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Daniel 12:1-3 Final outcome
Hebrews 10:11-14.18 One single sacrifice
Mark 13:24-32 Everlasting words

Response to the Psalm:
Keep me safe, O God, for You are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)

Servers

15 Nov Diane Stewart
22 Nov Wayne Kelly

Readers

15 Nov 1st Reading Christa Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan
2nd Reading David Buckley
22 Nov 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
Ps/Intercessions LeGras Family
2nd Reading Gerard Nolan

Ministers of the Eucharist

15 Nov Ray Wood and Elizabeth Giddey
22 Nov Pat Wicks and Anthony Gilchrist

Children's Liturgy

15 Nov Bettina LeGras
22 Nov Moira McNair

Counters

15 Nov Robyn and Kevin
22 Nov Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

15 Nov Monica Van Horen
22 Nov Carmel Vanny

Church Care

20 Nov Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
27 Nov Robyn and Kevin Burns

Next Week: **Witness to the truth** Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92 Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

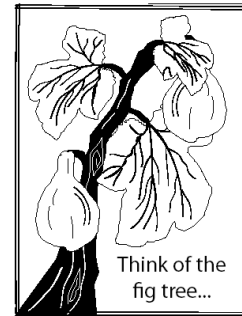
Please pray for those who are ill:

John Duggan; John Brodie, James Ford; Dominic and Lachlan Gilchrist;
Rita Jenner; Roger Johnstone; Ray Lee; Kenneth Kirkham; Irene Peacock;
Cecily O'Brien; Hugo Riggs; Eric Tokoli and John Wilkinson.



Nobody knows the day

Each day holds a surprise. But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy. It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity.



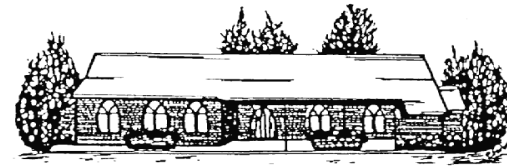
Think of the fig tree...

**Thirty-third Sunday
Year B**

When everything around us seems to be toppling and chaos reigns, we are reminded of today's gospel passage. Yet, with Jesus beside us and within us, all can be relatively calm.

The more we live in God's presence, the more peaceful we shall be, no matter what is happening around us. Even when everything is taken away, Jesus assures that his words will never pass away.

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: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath NSW 2785

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	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd and 4th Saturdays	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

BRITAIN'S AND A DE-CHRISTIANIZED SOCIETY

As this church year draws to a close in two weeks time, it is perhaps timely for us to continue our reflection on what is occurring overseas. I particularly recall last week's column regarding the European Human Rights Commission's decision to cancel Italy's public presentation of the Crucifix in its schools. Naturally, the Italian Government is appealing this decision.

This week I want to briefly outline Christian living conditions in the UK, where it has been stated by Fr John Flynn LC, that there has been a decline of Christianity and moral values in general that have reached new lows in Britain.

Britain is no longer a Christian nation, affirmed Anglican Bishop, Paul Richardson, in an article published June 27 in the British Sunday Telegraph newspaper. Only around 1% of Anglicans attend Sunday services on average. "At this rate it is hard to see the church surviving for more than 30 years though few of its leaders are prepared to face that possibility" he warned.

He also noted that out of every 1,000 live births in England and Wales in the period 2006-07, only 128 were baptized as Anglicans. This compares to 509 per thousand in 1900.

"Serious and all as this is, there is a much more serious underlying problem - the loss of the traditional sense of morality. We are very moral in some things, such as world poverty and global warming, but these are remote and global. When it comes to matters closer to our own lives, we have lost our sense of right and wrong regarding our personal behaviour".

No wonder that negotiations have taken place between the Anglicans and our Catholic Church resulting in the Pope introducing an Apostolic Constitution involving establishment of Personal Ordinariates which will allow former Anglicans to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Whether internationally or in our local community, it is quite obvious that we, as Catholics, are under siege from a very active satanic influence. We cannot afford to be complacent in our spiritual life nor in the way we live our normal lives.

As we prepare for the Incarnation of our Beloved Saviour at Christmas, the invitation and opportunity for us to use the Season of Advent to devote ourselves more fully to Him and His ways is our guiding light to a bright and holy Christian future. God Bless! Fr Bob

Feast Days for this week! (15th to 21st November 2009)

Sunday	St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor (1206-1280), optional
Monday	St Margaret of Scotland, Queen (1045-1093)
Tuesday	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen (1207-1231), Memorial
Wednesday	Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter (1626) and St Paul (1854), Apostles, Optional; St Odo of Cluny, Abbott (879-942)
Thursday	St Obadiah, OT Prophet (c800BC)
Saturday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial



Dr Joan Storey passed away on 5th November. A Memorial for her will be held at the Rhododendron Gardens on Thursday, 19 November at 11.30am. All welcome.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR AGM

The Parish Pastoral Council apologises for the change of date for our AGM which was scheduled for Sunday, 29 November. It is transferred to Sunday, 13 December, as a council member is absent overseas. For our Discernment Gathering we wish to have the full Council present.

Of the 28 Recommendations, 9 have accepted. We thank you all for your wonderful support and ask your prayers for those nominated and for those on the Parish Pastoral Council.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP - CHRISTMAS STALL

Our Social Justice Group are holding our annual Christmas Stall today. Come and see the beautifully crafted gifts from around the world and support women with the opportunity to live and work with dignity. We thank you in anticipation for your generosity. *Peace and blessings, Monica Bright.*

Men's Breakfast - 5 December

Our last gathering for the year - please put the date in your diary.

The next Parish Working Bee will

be on **Saturday, 28 November** from 7.30am. If you have an hour or two to spare, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND

Collections will be held today and on Sunday 22nd November.

Thank you in anticipation for your donation. **Our November quota is \$1952.** The DWF supports the ministries of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta. Please give generously.

RAFFLE

The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be starting next week. Small books of tickets are available today. There is also a list of suitable items needed on the notice board.

Fund Raising Committee

November Cosmology Morning

The theme of the meditation will be "Time of Greening" for our gathering on Friday, 20th November, at 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The discussion will centre on "Death and Resurrection: Supernovas" Chapter 10 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.

Seminar on Interreligious Dialogue

**How important is interreligious relations for the Catholic Church?
Why is the Diocese of Parramatta interested in interfaith dialogue?
Does interfaith dialogue have anything to offer me as a Catholic?**

Come and ask your own questions about interfaith dialogue and about relations with our Muslim brothers and sisters.

Presenter: Fr Herman Roborgh SJ. When: 21 November from 1pm - 4pm.

Where: St Aidan's Parish, 9 Adelaide St, Rooty Hill.