

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

**Response to the Psalm:**

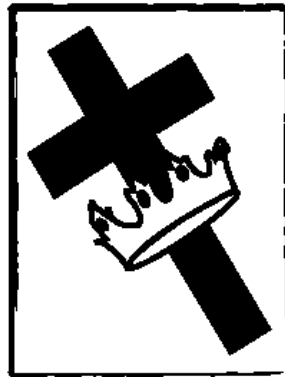
The Lord is my Shepherd,  
 there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia! (sung)

~QUOTE~

"When I feed the poor, they call me a saint, but when I ask why the poor are hungry, they call me a communist."  
 Dom Helder Camara

**A Vocation View:** Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. Imagine that you chose to serve God as a deacon, priest, brother, or sister. Think about this choice. (Matthew 25:31-46)



**Christ the King**  
 Year A

The scene of the Last Judgement can seem a very formidable occasion.

God calls to himself those who have been concerned about the welfare of others when they were thirsty, hungry, sick, or a stranger or in prison. To be loving towards others, and generous with our time, is an expression of our love for God. At the end of time we will be judged on love.

Next Week: **Stay awake!**  
 Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8; Psalm 79  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

**Servers**

23 Nov Jan Roberts  
 30 Nov Diane Stewart

**Readers**

23 Nov	1st Reading	Le Gras Family
	Ps/Intercessions	Le Gras Family
	2nd Reading	Anne Broomfield
30 Nov	1st Reading	Sr Lyn
	Ps/Intercessions	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

23 Nov Carla Endean and Brian Bright  
 30 Nov Anthony Gilchrist and Pat Leeder

**Children's Liturgy**

23 Nov Moira McNair  
 30 Nov To be advised.

**Counters**

23 Nov Monica  
 30 Nov Judith and Frank

**Morning Tea**

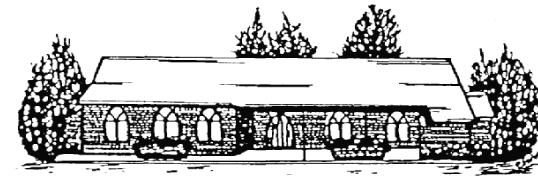
23 Nov Barbara Grieves  
 30 Nov Bettina Le Gras

**Church Care**

28 Nov Robyn and Kevin Burns  
 5 Dec Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

**Humour:** Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs. "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..." His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf.", to which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

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

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

Dear Friends,

Jim Wallis, Editor of Sojourners,...invites Christians to ask: "What is a Christian response to a deepening economic crisis like this? What should people of faith be thinking, saying, doing? And where is God in all this?" In the midst of our financial woes, this Sunday is a great Sunday to celebrate, for our hope is in Jesus Christ our King who is also our shepherd as described in the first reading from Ezekiel: "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest... It is a great opportunity to share "our reason for hope" in this time of uncertainty. *Richard McMahon, Director of Parish Services, Wollongong Diocese.* Blessings, Lyn.

Our November **DWF Collection** will be held **TODAY**. You will find the Charities that our Diocese supports described in this month's Catholic Outlook. Our quota is \$1,626. Envelopes for this collection will be available on the seats in the church over the next two weeks. Your generosity is much appreciated.

**Happy Birthday  
Monica Le Gras  
for Today**

*Please pray for those who are ill: Barbara Hunt, a regular visitor, and Sally, a dear friend of Monica Bright. Also, Roger Johnstone, Travis Kingston, Chelsey Laird, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock and David Ridoutt.*

**Happy Anniversary  
Anne-Marie & Tony Bland  
27th November  
Joanne & Steve Gauci  
29th November**

Please remember in your prayers **Bettina Le Gras' father** who died recently; and **John Broomfield** ~ 23 November  
**Jason Bentley** ~ 25 November  
**Joyce Richardson** ~ 29 November

### Invitations to join Christmas Carollers!

Once again, our parishioners are invited to sing at the Blackheath Community Carols in Memorial Park on **Sunday, 14 December from 6.00pm to 6.15pm** near the entrance to the Community Hall. You'll be invited to a practice or just come along on the day!



The second request is from the Leura Uniting Church which is, once again, initiating "Carols in the Leura Mall" to be held on **Saturday, 13 December, from 11.00am to 12 noon.**

*"We sing at 3 different places in the street for 20 minutes each. You are invited to take part if they would like to do so. Last year it was a very pleasant occasion, appreciated by passers-by and the few who signed up on the spot, including a few Catholics. We want it to be as ecumenical as possible. Anyone interested should contact me (Louise Mattay) on 4782 2931 or email [lmattay@bigpond.com](mailto:lmattay@bigpond.com) - or just turn up on the day. I will have copies of the carols available - we will be accompanied by a cheerful mediaeval style ensemble consisting of stringed and wind instrumentalists!"* Louise Mattay

### "In Communion with our Loved Ones"

A prayer service will be held to remember and pray for our loved ones who have died, especially, during the past twelve months. All are welcome. You may like to invite friends who are not Catholic.

When: **Thursday, 27th November**  
Time: **7.30pm – 8.15pm**  
Where: **Sacred Heart Church,  
Blackheath.**

Supper afterwards. (A fitting evening as it is Thanksgiving in the USA.)

**You may like to bring a memento,  
a symbol or something that  
reminds you of your dear one/s.**

During November, as we remember our loved ones who have died, you are invited to write their names in Our Book of Remembrance for them to be specially remembered in our community prayer. Each Sunday this book will be carried and placed in front of the altar.

### Advent Music Practice

You are all invited to learn the new hymns for Advent on Wednesday, 26 November at 7pm in the church. The hymns are:

**Let God's dream be born (Kevin Bates)**  
**Be it done unto me - No. 119**  
**O Holy Mary - No. 141**  
**O God, hear us - No. 22**  
**Come down, O Love Divine - No. 118**

**Advent Reflection Group:  
Wednesday Mornings  
10.10am in the hall.**

This will follow the usual Liturgy of the Word at 9am and morning "cuppa". If anyone is interested in an evening group, please contact Sr Lyn.

**Working Bee  
Saturday  
29 November**

If you can spare an hour or two, please join us from 8am onwards.

**Men's Breakfast:** Our next Breakfast, the last for 2008, will be on Saturday, 6 December. Be sure to set the date in your diary!



### CHURCH CARE ROSTER

As a new roster will be drawn up within the next couple of weeks, we would like to be notified of any changes. Perhaps, there may be some people who would like to be added to the list - you are only required about every two months - and we'd be very grateful for any extra help. On the other hand, there may be some who cannot continue. Please let us know. Thank you. Please contact Sister Lyn or Mary Kingston.

### ~Volunteers Needed~

Please contact Sr Lyn if you are interested:

**Liturgical Ministers:** especially, Ministers of Holy Communion; Adult Servers; Leaders for Children's Liturgy as well as adding your name to the roster for Church Care, and Laundering of Altar Linen.

### Parish Library:

We would like to make available for borrowing some of the new books and CDs, recommended at the Parish Renewal, which we have purchased. I'd like to place these, and update the area, in the alcove at the back of the Church. If you have any ideas or can assist in any way, I would love to hear from you.