

**Today's Readings**

*Jonah 3:1-5,10*      God saw their efforts  
*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*      Time is short  
*Mark 1:14-20*      Repent and believe

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)  
**Teach me your ways, O Lord.**  
 Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia!** (sung)

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

22 Jan Diane Stewart  
 29 Jan Bill Grieves

**Readers**

22 Jan 1st Reading Steve Gauci  
 Ps/Intercessions Yvonne Thomas  
 2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson  
 29 Jan 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp  
 Ps/Intercessions Gerard Nolan  
 2nd Reading Pat Waters

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

22 Jan Norma Longmuir and Diana Landsberg  
 29 Jan Ray Wood and Norma Longmuir

**Children's Liturgy**

22 Jan No Children's Liturgy during holidays.  
 29 Jan No Children's Liturgy during holidays.

**Counters**

22 Jan Louise and Laurie Noyes  
 29 Jan Irene Peacock

**Morning Tea**

22 Jan Helen Chadwick  
 29 Jan Robyn Burns

**Church Cleaning**

27 Jan Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam  
 3 Feb Robyn and Kevin Burns

*Prayers are requested  
 for those whose anniversaries  
 occur at this time:*



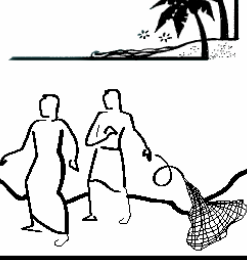
*Stephanie Cooper - 22 January  
 Rene Zielinski - 23 January*



**Next Week**

Authoritative teaching  
*Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 94  
 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;  
 Mark 1:21-28*

Follow me!\*



**Third Sunday  
 Year B**

22 January 2006

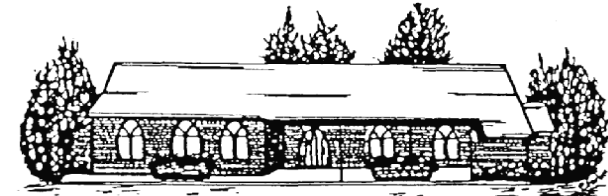


**in a nutshell**

Jesus comes into Galilee proclaiming that 'the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' Jesus comes into our Eucharistic gathering today proclaiming the same message. To receive the Good News we must also repent and turn away from our old ways to follow Jesus, just as he called those first disciples to leave their nets and their fishing to follow him.

# 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.*

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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
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am

**Mount Victoria**

Christian Meditation for 1 hour	Every Wednesday	7.00 am
Mass	First Friday of month	7.00 pm

**Megalong Valley**

Liturgy of the Word	Last Friday of month	9.00 am
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**Parish Pastoral Council** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you have an issue you would like discussed please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

Dear Friends,

*"Time.* We can have too much...not enough...too long...too little! How is it that we allowed time to have so much power over us? Saint Paul reminds us to keep time in perspective, to see the bigger picture. All things are passing. Only the presence of God is enduring. Why not focus more of our attention on this unending Love rather than on the overly influential thing we have created called *time.*" (Joyce Rupp *Living Faith*)  
**Blessings, Lyn.**

Take it and read

St Augustine (354-426) spent many years studying, questioning and exploring various philosophies and ways of life. Gradually he was drawn to Christianity, helped by the prayers of his mother Monica.



**echoes  
from  
the  
past**

But he experienced painful inner conflict as he felt both the attraction of the faith and his resistance to it. Conversion came when he heard a child in the garden of an adjoining house chanting 'Take it and read.' Augustine took up the book of St Paul's letters. 'The light of confidence flooded into my heart and all the darkness of doubt was dispelled.'

*Happy  
Birthday*



*Jenny Inman  
for 22nd January*

*Marjanna Gilchrist  
for 23rd January*

*Patricia Frazer  
75 on 25th January*

*Happy  
Anniversary  
Louise and Laurie  
Noyes for 23rd  
January*



*Happy Silver  
Anniversary  
Marjanna and  
Anthony Gilchrist  
for 24th January  
~ 25 years of  
wedded bliss*



#### PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask God's healing power for **John Walker** (Marion's dad), **Roma Ziolkowski**, **Yvonne Thomas**, and **Sheilagh Kirkham**.

#### Follow me, and I will make you fishers to the world.'

How are we to carry out our Lord's words? By following his example, we are able to lead others by being unobtrusive leaders affecting the world about us.

The saints throughout the ages were all leaders, simply because they reformed themselves first, and this led to the reform of others. Let us never underestimate the influence for good—or ill!—that we can have on others. We can all become leaders and apostles, first by increasing daily the love and power of God within ourselves, then spreading this all around us, and by being good holy people who spread infectious goodness about them.

O God, help me mould myself by your love into a good person. Then—and only then—can I be a silent apostle in the world.  
*from Daily Prayer online*

#### PARISH ANNIVERSARY MASS AND PARISH PICNIC – AUSTRALIA DAY



Please join us for an Parish Anniversary Mass with Fr Joseph Sobb as celebrant at 9.30am to be followed by our Parish Picnic which will be held at 'Withycombe' Garden at Mt Wilson from 11.00am. (opposite the Anglican Church). **BYO Everything.** (If weather is inclement, please proceed to the Parish Hall.)  
Australia Day holiday (Thursday, 26th January)

#### REPENT AND BELIEVE

I was baptised and brought up a Catholic, received my first Holy Communion and Confirmation. But like many young people, I went through a time of doubt. I remember one day coming home from work on the train, wondering, questioning, doubting.

I arrived home with these thoughts in my mind. I saw a small book on my brother's bedside table and picked it up. My elder brother was a reader, a thinker and a firm believer. The book was entitled something like 'How do we know God exists?' It seemed as though it was there waiting for me to take it up. I did take it and read it. It had a profound effect on me. It was as though Jesus had looked at me and said 'repent and believe', as he did to the two sets of brothers by the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus' words were followed by actions of leaving and following by those brothers. I am sure there was much more to their leaving and following than Mark tells us in his brief account. There certainly has been for me.

It seems sad to me that thousands of people grow out of a childish view of God and their faith, undergo a time of questioning and doubting but never follow up their doubts. I don't know that I have left everything to follow Jesus but I hope I still can stop and let him speak to me and call me to repentance and a fuller life. (John)

*Almighty Father, the love you offer always exceeds the furthest expression of our human longing, for you are greater than the human heart...* (Opening prayer)

*from Peoplespeak (Carmelprint)*

#### R.C.I.A.

#### Rite of Welcome

On Sunday 29th January our Catechumens will be introduced to our Parish Community. They will declare their intention of becoming Catholics and full members of our Parish Community.

Two questions will be asked - firstly, of the Catechumens,

*"Are you prepared to begin this journey today under the guidance of Christ?"*

and of the Parish,

*"Are we ready to help these catechumens find and follow Christ?"*

Let's pray for our Catechumens on their faith journey. May we all use this preparation time before Easter to grow in our Christian mission and calling.

*Michelle Davis*