

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Oppression lifted
 1Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Make up differences
 Matthew 4:12-23 Light has dawned

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

27 Jan Wayne Kelly
 1 Feb Pat Leeder (Mt Victoria)
 3 Feb Ray Wood

Readers

27 Jan 1st Reading Ian Maguire
 Ps/Intercessions Claire Maguire
 2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp
 1 Feb 1st Reader Catherine Beaver
 2nd Reader Terry Beaver
 3 Feb 1st Reading Kevin Burns
 Ps/Intercessions Carmel Vanny
 2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson

Ministers of the Eucharist

27 Jan Ray Wood and Pat Wicks
 3 Feb Jan Roberts and Michelle Davis

Children's Liturgy

27 Jan No Children's Liturgy today.

Counters

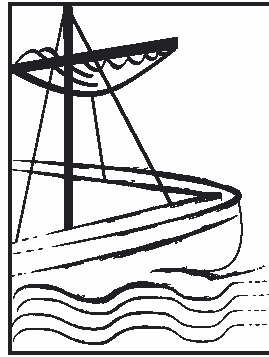
27 Jan Julie and Lance
 3 Feb Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

27 Jan Janice Lane
 3 Feb Monica Van Horen

Church Care

1 Feb Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
 8 Feb Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



THIRD SUNDAY in Ordinary Time YEAR A

The public ministry of Jesus begins in a humble way beside the lake of Galilee. He chooses fishermen who leave their nets to follow him. A light has dawned, a light that will continue to shine in all who come to know Jesus. We too can bring this light into the lives of those we meet, by proclaiming the Good News and helping those who are suffering and in pain.

Next Week: God's blessed ones

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 145 1Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

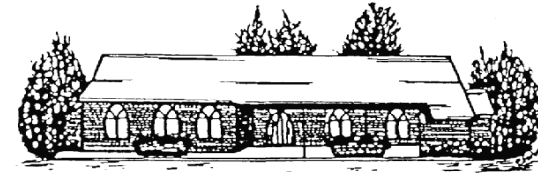


Be united and live in peace

Since Christ is our peace, we shall be living up to the name of Christian if we let Christ be seen in our lives by letting peace reign in our hearts... As we bear the name of Christ, who is peace, we too must put an end to all hostility. We should not only be reconciled with those who attack us from without, we should also bring together the warring factions within us.

St Gregory of Nyssa (c.335-394)

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>

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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 |
| 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 |
| Mount Victoria - Mass | 1st Friday of month | 7.00 pm |

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 by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

At times we can feel we are camped in a fairly ordinary location with little of importance happening in our lives - when just below the surface, waiting to be tapped, lie the untold riches of God's blessings.

*I am touched to the core
with a presence I cannot explain
A loving plan enfolds me
Someone is always believing in me
calling me forth, calling me on
I am standing in grace
filled with mystery
touched with the eternal
I cannot get away from goodness
I think we name you, God.'
Macrina Wiederkehr OSB*

I found I needed this reminder this week! Blessings, Lyn.

Happy Birthday

Jeremy Lillis ~ 2 on 30 January

Chris Le Gras ~2 February

Megan Carroll ~3 February

Joe Landsberg ~ 70 on 8 February

HOMESTAY: Thank you all sincerely for your response to the billeting of the pilgrims for WYD. We have managed to accommodate most of the 30 pilgrims from Lithuania but we still encourage anyone who has not put their names on the list but would like to billet our guests to fill out the form available in the church. Because of the amount of homes needed within the mountains, the more applications we receive the better we are situated. We also need to have a list of emergency homes available. Please give this some thought.



**170 Days to
go till WYD 08**

The next step is to attend a meeting in Blackheath with the Co-ordinators from the Diocese in the near future. We will advise you when and where this meeting is to take place.

Thank you again. Marilyn.

Spirituality in the Pub

JOURNEYS FROM THE EDGE'

**Wednesday 13th February
7.30pm to 9.00pm**

Guest Speakers:

DR. SABINE ERIKA

Academic, Lifelong Pacifist and
Activist for Human Rights
&

PROFESSOR TONY VINSON
Leading Australian Social Scientist

**Gardner's Inn Hotel
255 Great Western Highway
Blackheath.**

Bistro meals at 6pm.

Sacramental Preparation for children

will begin early in February.

If you think your child is
ready to receive the
Sacraments of Reconciliation
(Confession), Confirmation and
Eucharist (Holy Communion) in
2008, please contact Sr Lyn.

Parish Pastoral Council: Next Sunday during our Eucharist we will have the blessing and commissioning of the New Parish Pastoral Council. This Wednesday evening, 30th January at 7.30pm there will be a meeting of both the 'old' and 'new' council members in the hall.

Lent is almost upon us! If you can assist in sharing ideas and/or preparing the Church environment, please contact Sr Lyn Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

COME AND PLAY

*Foster your creativity and
your health and have fun, too!*

**Interplay workshops in Blackheath
with Lindena Robb and Trish Watts
at Sacred Heart Parish Hall**

**Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm
7th February to 13th March (6 weeks)**

**Cost \$18/\$15 conc.
or \$100.00 for 6 weeks.**

*Lindena is a visual artist and leads
workshops in creative expression.*

*Trish is a singer songwriter and
voice movement therapist.*

Bookings:

Lindena 0410 310 205

Trish 0419 487 056

or email: soul.voice@bigpond.com

Walking With Love: Alternatives and responses to abortion - a national education initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Saturday, 2nd February: 12.30pm - 5pm. Francis Lloyd Function Centre, Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John Street, Lidcombe. Bookings: (02) 9390 5283 or email

mary.joseph@sydney.catholic.org.au

www.walkingwithlove.org.au

The Retreat in Daily Life with Trish Murray o.p.

This begins next Sunday evening. Sr Trish has planned to be here from Sunday 3rd till Thursday 14th - so we are looking at two retreats. You might consider which of the two weeks would be more suitable for you. During the week, I will be in contact with those who gave me their names with some details.

Catholics for Ministry:

Last year many parishioners signed a petition regarding ordination and ministry which was presented to the Catholics Bishops of Australia. Paul Collins (for the committee) thanks you for your support and said how the petition far exceeded their expectations. The petition was discussed at some length by the Bishops who are 'deeply concerned to make adequate pastoral and sacramental provision for the Church in Australia'. A webpage has been set up as a basic means of communication: www.catholicsforministry.com.au You will find copies of the letter in the pamphlet holder inside the main door of the church.

Blackheath P.W.A.

invite you and your friends to a

**Fashion Parade of
'Bailey's Fashions'**

*in the Uniting Church Hall,
Govett's Leap Road, Blackheath
on Monday, 11 February at 10.30am
followed by a light luncheon ~\$7.00*

Contact:

Joyce 4787 8640 or Milba 4756 2120