

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18 We will serve God
Ephesians 5:21-32 Mutual love
John 6:60-69 Do you believe?

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: (sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Servers

27 Aug Wayne Kelly
 1 Sep Pat Leeder (Mt Vic)
 3 Sep Michelle Davis

Readers

27 Aug 1st Reading Brian Bright
 Ps/Intercessions Dominic Gilchrist
 2nd Reading Monica Bright
 1 Sep 1st Reader Catherine Beaver
 2nd Reader Terry Beaver
 3 Sep 1st Reading Christa Buckley
 Ps/Intercessions David Buckley
 2nd Reading Carol Drummond

Ministers of the Eucharist

27 Aug Anthony Gilchrist and Jan Roberts
 3 Sep Pat Waters and Norma Longmuir

Children's Liturgy

27 Aug Anne Broomfield
 3 Sep Frances Huckstepp

Counters

27 Aug Irene
 3 Sep Barbara and Charles

Morning Tea

27 Aug Bettina Le Gras
 3 Sep Anne-Marie Bland

Church Care

1 Sep The Gatt Family
 8 Sep Noeline and Kevin Phelps

A New Liturgical Ministers' Roster is available today. Please collect your copy (your name if highlighted) from the porch of the Church.

PARISH FAMILY BUSH BASH - Saturday, 30th September
What can you and/or your family do to add to the fun of the night? Please think about it and maybe prepare a poem, skit, joke or song to perform.



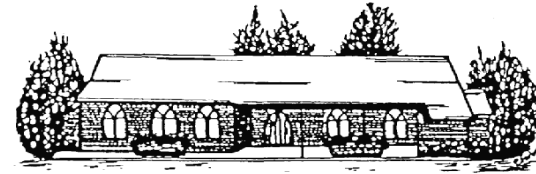
Twenty First Sunday Year B

Today's gospel presents a crisis point in Jesus preaching, after which many of his disciples left him. We all face crisis points in life, probably more than once. Do these cause us to lose faith and trust in God's love and care, or do we say with Peter: 'Lord, who shall we go to?' Where else shall we find life, life everlasting?

Next Week:

Listen and understand
Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8;
Psalm 14
James 1:17-18,21-22,27;
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Wednesday	7.00 am
	Friday	4.30 pm
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
Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word	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 D_P_I@telpacific.com.au

Dear Friends,

In the Sun-Herald on Wednesday there was a great Good News story that is very pertinent to today's celebration. It also touched me in a more intimate way in that many of our older sisters are involved in teaching English to Refugees and Demacene has been one of them. Over the years Margaret shared bits of his story with us and we have kept him in our prayers, especially, at his very low times. So, it was with great joy and thanksgiving that I read of his reunion with his wife and children after so many years of thinking they had been killed. Let us give thanks for good news stories!

Blessings, Lyn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR KEVIN. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 60TH!



Longing for God's presence

Christ arisen has put in history's womb the beginning of a new world. To come to Mass on Sunday is to immerse oneself in that beginning, which again becomes present and is celebrated

on the altar at Mass. And we who go forth from Mass know we have proclaimed the death that saved the world and proclaimed the resurrection of Christ, who lives as hope, so that all the universe of heaven and earth may join together, all things in heaven and on earth may come together in Christ.

Oscar Romero (1917-1980)

Reflection Morning: After a break for the winter months, the Sisters of Charity reflection mornings will resume in September, October and November. We invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection on Saturday, 9th September from 10am to 12 noon at 227 The Mall, Leura. Enquiries - 4784 2055.



Happy Birthday
Frank Mackrell for 28th August
Maureen Taylor for 29th August

Pastoral Associate
St Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Cronulla
The Parish of St Aloysius Gonzaga Cronulla is seeking applications for the position of **Pastoral Associate**. This role is a full time position. Applications to: Fr Thomas Kurunthanam, St Aloysius Gonzaga Parish, 18 Giddings Ave, Cronulla, 2230 or to frthomas@stalcron.org.au. Enquiries on 9523 5215. Applications close 1/9/06.

Diocesan Works Fund August Appeal: This special collection will be taken up today and you will find envelopes on your seats. As you are aware this appeal supports such ministries within our Diocese as: Centacare; CCD; Ephpheta; Solo Parents; University Chaplains; Youth Ministry; Justice and Peace; Evangelisation; etc. Thank you for your generosity.

Refugee and Migrant Sunday

Today is the day the Australian Church invites us to pray for refugees and migrants in our country. Some of us may be refugees and migrants, and certainly most of us are the descendants of refugees or migrants. Australia is a special place. Our population has a rich cultural mix, thanks to the refugees and migrants who have made this country their home over the years.

Today, let us celebrate the richness of our nation, with its population drawn from various countries, races, cultures and religions. Let us pray that we can make this special place a sacred space. Let us resolve to be inclusive, to welcome the stranger, and to create a harmonious and multicultural nation that offers freedom, peace, democracy, acceptance and opportunity to all.

A REFUGEE SPEAKS

I need to share my story with my family and friends. I come from a far country, a great distance from Australia, called Sudan. We were living in a time of war for over twenty-one years and decided to leave Sudan. When we left, we had such a hard time and life for us was quite terrible. Soldiers shot at us and many people were killed so we ran into the bush.

We walked all day every day and slept under bushes and trees and grass. We did not know where we were going; we just moved like animals in the jungle. We had very little food; if we were lucky, we would find some water in a pool and we could drink. If we were lucky enough to find some small animals, we would be able to eat. When there was nothing to eat, we simply ate the leaves from the trees. If we got sick, we found some medicine from the leaves of some trees.

We moved like animals through the bush, not knowing where we were going and often losing touch with each other. Families were separated from each other. We wandered for three years. You cannot imagine what life was like.

I thank God for the blessing of coming here to Australia with my family to start a new life, a good life. I thank the people here in Australia that God has opened their hearts to help people in need to start a new life. We are happy here though we worry about our family members whom we have left behind. I thank you all and thank my God for all that we have been given. *(Mary)*

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
✠**Daniel Croke** - 30th August; ✠**Mollie Bland** - 1st September.

Happy Anniversary
David & Ingeborg Caplice
for today
Katz & Robert Forbys
for 28th August

See Notice board re: 2006 Ann D Clark Lecture: Judy Petch, Acting Assistant General Manager, Office of School Education: Learning to Lead (7/9/06 at 7.30pm - Parramatta). Edmund Rice: Business Ethics Initiative: Howard Harrison: Ethics and the Law (20/9/06 at 7am - Lidcombe).