14:1-12 The Father's house

**Responsorial
Psalm:**

Lord, let your
mercy be on us,
as we place out
trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)**

The Word of the Lord is alive.
The Word of the Lord is active.
it can judge our thoughts,
bring us closer to the Father.

A Vocation View: "How can we know the way?"
Jesus shows us the way. Believe and he will do
great works in you. (John 14:1-12)

Servers

20 Apr Ray Wood
27 Apr Pat Wicks

Readers

20 Apr 1st Reading Gerard Nolan
Ps/Intercessions Wayne Evans
2nd Reading Carol Drummond
27 Apr 1st Reading Le Gras Family
Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family
2nd Reading Le Gras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

20 Apr Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis
27 Apr Jan Roberts and Sr Lyn

Children's Liturgy

20 Apr Carroll Family
27 Apr Bettina Le Gras

Counters

20 Apr Christa and David
27 Apr Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

20 Apr Marie Johnston
27 Apr Carmel Vanny

Church Care

25 Apr Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
2 May Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst

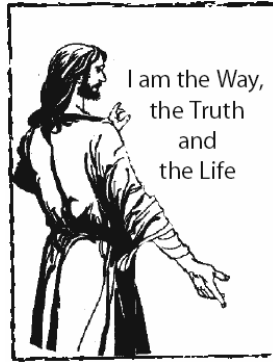
Meditative Prayer

Service using
Scripture and Taizé
music, next Saturday,
26 April at 2pm for
1 hour in the Church.
All welcome.

CATALYST DINNER ~ Friday, 2nd May, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Villa Maria Parish Hall, cnr Mary St and Gladesville Rd,
Hunters Hill. **Hugh Mackay** will speak about his new book,
"Advance Australia... Where? How We've Changed,
Why We've Changed and What Will Happen Next."

Reservations essential - by Thursday 24th April:
02 9990 7003. Forms available in foyer.



**5th Sunday of
Easter**

Jesus tells his disciples
not to be afraid, to trust
in him, to believe in him.

Our lives can be so
scattered that we forget
these consoling words
he spoke for us.

Jesus is our Way, our
Truth and our Life.

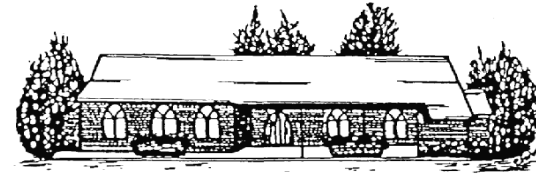
He will prepare a place
for us so that we will be
with him for ever.

May we be ready to meet
him when the time
comes.

NEXT WEEK:

With you forever
Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 65
1Peter 3:15-18;
John 14:15-21

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
Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday	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,
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,

Not only did the Journey of the Cross and Icon give us the opportunity of being part of belonging to the larger Church, but also brought our wider mountain community together in prayer. At Echo Point, in view of those majestic "Three Sisters", the Welcome to Country, the handover of the Youth Message Stick by and to young aboriginal people, the Smoke and Water ceremonies were just so inspirational. Our more intimate gatherings in St Paul's and Sacred Heart with the veneration of the Cross and Icon were deeply prayerful and will, I am sure, touch the lives of all in our parish. My apologies to those who did gather at Mt Blackheath for Sunset with the Cross - the team was strongly advised by a ranger that the road was not safe for their vehicle and van! The high point of all, for me, had to be the Sunrise at Govett's Leap. Beginning with the quiet, torch lit walk from the Heritage Centre, carrying the Cross down the hill and along the lower part of the Fairfax Track to George Phillips' Lookout, with signs of dawn



lighting the sky. In the quiet, the birds greeted the dawn and we were blessed with the most brilliant sunrise with its golden light flooding the valley and providing a glorious backdrop for the strikingly tall Cross. It was certainly an Easter uplifting of our hearts!

Then, on top of all this, the McArdles opened their house, sat us all down and served, at least, a 6 Course breakfast! I am most appreciative of all who assisted at this time: Heather Carroll, Diane Stewart, Carmen Beard, Fr Paul Hanna, Rosemary and Patrick and their helpers, those who so beautifully prepared churches, prayers, afternoon tea and supper, offered overnight accommodation, provided music and song and each person who participated and whose prayer will touch the lives of all of us. Thank you. **Blessings, Lyn.**

World Youth Day 86 days to go!



Journey of the Cross and Icon

I would think that anyone who was present for any of our gatherings with the Cross and Icon would have found the experience quite profound and moving. The JCI team and Paul Worthington enjoyed their time here and very much appreciated our community spirit and hospitality.

To see photos and web log of the Cross and Icon in the Upper Mountains, visit <http://jci-wyd2008.blogspot.com/>

Happy Birthday
Sue Gracey for 26 April

Happy Anniversary
Pat & Barry Leeder
56 Years on 23rd April

Sacraments of Initiation

Please keep in your prayers **Jacinta Laird, John-Paul Lillis, Freya McNair, Edwina Ruse** and **Brigid White**, who are preparing for their Sacraments of Initiation. We pray that this time will be one of blessing for them and their families.

Flower People and Flowers

In last Sunday's Bulletin we included a 'flyer' calling for those interested in joining the Floral Ministry – either assisting with the arranging of flowers or to supply flowers from your garden for our various Liturgies. Copies of the 'flyer' are at each of the Church doors. If you would like to become involved, please contact Jan Roberts, Anne Hartigan or David Buckley.

Please pray for those who are ill : **Marjory Cowell, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt and Marion Walker.**

Happy Anniversary
Mary & Travis Kingston
47 Years on 22nd April

Some changes in the Celebration of the Mass: Last week we provided a brochure explaining the two minor changes that have been requested to take place by May 11, the feast of Pentecost. If you missed receiving the brochure there are extras in a holder in the Church foyer.

Searching along the Way

A Reflection on key themes of Christian Spirituality

This course is designed to provide an opportunity for participants to bring their own questions and concerns regarding the relationship between Christian faith and life experience. God, Jesus, Church, the meaning of our human lives, creation, relationships, suffering and death, redemption, social concerns, spirituality - in all these we live with the tensions between what we believe and how these beliefs are integrated with our experiences in life. In this course, in a supportive and affirming context, participants will be able to explore their questions as together we seek greater understanding of the key themes of Christian spirituality.

Wednesday evenings in May, 2008 (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th) commencing at 7.45pm at the **Augustinian Centre for Spirituality**, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Presenter: Fr Peter Jones OSA. \$20 per session (concessions available). Supper will be provided. For bookings and information, please **phone 9896-6794.**

Loreto Normanhurst - Mudgee Country Gathering:

An opportunity to meet the Principal, members of staff, current and past parents, 3rd May in Mudgee at afternoon tea, 3.30pm followed at 4pm by an information session: **"Educating your daughter at Loreto Normanhurst".**

Contact: Mrs Alicia Maunsell, Community Liaison Officer, Loreto Normanhurst
Ph 9473 7331. amaunsell@loretonh.nsw.edu.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

Next Sunday, 27th April in the hall after a cup of hospitality. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH DINNER:

A tentative date has been set for **Saturday, 31 May.**