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Jeremiah 31:7-9 I will comfort them  
Hebrews 5:1-6 A priest for ever  
Mark 10:46-52 What do you want?

**Response to the Psalm:**

The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)

**Servers**

25 Oct Michelle Davis  
1 Nov Pat Wicks

**Readers**

25 Oct	1st Reading	Elizabeth Giddey
	Ps/Intercessions	Frances Huckstepp
	2nd Reading	Anthony Gilchrist
1 Nov	1st Reading	Catherine Beaver
	Ps/Intercessions	Julie Hodgkinson
	2nd Reading	Terry Beaver

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

25 Oct Heather Carroll and Julie Hodgkinson  
1 Nov Carla Endean and Diane Stewart

**Children's Liturgy**

25 Oct Frances Huckstepp  
1 Nov Carroll Family

**Counters**

25 Oct Robyn and Adrian  
1 Nov Barbara and Bill

**Morning Tea**

25 Oct Sue Holz  
1 Nov Carroll Family

**Church Care**

30 Oct Judy Harris and Vicky  
6 Nov Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

✠ In memoriam: **Marjorie Cowell** ~ 29 October ✠



**The invisible in and around us**

*The blind man Bartimaeus could cry out to the Lord in utter despair, with all the desperate hope he felt when salvation was passing him by, because he felt himself cut off. The reason why all too often we cannot call to God in this way is that we do not realise how much we are cut off by being blind to the total vision of the world... If only we could learn to be blind to the visible in order to see beyond, in depth, the invisible, in and around us, penetrating all things with its presence!*

*Metropolitan Anthony Bloom (1914-2003)*



**Thirtieth Sunday**

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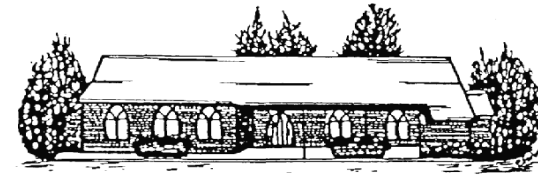
Jesus is leaving Jericho.

The blind beggar Bartimaeus feels his opportunity disappearing, and persists in shouting, imploring Jesus to have pity on him, even though the crowd tries to quieten him.

At Jesus' word the crowd's behaviour changes from scolding to encouragement, from rejection to relationship. Jesus asks Bartimaeus 'What do you want me to do for you?' What do I want Jesus to do for me?

Next Week: **The blessed ones**  
Apocalypse 7:2-4.9-14; Psalm 23  
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

# 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.

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

<b>Blackheath</b> - 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	
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - 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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

## INTINCTION

For those who are unsure as to what 'intinction' means, it is the special way of distributing the Holy Eucharist under both species, that is, Jesus present in the bread host and the wine chalice (His Body and Blood).

Under this arrangement, the one distributing Holy Communion dips the Host into the chalice, and showing it, says "The Body and Blood of Christ". The communicant responds: "Amen", and receives the Sacrament in the mouth from the Priest". This excerpt is taken verbatim from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal Clause No. 287, and is the only acceptable means available to any person who seeks to receive Communion under the intinction method.

No-one is entitled to self-administer Communion to themselves in either form, that is, to take for themselves either the Host OR to dip that Host in the Chalice and thus self-administer the Blood of Christ to themselves.

The only persons authorised to give Communion via the intinction process are the Priest, Deacon or Special Minister of the Eucharist. This edict of the Church has recently been reinforced in the Parramatta Diocese by Bishop Manning because of individual concerns that parishioners could be infected should they receive the Blood of Christ under the normal arrangement.

Bishop Manning's temporary solution to the potential infection problem, recently experienced through the Swine Flu Epidemic, was to suspend any receipt of the Blood of Christ by all present except for the celebrating Priest. That embargo has now been lifted as we all know.

Finally, the Church draws its authority from the Gospel Accounts of the Last Supper, which tells us that the Disciples were given by Jesus Himself, separately, His Body and at the conclusion of the Last Supper, His Blood. The Disciples were, therefore, *given* Jesus' Body and Blood - they did not take either for themselves, and that is at the heart of the intinction restrictions on those who, themselves, take the Blood of Christ from the Chalice.

Should you have any issues or questions on intinction, I would be glad to explain further to you personally!  
**God Bless! Fr Bob**

### Important Dates for Our Community

- ◆ It would be appreciated if all **Small Groups** within the community would send their **Reports** to Chris LeGras by **Sunday, 15 November**.
- ◆ Our **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, 29 November**.

### Feast Days for this week! (25th to 31st October 2009)

Sunday	St Jeanne Jugun - canonised on 11th October 2009 (Founder of Sisters of the Poor (1792-1879) Forty Holy Martyrs, England, Wales (d1535-1610)
Monday	St Evaristus, Pope & Martyr (d105)
Tuesday	St Frumentius, Bishop (d380)
Wednesday	St Simon & St Jude, Apostles - Feast
Thursday	St Narcissus of Jerusalem, Bishop (d @ 116 yrs)
Saturday	St Wolfgang, Bishop (925-994)



### Recommendations for New Members on our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

This Sunday, 25 October, and next Sunday, 1 November, we will be asking you to nominate members for our PPC. Chris Le Gras, Kevin Burns and myself will have served our time on the Council. We ask you to pray for discernment. You may nominate as many people as you wish. Forms will be provided and they can be placed in the 'Nominations' Boxes provided in the church. We are blessed to have so many gifted and generous people in our community.

*Peace and blessings, Monica Bright.*

**Care Group:** An invitation is extended to anyone who is able to assist the growing needs of our aging community. If you have some time and would like to participate in this special ministry, kindly write your name on the list outside with your phone number. Michelle or Carmel will contact you. I wish to thank them for their loving service done with great compassion and sensitivity. *Monica Bright*

### Happy 39th Anniversary Frank & Judith Mackrell for 30th October.



Annz Hartigan for today  
Matilda Gauci for today  
Gabrielle Byrne for 30 October

**ENVELOPES:** There are still a number of envelopes in the Church Foyer to be collected.

### Working Bee ~ Saturday, 31 October

There are many jobs to be done due to the recent weather conditions. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Work will commence from 7.30am. Many thanks in anticipation of your usual generosity.

### Diocesan Works Fund

Collections will be held on Sunday 15th and 22nd November.



### ...And they're racing!

Come along and join the fun on **Melbourne Cup Day**, Tuesday, 3 November, at the

**Blackheath Rainbow Stakes in the Parish Hall from 12 noon.**

Decorate yourselves and your table in as many colours (the brighter the better - use the whole rainbow!!)

**Bring your own picnic basket lunch and nibbles.**

**Dessert, champagne/orange juice, tea and coffee supplied.**

**\$10.00 entrance fee.**

**Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!**

To book a table, please ring Anne-Marie on 4787 6325.

### Please pray for those who are ill:

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

If you feel that you would like to try **Christian Meditation**, there is a welcoming group which meets on **Mondays - 10:30am at 227 The Mall, Leura**. Sessions last for an average of an hour which includes listening to a tape of teaching on Meditation, meditation time and some discussion. For those who cannot make the Monday session, there is a session on **Saturdays - 3:00pm at Blackheath**. For more information, please contact Barbara on 4787 6032.