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Isaiah 50:5-9 God comes to save
James 2:14-18 Faith needs works
Mark 8:27-35 Who am I for you?

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

ROSTERS

Servers

13 Sep Jan Roberts
20 Sep Diane Stewart

Readers

13 Sep 1st Reading Claire Maguire
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Ian Maguire
20 Sep 1st Reading Christa Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan
2nd Reading David Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Sep Barbara Smith and Diana Landsberg
20 Sep Ray Wood and Elizabeth Giddey

Children's Liturgy

13 Sep Moira McNair
20 Sep Sarah Greene

Counters

13 Sep Robyn and Kevin
20 Sep Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

13 Sep Jan Roberts
20 Sep Robyn Burns

Church Care

18 Sep Robyn and Kevin Burns
25 Sep Gatt Family



**Twenty-fourth Sunday
Year B**

Jesus takes his disciples away from the crowds and asks who they themselves think he is. When Peter proclaims that he is the Christ, Jesus binds them to secrecy and begins to teach them what is going to happen to him. Yet Peter, like us, does not understand the implications of being a follower of Christ. To be with Jesus will mean suffering and death, but life, too.

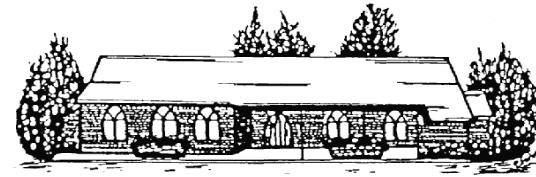
Next Week: **Welcome me** *Wisdom 2:12.17-20; Psalm 53 James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37*

Faith without good deeds is quite dead—you show your faith by your deeds.

These words of James today challenge us all. I once saw a sign in Chennai on a YMCA Boys' Home – *To help with the hand is holier than to pray with the lips.* Perhaps this is what James meant when he asked, 'What good is it to say, "I wish you well, keep warm and eat plenty", but not give them the bare necessities of life?'

Do we follow up our good intentions with action? Do we write that letter to the paper or to our local member urging action on an issue of social justice? Do we respond to the call for groceries and toiletries at our local neighbourhood house? Jesus rebukes Peter in today's gospel for not thinking as God thinks but as humans do. Jesus reminds us that if we choose to follow him we will need to give up thinking and acting as the world urges us and model our life on the way Jesus lived.
from Daily Prayer online

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We wish to acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,
the original custodians of this land.

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.

Administrator: Fr Bob Sheridan Parish Office hours:
Parish House: 4787 8811 Wednesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.30am - 2.30pm
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8540.

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Communion Service	Monday	9.00am
Reconciliation	Saturday (for half an hour)	9.30am
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of the month	7.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd Saturday of the month	6.00pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob, Monica Bright (Chair), Adrian Carroll (Deputy Chair) or Chris Le Gras (Secretary).

Care Group - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.
Phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Our Sacramental Programme – Progress Report

You will recall that way back on Pentecost Sunday at the 9.30am Mass, six candidates for initiation into the Church and its Sacramental life were introduced to you. Since then, thanks to the dedication of Heather, Michelle and Moira, steady progress has been made to impart the knowledge needed for these candidates to be inducted into the four Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist – their First Holy Communion).

One baptised candidate received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) for the first time after last Sunday's Mass, while last evening at St Joseph's in Megalong Valley, two candidates who live in that district, were baptised in association with that Church's normal Saturday Vigil Mass. They, in turn, will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time this coming Tuesday afternoon. Another (adult) candidate has successfully completed all the instruction needed for Confirmation, the only Sacrament of Initiation still outstanding for them.

A draft copy of the special Mass booklet incorporating the Sacrament of Initiation is already with the Parramatta Diocese, awaiting the required approval prior to printing for general distribution 'on the day'.

That 'day' is the 27th September when, at our normal 9.30am Mass, the principal celebrant Rev. Fr. Chris De Souza E.V. P.P., representing Bishop Kevin Manning, will lead our candidates through their initiation into full membership of the Catholic Church. The candidates are **Matthew Brawn; Aaron Friend; Kate Friend; Tara Hargreaves; Taylah Keane and Connor White.**

Meanwhile, I ask you to pray for each of these young people as they enter into the final couple of weeks before they take this giant step forward in the progression of their spiritual life. **God Bless! Fr Bob**

Child Protection Sunday: Today brings to a conclusion Child Protection Week. The theme for this year is **'PROMOTING SAFETY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH.'** The aim is to ensure that all communities and organisations within the church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Feast Days for this week! (13th to 19th September 2009)

Sunday	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor, Memorial (c344-407)
Monday	Triumph of the Cross – Feast
Tuesday	Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial
Wednesday	St Cornelius, Pope & Martyr (d253) St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr (d258) Memorials
Thursday	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor (1542-1621) Optional
Friday	St Joseph of Cupertino, Priest (1603-1663)
Saturday	St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr (275-305) Optional



The Parish Council members on behalf of our Sacred Heart Community wish to thank **Dominic Burke** for his wonderful service as Treasurer and for the wisdom he has shared so generously as an ex-officio member of the Council. Our heartfelt thanks, Dom!
Monica Bright & The Parish Council



BBQ at Norma's Place
Monday 5 October
Please see notice board for details.

Open Garden Weekend
3 - 4 October
Funds raised will be sent to the Awasa Orphanage, Ethiopia. Please see notice board for details.

Happy 52nd Anniversary
Robyn and Kevin Burns
for Today
Happy 2nd Anniversary
Katie and Jason Robb
for 16th September

Long Weekend Sunday - 4 October
~ Cake and Craft Stall ~



All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. Food items to have a list of ingredients attached. Please wrap and price items ready for sale.



Happy Birthday
Audrey Gauci for 14 September
Vera Noble for 14 September
Michael Cooper ~ 79 on 14 September
Terry Beaver for 15 September
Ian Maguire ~ 67 on 16 September



We wish **Noeleen Cliff** a speedy recovery following her operation last Thursday.

September Cosmology Morning
The theme of the meditation will be **"Blossoming in Spring"** for our gathering on **Friday, 18th September at 10am till noon** at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The discussion will centre on **"For Freedom Christ set us Free; the Theory of Holons"** Chapter 8 of our book for study 'Radical Amazement' by Judy Cannato. Prayer for the sick and other needs, as well as morning tea, will be included in the morning's gathering. New guests are always welcome. Enquiries: Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290.

Liturgical Ministers' Rosters are available at the back of the church.

Would you pray for my daughter Libbi, please?
Libbi has entered herself in a triathlon to raise money for Breast Cancer. Libbi is a mother of 3 boys, one with Autism (Caillum), who I have asked for prayers before. She not only has a hair salon to run, Libbi also does a lot of work for Autism, and is now raising money for breast cancer.

Thank you.
Alfrida Edwards

† **In memoriam** †
Harry Ridoutt ~ 14th September; **Anne Croke** ~ 19th September