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**Isaiah 49:1-6 Light for all**  
**Acts 13:22-26 Message of salvation**  
**Luke 1:57-66,80 His name is John**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the Word of Truth and Life.

**Servers**

24 June Jan Roberts  
1 July Wayne Kelly

**Readers**

24 June 1st Reading Peter Ticehurst  
Ps/Intercessions Fiona Evans  
2nd Reading Elizabeth Giddey  
1 July 1st Reading Ian Maguire  
Ps/Intercessions Claire Maguire  
2nd Reading Jane Nolan

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

24 June Monica Bright and Brian Bright  
1 July Ray Wood and Anne Broomfield

**Children's Liturgy**

24 June Bettina Le Gras  
1 July Moira McNair

**Counters**

24 June Judith and Frank  
1 July Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

24 June Mignon Dwyer  
1 July Barbara Grieves

**Church Care**

29 June Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst  
6 July Pat Waters and Phil Wicks

**Church Care Rosters** are available at the back of the Church. Please collect your copy.

**In memoriam:**

**Kathleen Duggan**

~ 24 June ~

**Michael Jackson**

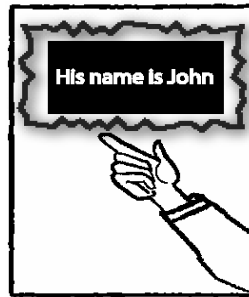
~ 24 June ~

**Josip Naraj**

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**ACU:** Australian National University – Graduate Certificate in Human Rights or Graduate Diploma in Human Rights  
**www.ils.acu.edu.au**

See brochure on notice board.  
**Applications close 9am, 9 July.**



**Birth of St John the Baptist**

What will this child turn out to be? was asked at John the Baptist's birth. He was chosen as God's prophet, to call Israel to repentance, to point out the Messiah. His words 'behold the Lamb of God' are still used at every celebration of the Eucharist. Great as John was, he did not hesitate to acknowledge that one greater than he was coming after him.

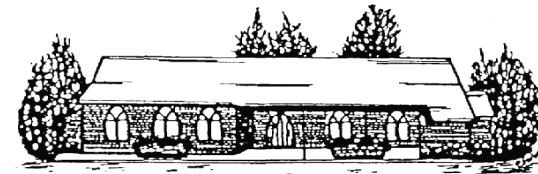
Next Week: Total commitment  
*1 Kings 19:16,19-21; Psalm 15*  
*Galatians 5:1,13-18; Luke 9:51-62*

**Catalyst Forum**

**"On Writing the Gospel According to Judas:**

Some Theological and Pastoral Reflections: with Fr Francis Moloney sdb. July 15th, 2pm-4pm, The Crypt of St Patrick's, Church Hill, The Rocks. Entry by donation. All welcome. Further enquiries. (02) 9861 4262.

# 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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	10.00 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday (4787 7098)	7.00 pm
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
<b>Mount Victoria - Mass</b>	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word</b>	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 [sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

### Dear Friends,

Finding things are a bit tough at the moment? This reflection came my way last week: A farmer who specialised in breeding worms came upon a most interesting fact. When the worms were placed on an even smooth surface, they exhibited lethargy and laziness. It seemed that everything for them was just too easy. However, those placed on rough surfaces, where there were obstacles and difficulties to surmount were quite lively and dynamic. For them, life was difficult, which called for innovative and creative responses. It was difficulties which produced dynamic worms. Perhaps our goal in life is not to live without difficulties but to live graciously with those that come.

**Blessings of peace and joy, Lyn.**

Please remember in your prayers Mary Kingston's husband, **Travis**, who is ill.

**The Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda, Africa** perform to raise awareness of 2 million children in Uganda left parentless as a result of disease and war. The choir is made up of 18 children and 12 adults. Dressed in traditional African costumes they travel the world presenting a variety of musical styles from African to contemporary Gospel, sharing stories of lives changed from tragedy to triumph. Their singing is beautiful and their presentation is very energetic as only Africans know how. They have sung at the Edinburgh Tattoo, The White House and now Blackheath! There will be an opportunity to donate to their cause through the night. The Watoto Children's Choir will be at Blue Mountains Christian School, July 7th 2007 at 7pm. Admission is free.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY

**Sunday 1 July:** Be among the first Australian pilgrims to encounter the WYD Cross and Icon when Guy Sebastian and Paulini sing the WYD anthem 'Receive the Power' at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour. **Starts 1.30pm.**

#### Sunday 15 July

**2.30pm: Cross and Icon arrive by Rivercat at Parramatta Wharf.** Bishop Manning will preside at a welcoming liturgy on the north bank of the river. All welcome.

**5.30pm: Diocesan Youth Mass at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown,** with an evening of praise and worship.

#### Sunday 22 July

**Youth Event:** Catechesis with Bishop Manning in the Cathedral Hall at 9.30am for young people aged 16-35.

**Youth Mass at 11am** to handover the Cross and Icon to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Light lunch with young people at 12.30pm. For catering please RSVP by Tuesday 17 July tel (02) 8838 3418, 0409 399 505, youth@parra.catholic.org.au

The full program for the Journey of the Cross and Icon in the Diocese of Parramatta (15-22 July) is at: [www.parra.catholic.org.au/wyd08](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/wyd08)

**WYD08**  
**387 days to go...**



**Happy Birthday**  
Marion Crowley - 26th June  
Louise Noyes - 28th June  
Judy Harris - 30th June



### Thank you for your generosity.

To everyone who came to the Parish dinner and to those who bought raffle tickets, your support is very much appreciated. It was voted one of the best nights we have had. The venue, food, staff and ambience were all wonderful.

#### The raffle

1st prize, dinner and movie at Mt Vic for 2 was won by

**Philip and Sally Tracy.**

2nd prize, a bottle of wine and perfume, donated by

Jenny Kennett, was won by **Jenny and Lindsay Inman.**

Lucky door prizes went to

**Karen Hayward and Michelle Davis.**

Thank you to my committee:

**Sister Lyn, Robyn Burns,**

**Jan Roberts, Michelle Funnell,**

**Margaret Ridoutt and Jenny Kennett**

for the wonderful, happy way they sell tickets, attend meetings and arrive early at a function and work tirelessly to get a job done in record time; without them the various events could not happen.

To **Tony Perriman, Kevin Burns** and **my husband, Tony**, for the marvellous assistance given before the dinner in blowing up balloons, tying ribbons, etc. you are so very much appreciated,

#### THANK YOU!

And last, but certainly not least, to our MC, **David Buckley**, you were, as always, gracious, obliging and did the job beautifully. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

**Anne-Marie Bland**

Social Committee Co-ordinator.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY 30 JUNE ~ 8am**

Come and enjoy – young and 'older'!

**Guest Speaker – Tony Bland**

Tony will talk about his involvement in retreats with the Loyola Institute – a Ministry of the Australian Jesuits

**"Spirituality in the Workplace".**

(To allow for catering, please RSVP Christa Buckley – 4787 5105.)

### NATSICC Chairperson's Message

'Love one another as I Love You' is the theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, 1st July, 2007.

This is a time to celebrate together and to keep reconciliation alive.

During this wonderful time of reflection and celebration, we must always stand strong in our faith in Jesus Christ, and remember his words, "love your neighbour as you love yourself". We are united in God's words of love.

*"Reconciliation is about building a new relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Australians and the wider community. One that heals the pain of the past and ensures we all share fairly and equally in our National Citizenship".* (A quote from the path of reconciliation; renewal of the Nation, by the Australian Reconciliation Convention 1997.) This also brings to mind the 1967 Referendum on the vote for Aboriginal people to be counted in the census, not classified as flora and fauna. The Aboriginal people were given the right to vote in 1967 after the overwhelming vote of 'Yes' in the Referendum... the 40th Anniversary of the Referendum is a time to reflect on the steps ahead of Aboriginal people. May we walk gently and be guided by our conscience. In Peace and Unity,

**Elsie Heiss,**

**NATSICC Chairperson,**

**New South Wales Councillor.**

