

TO
DAY

Isaiah 22:19-23 House of David
Romans 11:33-36 God's greatness
Matthew 16:13-20 Revealed by God

Psalm Response: Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! You are Peter,
the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates
of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Please pray for those who are ill: **Marjory Cowell,
Roger Johnstone, Travis Kingston, Chelsey
Laird, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt,
Marion Walker and Josephine Wiley.**

ROSTERS

Servers

24 Aug Wayne Kelly
31 Aug Pat Leeder

Readers

24 Aug 1st Reading Christa Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Steve Gauci
2nd Reading Anthony Gilchrist
31 Aug 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
Ps/Intercessions David Buckley
2nd Reading Carol Drummond

Ministers of the Eucharist

24 Aug Diana Landsberg and Jan Roberts
31 Aug Wayne Evans and Diana Landsberg

Children's Liturgy

24 Aug Sr Lyn
31 Aug Julie Hodgkinson

Counters

24 Aug Christa and David
31 Aug Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

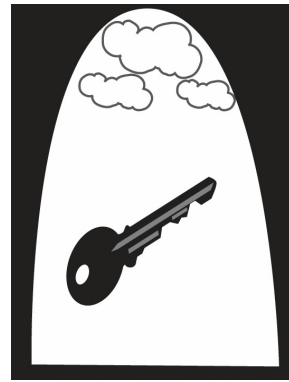
24 Aug Sue Holz
31 Aug Elizabeth Giddey

Church Care

29 Aug Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
5 Sep Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

**Happy Birthday
Monica Van Horen**
for 26th August
Frank Mackrell
for 28th August

**Happy 26th
Anniversary
Robert & Kate
Forbes**
for 28th August



**Twenty-first
Sunday ~ Year A**

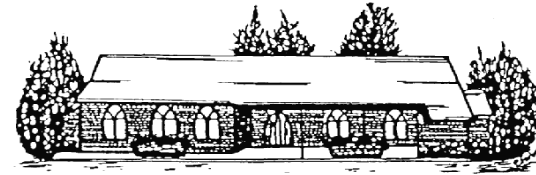
The people have seen many miracles, and wonder 'Who is this man?' Jesus asks his disciples the same question. Peter replies, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Responding to this God-given revelation, Jesus recognises Peter's faith as the rock on which the Church will be built. God's grace will sustain him to the end, despite his own frailty.

Next Week:

Being a follower
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62
Romans 12:1-2;
Matthew 16:21-27

In memoriam:
~ **Daniel Croke** ~
30th August

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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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
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

Dear Friends,

I leave you today with a short reflection for Migrant and Refugee Week that you might like to use in your prayer time this week. There are a few copies of the Pope's Message and Bishop Joseph Grech's letter available from the Foyer of the Church if you would like one.

Migrant & Refugee Week 25th – 31st August Young Migrants – A Gift to Australia.

"The theme this year focuses clearly on the Young Migrant. We have just experienced an energizing moment when so many young people from all over the world came together... for World Youth Day. This year's theme helps us carry forward the spirit of WYD.... Pope Benedict XVI, in his message for this day, talks very openly and clearly about the many problems that young migrants face: the struggle with a new culture; physical, moral and sexual exploitation; children and adolescents spending a long time in refugee camps often far away from their parents. Young students and the loneliness they experience as they seek to further their education far away from their country of birth. All these issues impel all of us to ask "What can we do to help?"

Most Rev Joseph Grech.

You might like to use these suggestions for prayer this week:

Monday: Genesis 3:17-24

Prayer: For all those who are forced to leave their home as a consequence of the sin of selfishness and division. May their journey trace a path of reconciliation that leads to the lasting home of peace and harmony.

Tuesday: Genesis 12:1-4

Prayer: For all those who journey to our shores: that they find in us a welcoming people and in our country a home gifted with blessings and prosperity.

Wednesday: Jeremiah 32:37-40

Prayer: For all those who are exiled from their homeland and from their families and friends, that they may find people of goodwill ready to welcome and empower them with the gift of hospitality and fairness.

Thursday: Matthew 2:13-18

Prayer: For all migrant families, that the Church, the family of God, may provide for them a place to call home and that we may urge institutions at all levels to effectively support and guarantee the right of families to be together.

Friday: Acts 2:1-12

Prayer: For the Church of God: that she may grow in faithfulness to her mandate to reach out to all people and that she may become a community where migrants are welcomed and their gifts are acknowledged, appreciated and allowed to prosper for the good of all.

Saturday: Matthew 25:31-40

Prayer: For our Community: that we may refuse any attitude of rejection and racism knowing that to welcome the migrant, the foreigner and the exiled is to enter in communion with Jesus Christ.

NSW Ecumenical Council Refugee Seminar

The theme for 2008 is
"Unheard Voices: Australia's role in Iraq's growing refugee crisis."

This theme is consonant with the National Council of Churches' focus on Iraq for Refugee and Migrant Sunday 2008. See Brochure on Notice Board for details or contact:

**Catherine Loy on 9299 2215
NSW Ecumenical Council.**

AWASA VILLAGE, ETHIOPIA ~ DONATION ~ Missionaries of Charity

On 31st August we hope to hold a retiring loose coin collection for the Awasa village.

We made a donation earlier in the year but we have been recently informed that a lot of villagers have contracted Malaria.

The nuns desperately need more funds to treat this terrible disease. We hope to have baskets at each door to drop your coins into on that Sunday.

See Notice Board for further information:

- ◆ St Canice's Primary Annual Golf Day
14th September, 12pm tee-off, Katoomba Golf Club. Enquiries to Geoff 4782 5542.
- ◆ Wisdom of Women Mystics:
Reflection Day in St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook.
6th September :10.00am – 3.30 pm
- ◆ Inter-religious Dialogue and Ecumenism.
A Certificate course open to all denominations and faiths. Two Saturdays a year. For further information contact the Institute for mission on 9831 4911 or www.instituteformission.com.au

~ SANCTUS SHOP ~

We're moving to 88 Katoomba Street, Katoomba. The shop will reopen in the 3rd week of September. Ph 4782 3133

Catechists: CCD Annual Mass and Presentation of Certificates.

Thursday 4th September, 10.00am,
St Patrick's, Blacktown.

Reflection Day

with Sr Bridie O'Connell.

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

Project Rachel

"I would like to say a word to women who have had an abortion. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed..... do not lose hope...." John Paul II
For an understanding ear, call 9440 7980 (confidential voice mail number).



Diocesan Works Fund 2008 - 2009

We are very grateful for all who contributed to this appeal last Sunday. We received \$1174 of our quota (\$1626). If you couldn't contribute last week, or were away, envelopes are available today and can be placed in either collection. Many thanks for your generosity.

Volunteers are needed: Have you some free time... would you like to help others in your community?



GREAT Community Transport assists the frail aged and people with a disability and their carers to attend medical appointments, do their shopping and attend social outings. We rely on volunteers to help our clients with their shopping, assist on our buses on social outings, assist in the offices at Lawson and Penrith and drive clients to medical appointments using their own vehicles. If you think you might like to volunteer with us, please call Sharon on 4759 2403 to find out more.