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1Kings 3:5.7-12 A wise request
Romans 8:28-30 Called by God
Matthew 13:44-52 Hidden treasure

Response to the Psalm:

I love your law, O Lord, I love your law.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! (6x)

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom. **Alleluia! (6x)**

Servers

27 July Pat Leeder
1 Aug Catherine Beaver (Mt Vic)
3 Aug Jan Roberts

Readers

27 July 1st Reading Robyn Burns
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns
2nd Reading Jane Nolan
1 Aug 1st Reader Pat Leeder
2nd Reader Maria Cora
3 Aug 1st Reading Claire Maguire
Ps/Intercessions Elizabeth Giddey
2nd Reading Ian Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

27 July Jan Roberts and Anthony Gilchrist
3 Aug Ray Wood and Sr Lyn

Children's Liturgy

27 July Carroll Family
3 Aug Bettina Le Gras

Counters

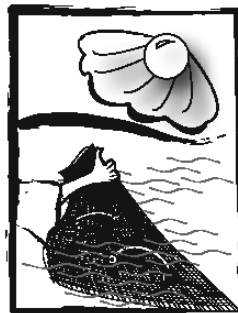
27 July Judith and Frank
3 Aug Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

27 July Robyn Burns
3 Aug Margaret Ridoutt

Church Care

1 Aug Gatt Family
8 Aug Noeline and Kevin Phelps



**Seventeenth Sunday
Year A**

The kingdom of God is our treasure. It is so precious that all earth's good things seem valueless in comparison. When we have the kingdom of heaven within us, we then have all other treasures also. The good things of this earth have their attraction, but they do not last and will not come with us when we finally meet Jesus face to face at the end of time.

In memoriam

Eric Perriam ~ 28 July
Chris Commens ~ 2 August
Lawrie Smith ~ 2 August

NEXT WEEK: **Jesus provides food** Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 144 Romans 8:35.37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

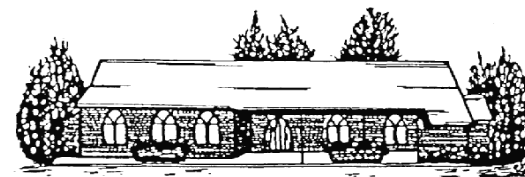
Happy Birthday

Laurie Noyes for today
Ron O'Brien for 28 July
Ingeborg Caplice for 31 July
Lachlan Evans ~ 4 on 31 July
John Forster for 1 August

Please pray for those who are ill:

Marjory Cowell, David Finch, Roger Johnstone, Jennifer Holey, Travis Kingston, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt and Marion Walker.

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
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,

“A key theme running through the readings of this week’s liturgy is treasure, the authentic treasure that comes with true wisdom and a right relationship with God.

Isn’t it so easy to get caught up with issues that are of little or no consequence and in so doing miss the real treasures in life? ...

The parable of the dragnet shows that God’s kingdom is universal; there is no discrimination. All kinds of people will find their home in the kingdom. The only credentials they need for entry is a relationship of commitment to the Lord supported by a suitable lifestyle...”. **Laurie Woods.**

Blessings, Sr Lyn.

WYDo8 Pilgrims

MAGISo8 - Margaret Cody writes:

On behalf of our leadership team, I would like to thank you and the Parish of Sacred Heart, for the wonderful welcome and hospitality you offered to our 16 pilgrims last week. Thank you also for organising the service activities so that our young people could meet parishioners and give a helping hand. They enjoyed this immensely, and all reported on a very positive experience. One young woman commented, 'we went to offer service, and we received service and welcome', and another said, 'when we walked into the hall for the supper and social, we were greeted by people we knew and familiar faces'. This made all the difference and contributed to the festive and joyful atmosphere. Your parish presents a valuable experience of a living Christian community.

Other Pilgrims: *Groups of 100+ pilgrims, including priests and bishops from Italy and France have celebrated the Eucharist in our Church during this week as they continue to enjoy the sights of our Blue Mountains.*

Next Sunday, during our Eucharist, we will welcome to the waters of Baptism, **Dylan Michael** and **Isabella Skye Campbell**, children of Michael and Krystina. We pray that the new life of Baptism will strengthen their faith and keep them always in the love of our Gracious God.

For YOUNG ADULTS wanting to go further in their faith

Come to **Dialogue '08** and meet others who are keen to make a difference. Topic: **“That they may be one! - Diversity and Unity in the Church.”**

Presented by Fr Michael Whelan SM 7:30pm, Sunday 3 August, at Parish Hall, St Francis Xavier, Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay (on harbour side of North Sydney Railway Station). Donation \$5.

All young adults welcome!
For more information go to yucan.org.au.

“A common spiritual search by multiple spiritual paths.”

Dr Isabel Allegro, Professor of Comparative, 20th Century Portuguese and World Literature at the New University of Lisbon, Portugal.

Saturday 2 August, 10.30am – 3.30pm at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney. Ph 9953 3053 grailsydney@ozemail.com.au

Finally we are at home!

On behalf of Lithuanian Franciscan Youth group I just wanted to thank you and all wonderful people of Blackheath parish. Please give our warm greetings to the other parishioners.

This World Youth Day and Days in Parramatta Diocese was an unforgettable experience for all of us.

You took care of us with such a tender love, that I wondered how huge should be God's love for each of us.

Blue Mountains stays in our hearts.

But before Blue Mountains... you are there the first.

May the Lord bless and reward you with the Holy Spirit's gifts.

*Virginija
Lithuanian Franciscan Youth
www.jaupra.lt/en*

Branching Out commencing Tuesday 5th August

Following on from WYD, Branching Out will run through August (1 night per week) for young adults interested in exploring Christianity from a Catholic perspective. Each night will involve a dinner, followed by a talk and then breaking into small discussion groups. St Patrick's Church Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St, Sydney (near Circular Quay). Donation \$10. All young adults welcome! For more information call Pat on 04 0380 9121 or go to www.stpatschurchhill.org/youngadults or yucan.org.au

Diary Note: **Men's Breakfast Saturday 9th August**

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Sebastian Temple

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Make me a channel of your peace where there is hatred let me bring your love where there is injury your pardon, Lord and where's doubt true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console to be understood as to understand to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace where there's despair in life let me bring hope where there is darkness, only light and where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master...

Make me a channel of your peace It is in pardoning that we are pardoned in giving of ourselves that we receive and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Mass at St Paul's, Mt Victoria, Friday, 1 August at 7pm. All welcome.

Put your faith into action!

Becoming a De La Salle Brother opens up a life of incredible adventure, exciting challenges and purpose. Although not for everyone, maybe it's right for you. To experience the extraordinary life of a De La Salle Brother, here's your opportunity to live and work with the Brothers for two weeks in Papua New Guinea. See www.delasallebrothers.com for details.

Please remember in your prayers **Diana Corry**, a friend of Gabrielle Byrne, who died on Thursday morning.