

Isaiah 49:3,5-6 God my strength
1Corinthians 1:1-3 Lord of all
John 1:29-34 Baptist's witness

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

20 Jan Jan Roberts
 27 Jan Wayne Kelly

Readers

20 Jan	1st Reading	Peter Ticehurst
	Ps/Intercessions	Mary Duggan
	2nd Reading	Elizabeth Giddey
27 Jan	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Ps/Intercessions	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

20 Jan Monica and Brian Bright
 27 Jan Ray Wood and Pat Wicks

Children's Liturgy

will resume at the end of January.

Counters

20 Jan Judith and Frank
 27 Jan Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

20 Jan Carmel Vanny
 27 Jan Janice Lane

Church Care

25 Jan Robyn and Kevin Burns
 1 Feb Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



**SECOND SUNDAY
 YEAR A**

John the Baptist witnesses to Jesus by identifying him as the Chosen One of God. John was the voice preparing the people for the coming of the Messiah. He does not seek his own glory and popularity but encourages the people to follow Jesus. We can be a guide to others who are searching for God, and then we too must step aside and let God take over.

Next Week

Light has dawned
Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 26
1Corinthians 1:10-13,17;
Matthew 4:12-23

Quilt Raffle - Tickets \$1 ea to raise funds for the Ethiopian Orphanage.



The power of the Incarnation

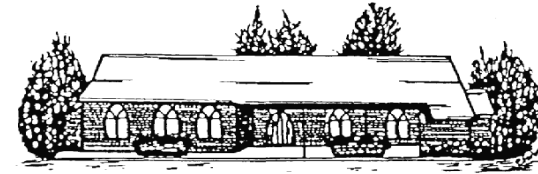
By virtue of the Creation, and still more of the Incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955)

Please remember in your prayers those who at ill, especially,

Cec O'Brien
 (who is in hospital after a fall);
Monica Van Horen;
Irene Peacock;
David Ridoutt; and
Travis Kingston.

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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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,

Last Thursday, I was reading of the unexpected death of John O'Donohue, (at 53!), author of a number of spirituality books including **Anam Cara**. The following description of which was given. I thought it well worth sharing with you – “(Anam Cara)... speaks to the deepest calling of our soul: the longing to belong. 'Belonging is a circle that embraces everything; if we reject it, we damage our nature. The word 'belonging' holds together the two fundamental aspects of life: Being and Longing, the longing of our Being and the being of our Longing.”
Blessings, Lyn.

177 Days to Go till WYD 08

WYD08 will be the occasion of the first visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to Australia and we very much look forward to welcoming him to the "Southern Land of the Holy Spirit".

Through the WYD08 experience, young people from throughout the world will make a pilgrimage in faith, meet, and experience the love of God. The young people will have an opportunity to rediscover their baptismal calling and the centrality of the sacraments of the Eucharist and reconciliation, and so discover a new apostolic zeal to witness more fully the Gospel in the modern world. All in the context of the beauty of Australia and the hospitality of the Australian people!



The Christmas Appeal for the Blackheath St Vincent de Paul raised \$1900. We thank all the parishioners for their generosity. Sixty five hampers were delivered to needy families. Apart from members of the Conference, parishioners and members of the Blackheath Community were able to pack and distribute food and toys.

Walking With Love

Alternatives and responses to abortion – a national education initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Saturday 2 February: 12.30pm-5pm. Francis Lloyd Function Centre, Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John St, Lidcombe.
Bookings: (02) 9390 5283,
mary.joseph@sydney.catholic.org.au
www.walkingwithlove.org.au

Days in the Dioceses: 10-14 July

Australia welcomes the world! See special insert!

WYD08: Desert Spirituality Retreats - Abbott Michael Kelly OSB and members of St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia, with Sr Liz Wiemers SGS and members of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, will lead short retreats providing an experience of Benedictine prayer and spirituality in the Australian desert environment. The practice of Christian Meditation will be introduced. Dates: 3-29 July.

Details: Sr Elizabeth Wiemers SGS: ekatew@bigpond.com
Ann Bergman APMC (NSW): anniebergman@hotmail.com

PARISH PICNIC - Australia Day, Saturday 26th January.

Our Parish Picnic is on again! There will be a Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Communion (to be finalised) at 9.30am. Diana and Joe Landsberg have kindly invited us, once again, to their beautiful historic property, "Withycombe", Church Rd at Mount Wilson.

This is a BYO everything, although hot water, tea and coffee will be provided. In the grounds there is play equipment to keep the children entertained and plenty of room for them to run! There is lots of shade for adults to sit and chat! Do come along, relax and meet some new friends. If you need or can offer a lift, add your name to the notice on the verandah or speak to Sr Lyn.

The Retreat in Daily Life – with Trish Murray o.p. This filled very quickly! With a little readjustment and Trish's willingness to stay most of the following week we can accommodate those who have already applied. If you are interested and would like to go on a waiting list, please let Sr Lyn know. The notices are still on the notice board and near the church entrances.

Real Life! Real Power!

with Jesse Manibusan

Be prepared to be surprised, enthused and challenged! A range of workshops and a youth festival with music, song, drama to enable great liturgy and vibrant prayer experiences. Designed for young people, those who minister to young people, schools and parishes. From 24-30 March at St Augustine's College, Brookvale.
Details: Paul Skippen (02) 8966 3202,
info@realliferepower.com.au
www.realliferepower.com.au

Happy Birthday

Connor Illis - 11 Today

Rosemary Davis

for 21st January

Jenny Inman

for 22nd January

Marjanna Gilchrist

for 23rd January

Patricia Frazer

for 25 January

♥ Happy Anniversary ♥

Louise & Laurie Noyes

for 23rd January

Marjanna & Anthony Gilchrist

27 years on 24th January

In memoriam



Henry Columbine ~20 January

Genevieve Le Gras ~21 January

Stephanie Cooper ~22 January

Rene Zielinski ~23 January

Introductory Pastoral Care Course

The Nepean Hospital Chaplaincy Department is offering a course over 4 Saturdays - March, 1, 8, 15 & 29, from 9:30am - 3.00pm at Blaxland. *(The Course will be repeated in September in the Upper Blue Mountains on a week day).* Topics include: Understanding Losses; The Impact of Pastoral Listening; Beginning to Understand Emotions and Empathy; Pastoral Prayer and God & Suffering. For other information, brochures are available in foyer and speak to Sr Lyn if interested.