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Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 A true shepherd
1Corinthians 15:20-26,28 He must be king
Matthew 25:31-46 Kingdom revealed

Psalm Response
Hymn No. 144 - Crimond

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the
Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our
father David! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ROSTERS

Servers

20 Nov Pat Wicks
27 Nov Diane Stewart

Readers

20 Nov 1st Reading Ian Maguire
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
20 Nov 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

20 Nov Bill Grievies and Ray Wood
27 Nov Diana Landsberg and Margaret Davis

Children's Liturgy

20 Nov TBA
27 Nov TBA

Counters

20 Nov Monica
27 Nov Judith and Frank

Morning Tea

20 Nov TBA
27 Nov Michelle Funnell

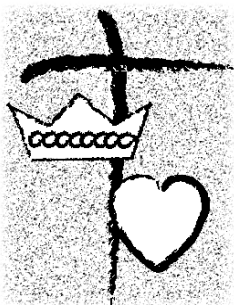
Church Care

25 Nov Sue Gracey and Barbara Grievies
2 Dec Karen Hayward and Jennifer Milani

In Memoriam: † **Grace Topham** ~ 20th November; † **Kevin Eastmure** ~ 21st November
† **Allan D. Longmuir** ~ 22nd November; † **John Broomfield** ~ 23rd November
† **John Brodie** ~ 25th November; and † **Jason Bentley** ~ 25th November.

Feast Days for this week: (Sunday 20th to Saturday 26th November)

Sunday 20th Feast of Christ the King
Monday 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 22nd St Cecilia
Wednesday 23rd St Columban, St Clement I
Thursday 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Friday 25th St Catherine of Alexandria
Saturday 26th St John Berchmans, Patron Saint of Altar Servers 1599-1621



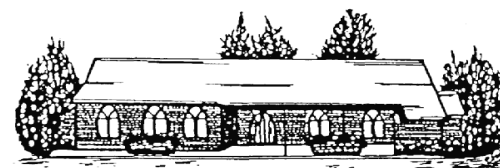
Christ the King
Year A

20th November 2011

The vast vista of the Last Judgment stretches from before the foundation of the world, embraces all peoples and reaches into the kingdom yet to come. Christ the King will sit in judgment on all peoples, separating the worthy from the unworthy. How will he judge this? His measure is our love for one another shown by our acts of kindness, which he considers as done to him.

Next Week: Advent (Year B)
Isaiah 63: 16-17;64:1,3-8;
Psalm 79 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
Mark 13:33-37

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.

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Parish Office hours:

Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Thursday: 10.00am - 1.00pm

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Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Blackheath/153850768029631>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and 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
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
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 Fr Bob or Michelle Davis (Chair), Frances Huckstepp (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638

***Bulletin Items:** Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

MESSAGE FROM RIGHT REV. MONSIGNOR ROBERT MCGUCKIN

Fr Robert Sheridan is recovering well after his quadruple heart bypass operation on Monday, 14 November, at Westmead Private Hospital. The Hospital also has requested no visitors to allow him to receive physio and proper rest. Fr Bob wishes to thank people for their prayers and good wishes but requires rest after the operation. He should be in hospital for about another week.

*Right Rev. Monsignor Robert McGuckin VG EV
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia*

DWF PASTORAL APPEAL: The Diocesan Works Fund collection will be held this Sunday. Your donations to this month's Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal will help to support the ministries of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta. Your generosity is appreciated.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Due to Fr Bob's illness, and Fr Ted (from Katoomba) being overseas until Saturday, 26th November, 2011, there will be no weekday Masses celebrated in the upper Blue Mountains until after 26th November.

COMMUNION SERVICE

For the coming weeks, a Communion Service will be celebrated at 9am on Tuesday and Friday mornings at Sacred Heart Blackheath.

FABLE OF THE PORCUPINE

It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realising the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After a while, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So, they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from Earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationships with their companions in order to receive the warmth that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

Remember to get your tickets for our fabulous Christmas Hamper Raffle. This year it will also include a Cuisinart Hot & Cold Blender.



A separate raffle will also be held with the lucky winner to receive a beautiful Christmas stocking made and kindly donated by Anne-Marie Bland.

Prayers are requested for:

*Gabrielle Byrne; Marion Crowley;
John & Julie Duggan; Neal Evans;
Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford;
Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham;
Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leader;
Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock;
Jan Pettit; Lee Piercy; Jean Pye;
Fr Bob Sheridan; Fr John Smith;
Cy Schreiber and Roma Ziolkowski.*

Gospel Reflection (Mt 25:31-46)

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative - the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom - a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person - and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

-from Liturgyhelp online

**HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY
TONY & MAREE CRAWFORD
FOR 21 NOVEMBER ♥**

The Servant King

Composer: Graham Kendrick

From heaven you came helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled,
Not to be served, but to serve,
And give your life, that we might live.

***This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as daily offering,
Of worship to the Servant King.***

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load, he chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn,
"Yet not my will but yours", he said.

Come see his hands and his feet.
The scars that speak of sacrifice.
Hands that flung stars into space,
To cruel nails surrendered.

So, let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him.
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

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**Prayer: The Barren Wastes
of My Own Emptiness**

'Be merciful to me, my God.
When I flee from prayer, it's not that
I want to flee from you, but from
myself and my own superficiality.
I don't want to run away from your
infinity and holiness, but from the
deserted marketplace of my own soul.
Every time I try to pray, I am doomed
to wander in the barren wastes of my
own emptiness, since I have left the
world behind, and still cannot find my
way into the true sanctuary of my
inner self, the only place where you
can be found and adored. Give me,
O God of my prayer, the grace to
continue waiting for you in prayer.'

*Prayer of Karl Rahner SJ,
provided by the Benedictine Sisters,
Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo.*