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Exodus 16:2-4.12-15 Bread from heaven
Ephesians 4:17.20-24 Renew your mind
John 6:24-35 Bread of life

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Servers

2 Aug Wayne Kelly
7 Aug Diane Stewart (Mt Victoria)
9 Aug Ray Wood

Readers

2 Aug 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
Ps/Intercessions LeGras Family
2nd Reading Gerard Nolan
7 Aug 1st Reader Terry Beaver
2nd Reader Catherine Beaver
9 Aug 1st Reading Mary Duggan
Ps/Intercessions Carol Drummond
2nd Reading Anne Broomfield

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Aug Pat Wicks and Anthony Gilchrist
9 Aug Pat Leeder and Michelle David

Children's Liturgy

2 Aug Anne Broomfield
9 Aug Julie Hodgkinson

Counters

2 Aug Monica
9 Aug Judith and Frank

Morning Tea

2 Aug Carroll Family
9 Aug Michelle Funnell

Church Care

7 Aug Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
14 Aug Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean

Please pray for those who are ill: **Russell Ellis; James Ford; Judy Frazer; Rita Jenner; Roger Johnstone; Irene Peacock; Cecily O'Brien & Hugo Riggs.**

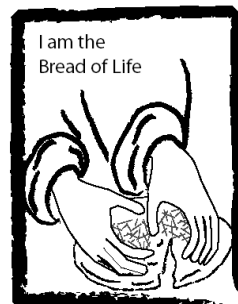
†In memoriam†

Chris Commens ~ 2 August
Lawrie Smith ~ 2 August
Bettina Golding ~ 3 August
Cath Pilkington ~ 4 August
Larry Smith ~ 4 August
Flo Gillette ~ 7 August
Maurie Byron ~ 7 August



Sacred Heart Care Group

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact our Care Group if you think we can help. Just call Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.

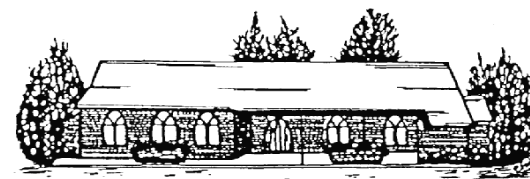


Eighteenth Sunday Year B

The people seek Jesus because he has worked a miracle by multiplying the loaves and fish to feed them. Jesus wants them to move from the satisfaction of earthly food to the sign beneath the miracle: the presence of God's kingdom. Jesus coaxes them on so that they will believe in him, the one sent by God. We too must seek and believe in Jesus, the bread of life.

Next Week: Bread of life
1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33
Ephesians 4:30-5:2;
John 6:41-51

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

Blessed Mary Agnes MacKillop's Centenary

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it!", so says our first Saint, Blessed Mary MacKillop, who in these few words, summed up both her devotion to God, and her call to action which she practised throughout her life.

Through Beatification, which was pronounced by Pope John Paul II on 19th January 1995, because of one miraculous cure attributed to her intervention, Blessed Mary may be called a Saint in Australia, however, she will only be recognised as a Saint by the International Catholic Church once she has been canonised.

Her cause for canonisation has been given a boost with doctors from the Medical Board at the Vatican concluding that there was no scientific explanation for the cure that had recently been presented to them as part of Mary's journey to Sainthood. So it appears that the second miracle cure required for canonization could be about to be recognized by the Catholic Church.

However, in the words of Sister Anne, the congregational leader of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, "there is still a way to go before we can get too excited about a final outcome".

The next step is to present evidence of what is known as "Intercession through prayer", to the theologians, and have their acknowledgement that the cure was indeed a miracle performed by Mary MacKillop.

Following the theologians' acceptance, the cause will still have to be presented to the Bishops and Cardinals before ultimately being presented to the Pope for approval.

The Centenary of Blessed Mary MacKillop's death - her Feast Day - is to be celebrated this coming Saturday (8th August) which coincidentally is also the scheduled day for this month's Benediction in our parish.

God Bless! Fr Bob

Finally, our sincere thanks are extended to Father Claude Borg who so ably celebrated last Sunday's Mass, and following social cuppa!

Feast Days for this week! (2nd – 8th August 2009)

Sunday	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (d370); St Peter Julian Aymard, Founder Congregation of Blessed Sacrament (1811-1868) St Stephen I, Pope (254-257)
Monday	St. Nicodemus Pharisee, Martyr; St Lydia (Acts 16:11-15),
Tuesday	St John Vianney, Cure of Ars, Priest & Patron of Priests, Memorial
Wednesday	Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica, Rome (352) St Dominic, Priest (1170-1221) Order of Preachers, Founder Dominicans, Memorial
Thursday	Transfiguration of Jesus – Feast
Friday	St Sixtus II Pope, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs (d258) Optional St Cajetan, Priest (1480-1547) Optional
Saturday	Bl. Mary MacKillop, Religious (1842-1909) Feast



WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF DAVID RIDOUTT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

David was called to his heavenly home on Friday, July 24 at home. He was accompanied on his special journey with his devoted wife, Margaret, and his family. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Margaret, Simone and Paul and their families. We celebrate his gift as loving husband, father, cherished grandfather and friend. David showed extraordinary courage, faith and trust in his God. He had a great love for our Sacred Heart Community. We have wonderful memories of his loving gift as Cantor for our Sunday Eucharist and of the John Paul Singers who came to celebrate his musical expertise at Sacred Heart recently.

Gradually, as a community, we became aware that his pilgrimage from the front door of the church to his seat in the choir was such a difficult task physically, but his determination and generosity of spirit were never daunted. I am sure he is already conducting a heavenly choir and ensuring that they sing 'Freedom is Coming' with great gusto.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who serve us in the ministry of music at Mass each Sunday.
Peace and blessings, Monica.

Please remember in your prayers Fr Paul Hanna's mother, Lily, who is now in palliative care, and his brother who is also very ill.

Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal - Sunday 9th August

The Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal collection will be held next Sunday. Your donation will help to support the ministries of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Did you know that the DWF Appeal supports the following?

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry; Catholic Social Services; Centacare; After Hours Service - Family Counselling & Parenting Education; Blacktown Family Support; Blacktown Neighbour Aid; Emmaus Disabled Persons; Family Support Program - Catherine Villa; Hills Community Counselling; HIV/AIDS Ministry; New Arrivals' Program; Penrith Family Support; Project Elizabeth; Relationship & Family Counselling Program; Relationship Education Program; Responsible Gambling Counselling Service; Solo Parents' Service; and The Animation Project.

That's an awful lot of needy organisations which the Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Parramatta are called on to help support! And we can't do it without your support!

Vinnies Doorknock Appeal: Volunteers are needed to collect donations and assist with administration over 2 weekends: **22-23 & 29-30 August.** Details: David Starr tel (02) 9568 0253, david.starr@vinnies.org.au