

**T
O
D
A
Y**

*Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10 Honouring the wise
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 No favourites
Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21 Good News*

Responsorial Psalm: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

21 Jan Ray Wood
28 Jan Michelle Davis

Readers

21 Jan 1st Reading Catherine Beaver
Ps/Intercessions Wayne Evans
2nd Reading Terry Beaver
28 Jan 1st Reading Kevin Burns
Ps/Intercessions Robyn Burns
2nd Reading Anne Broomfield

Ministers of the Eucharist

21 Jan Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg
28 Jan Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans

Children's Liturgy

21 Jan Children remain in church
28 Jan Children remain in church

Counters

21 Jan Barbara and Charles
28 Jan Monica

Morning Tea

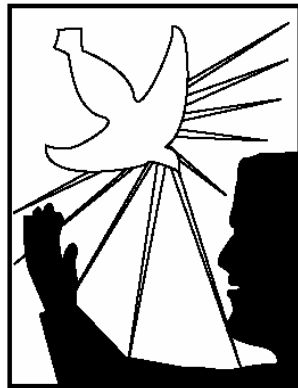
21 Jan Marie Johnston
28 Jan Carmel Vanney

Church Care

26 Jan Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst
2 Feb Pat Waters and Phil Wicks

God's action in history

When Christ appeared in those lands, curing the sick, raising the dead, preaching to the poor, bringing hope to the peoples, something began on earth like when a stone is cast into a quiet lake and starts ripples that finally reach the farthest shores. Christ appeared with the signs of liberation: shaking off oppressive yokes, bringing joy to hearts, sowing hope. And this is what God is doing now in history.
Oscar Romero (1917-1980)

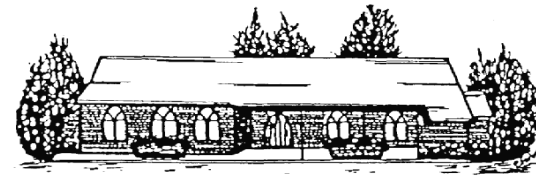


**Third Sunday
Year C**

St. Luke wrote his gospel after carefully researching the tradition handed down by the eyewitnesses, the Apostles and disciples, who saw and heard Jesus. Today's passage then shows Jesus in his hometown of Nazareth. In the synagogue on the Sabbath he read from the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming his mission: 'the spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to bring good news to the poor.'

Next Week: **God of all**
*Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19;
Psalm 70;
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13;
Luke 4:21-30*

SACRED HEART PARISH



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

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.

All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriage and sick calls to the Parish House.

~ Pastoral Director ~ Sister Lyn Eastmure O.P. ~

Parish House 4787 8811 Fax: 4787 6143
Parish Office 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com

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

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Wednesday	7.00 am
	Friday	4.30 pm
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm
Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word	1st Friday of month	9.00 am

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email D_P_I@telpacific.com.au

Dear Friends,

"In this first bit of ordinary time Jesus calls his disciples; he reaches out to those on the edge; he eats and drinks with prostitutes and the most disreputable people of all, tax collectors. He touches lepers. Jesus summons us to belong to each other. Bishops are called "ordinaries" not because they are boring but because they are charged with creating communities in which everyone belongs.... We cannot flourish as solitary beings. There is an African expression: 'I am because we are.' I can only find myself and be fully human in daring to belong." Timothy Radcliffe. Just One Year. p79/80

Blessings, Lyn.

The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to thank

all those who were involved in the preparation for, and celebration of, the Christmas liturgies, including the 'Carols in the Park' before Christmas.

Thank you to those who did a wonderful job last Saturday week at the Working Bee. The amount of rubbish and cuttings removed to the tip is testimony to the industry of the people who helped so generously.

Church Care helpers wanted. Would you be able to spare an hour or so every 10 weeks (5 times a year) to keep our church looking its best? If so, we would like to include you on the roster. Please see Mary Kingston after mass.

You are invited to hear Leigh Hatcher one of Australia's most experienced radio and television journalists who will tell his amazing story at **The City of the Blue Mountains Mayoral Prayer Breakfast - Saturday 3 February** at Springwood Civic Centre. Cost \$25.00 pp
Booking deadline 27th January.
Book through Travelworld Springwood Ph 4751 3099 or Fantastic Aussie Tours Katoomba Ph 4782 1866.

Vocation View: The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be another Christ.

You together are Christ's body.

Lord, you likened your relationship with your followers to the union of a vine with its branches. You supply us with life, grace and strength. Without you we can do nothing good. St Paul changes your image slightly. You form with us, he says, a living body.

You are the head, the source of life, of prayerfulness and of action. We are your members each with a part to play in your work of saving today's world. You rely on us to spread your message by the way that we live. Help us then to be more like you: a support to those in need and loving to all. Lord, help me to accept and to live my dignity and responsibility as a member of your body.

(Daily Prayer online)

We pray eternal happiness for **Basil Van Horen** (44 years), Monica's nephew who died last week and pray for peace and comfort for his wife and family.

Can you assist?

Thank you to the many parishioners who have offered, and those who have agreed, to be responsible for various things while I am away. I am still looking for someone who would co-ordinate Lenten Reflections Groups if parishioners so desire, and another who would plan with Norma Carlon a prayer service for Good Friday morning. Contact Sr Lyn.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.
Mother Teresa, (1910 - 1997)

Happy Anniversary Louise and Laurie Noyes for 23rd January Marjanna and Anthony Gilchrist for 24th January



'He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen." Luke 4: 20-21

Mass of the Sacred Heart - Irene O'Connor
(USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

Holy, Holy, Holy,

God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

Acclamation

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Come, Lord Jesus, in glory,
O come, Lord, come.

The Parish Australia Day Picnic Day

We will begin with Mass at 9.30am (Friday, 26th January) followed by a picnic at the home of Jo and Diana Landsberg **'Withycombe', Church Lane, Mt Wilson.** This is, as usual, a BYO everything function, so please bring whatever you need to be comfortable on a picnic. Please contact Anne-Marie (4787 6325) if you require a lift to Mt Wilson.



† In memoriam †
Genevieve Le Gras
~21st January
Stephanie Cooper
~22nd January
Rene Zielinski
~23rd January
Kirsty Hume
Helen Commens
Arthur Finneran