

FOCUS

Isaiah 55:6-9 **Seek the Lord**
Philippians 1:20-24.27 **Paul's dilemma**
Matthew 20:1-16 **Why be envious?**

Response to the Psalm:
The Lord is near to all who call Him.

Gospel Acclamation:
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3x) Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Servers

21 Sep Wayne Kelly
28 Sep Diane Stewart

Readers

21 Sep 1st Reading Brian Bright
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Monica Bright
28 Sep 1st Reading David Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Mary Duggan
2nd Reading Carmel Vanny

Ministers of the Eucharist

21 Sep Wayne Evans and Julie Hodgkinson
28 Sep Ray Wood and Carla Endean

Children's Liturgy

21 Sep Bettina Le Gras
28 Sep Carol Drummond (School Holidays)

Counters

21 Sep Monica
28 Sep Judith and Frank

Morning Tea

21 Sep Jo Gauci
28 Sep Jan Roberts

Church Care

26 Sep Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
3 Oct Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL:

Last Sunday we had the appeal for retiring priests. **Our appeal raised \$260** which will be remitted to the Diocese. Once again, **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

A Vocation View:

God calls people at different times and in various ways. You're never too old or too late to give your life to God. Generosity is his hallmark. (Matthew 20:1-16)



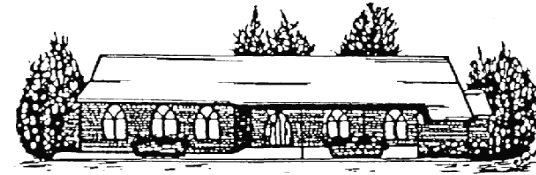
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We judge others foolishly, based on what we see. God sees into the heart, and his judgements are just. We are each given a task to do, and God asks us to do our best. If we are constantly weighing up rewards for ourselves and others, we miss the point of the Gospel story. Jesus asks us to love him, and then he will be our reward.



In memoriam:
Amanda Saran
24th September
Ivan Naraj
25th September
Fr Don Griffin
27th September

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. ~

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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
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
Care Group: Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

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, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Next Week: Change of heart Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24
Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move towards the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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Social Justice Sunday 28th September

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 28 September. While Australia has experienced spectacular economic growth in recent years, there are many who are wealthy but live in **spiritual poverty** and there are those who have been bypassed by the economic growth and live in **material poverty**.

This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement, 'A Rich Young Nation', considers the challenge of affluence and poverty in Australia.

For further details about the Catholic Bishops' Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Justice Council website (www.acsjc.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.



Trading Circle Stall
Next Sunday our Social Justice Group will be holding our stall to support those struggling to earn a living in many countries.

Credit facilities and cash will be accepted. Why not do some of your Christmas shopping if you have a few spare pennies?

If you could remember to bring along an environmentally friendly bag, we would appreciate it.
Thank you in anticipation.
The Social Justice Group

CATECHISTS - Reflection Day
with Sr Bridie O'Connell.

Wed, 15th October, 10.00am:
Trench Reserve by Nepean River.
BYO picnic chair and lunch to share.
Contact: Noleen Cliff.

PREPARATION FOR OUR PARISH MISSION

After Mass TODAY there will be a brief meeting in the hall for volunteers who have kindly put their names down to assist our community in making this time of spiritual renewal a rich experience for all. We thank you all for your generosity. It is not too late to add your name to the lists at the back door and on the notice board.

Executive Assistant (\$50,000 plus Super)

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking to employ an Executive Assistant for the Directors of the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Applications close Friday 17th October. For further information and a copy of the position description, please contact Francis Betar, 9831 4911 or visit acifm@instituteformission.com.au

Please pray for those who are ill:

Marjory Cowell, Roger Johnstone, David Finch, Travis Kingston, Chelsey Laird, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt, Marion Walker and Josephine Wiley.

"My friend, I am not being unjust to you... Why are you jealous because I am generous?"
(Mat 20:13, 15)

Happy 1st Anniversary
Alex & Matt Hendry
for 22nd September


Happy Anniversary
Jan & Barry Roberts
for 22nd September

Happy Birthday
Judith Mackrøll
for Today
Lindsay Inman
for 22nd September
Roslyn James
for 23rd September
Barry Leeder
for 23rd September
Helen Chadwick
for 23rd September

Good Morning! Tom had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work. His boss was mad at him and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it. So, Tom went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. Tom slept well and, in fact, beat the alarm in the morning by almost two hours. He had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work. "Boss", he said, "The pill actually worked!" "That's all fine" said the boss, "But where were you yesterday?"

During mass today we will welcome to the waters of Baptism


Sophie Ellen Jane Patton


Our blessings and congratulations are extended to the family.

Meditative Prayer Service using Scripture and Taizé music, next Saturday, **27th September** at 2pm for 1 hour in the Church. All welcome.

Long Weekend Sunday 5th Oct Cake & Craft Stall

All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. Food items to have a list of ingredients attached. Please wrap and price items ready for sale.

