

Acts 1:1-11 Taken to heaven
Ephesians 1:17-23 God's power at work
Mark 16:15-20 He works with us

Responsorial Psalm: *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*
Gospel Acclamation: (sung) *Alleluia!*
The right hand of God raised me up, the hand of the Lord has triumphed. I shall never die, I shall live, telling his deeds.

Servers

28 May Diane Stewart
 2 Jun Diane Stewart (Mt Vic)
 4 June Bill Grieves

Readers

28 May 1st Reading Julie Hodgkinson
 Ps/Intercessions Steve Gauci
 2nd Reading Wayne Evans
 2 Jun 1st Reader Therese Gatt
 2nd Reader Pat Leeder
 4 Jun 1st Reading Pat Waters
 Ps/Intercessions Jennifer Ticehurst
 2nd Reading Gerard Nolan

Ministers of the Eucharist

28 May Norma Longmuir and Diana Landsberg
 4 Jun Ray Wood and Pat Leeder

Children's Liturgy

28 May Bettina Le Gras
 4 Jun Children remain in church

Counters

28 May Christa and David
 4 Jun Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

28 May Bettina Le Gras
 4 Jun Anne-Marie Bland

Church Cleaning

2 Jun Pat Waters and Phil Wicks
 9 Jun The Gatt Family

The National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies will be continue over the next 2 Sundays. This is held in the same year as the Australian Census (August) and the National Church Life Survey (July-Oct) so that the information collected can be most effectively used in association with results from the other two projects.



Ascension of the Lord, Year B

28 May 2006

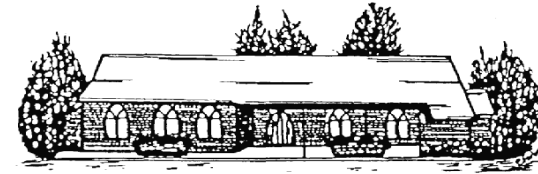
During forty days Jesus appeared to his disciples to assure them of the reality of his resurrection, to comfort and to strengthen them. He now commissions them to go out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News. This preaching is to be perpetuated through the Church down the ages. In this week we pray for the unity of all Christians under Christ our head.

NEXT WEEK

Spirit of truth

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103
Galatians 5:16-25;
John 15:26-27;16:12-15

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: shbheath@hermes.net.au

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
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm

Mount Victoria

Christian Meditation (one hour)	Every Wednesday	7.00 am
Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm

Megalong Valley

Liturgy of the Word	1st Friday of month	9.00 am
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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@telapacific.com.au

Dear Friends,

'Jesus spoke with authority, not like the scribes and the Pharisees, and his authority was surely his manifest freedom and joy. His words made an impression because they were embedded in a life that was striking, reaching out to strangers, feasting with prostitutes, afraid of nobody.' P3 "What is the point of being a Christian?" T. Radcliffe
Blessings, Lyn.

Do you want to meet new and interesting people? Do you have 30 minutes free each Thursday?

Then, we may have something for you.

We require a Scripture teacher for our combined Years 5/6 class. We are looking for someone who enjoys being with kids and would love to share their faith with them each Thursday morning for half an hour from 9.30am.

If this sounds like something you might like to do, please contact Noeleen Cliff on 4787 8172.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus said to his disciples **'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.'**

There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News.

Answer the call to **'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.'**

Forum on Stem Cell Research:

7.30pm Wednesday 31 May 2006 in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. A panel of speakers will explore and discuss some of the ethical dilemmas surrounding the issue of stem cell research. At the end of each speaker's presentation the floor will be opened to questions from members of the public. A light supper will be served afterwards. Bookings essential: Cathedral Office tel (02) 8839 8400, e-mail: admin@stpatscathedral.com.au

Pastoral Liturgy Pastoral Ministry Course offered by Catholic Institute of Sydney – see Notice board.

Happy Birthday
Robyn Burns
for 29th May
Carol Drummond
for 3rd June

Men's Breakfast Saturday 1 July

After the memorable presentation by Barry Roberts at our last breakfast, at great expense, we will be privileged to hear **'Rumpole of Blackheath The Diary of a Defence Barrister'**. Put the date in your diary, Gents!

The Sydney Youth Orchestra will perform at St Patrick's Parish, Blacktown. Enjoy works both classical and modern, with a hint of jazz as well. Music ranging from Gabrieli to Gershwin, from Beethoven to Bacharach, showcasing the talents of some of the finest young musicians in NSW.



All proceeds go towards supporting the SYO'S forthcoming tour of Spain and Portugal. From 2pm-3.30pm TODAY.

Entry by cash donation.

LANDSCAPING CHURCH GROUNDS: Sean Lillis will speak to interested parishioners about their preferences for landscaping the area in front of the Church Hall, outside the hall on Sunday, 11 June after morning tea.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

for our local Christian Churches this Thursday, 1st June at 1.30pm. Your help in setting up the church (9.30 am) and the Hall (from 12.30pm) and welcoming people would be very appreciated. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Please keep in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- ✠ **Geoff Cliff ~ 30th May**
- ✠ **Kathleen and Alexander Beaver ~ 31st May**

Sacraments of Initiation

The children will meet with Heather Carroll next Saturday (3 June) from 3.00pm - 4.30pm and the parents with Sr Lyn. The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, 18th June. Fr Paul Slyney will officiate.

Please keep Bradley, Peter, Riley and their families in your prayers, and let them know you are remembering them by signing their poster! They will appreciate it!

Mass at Mt Victoria this Friday, 2 June at 7pm. All very welcome.

Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal. A big thank you for your generosity to this appeal last weekend. There are still some envelopes available for those who wish to make their donation. We are just a little off our target.

WELCOMING SUNDAY - 4TH JUNE! As a parish we are well known for the warm welcome we extend to visitors and one another. We are also aware of new parishioners who have moved into our community and feel we need to celebrate, and greet and meet one another – "new" and "old", "weekenders" and "permanents". What better day to do this than on the Birthday of the Church - Pentecost Sunday. We'll gather in the hall after Sunday Mass for morning tea and the opportunity to meet one another, especially, those we may not know, or know by sight and not by name ... possibly some entertainment ... and a light lunch of hot soup and rolls will be served! Whether you can stay or not, to help update our census, would you please fill out the following form, tear it off and place it in a box at one of the doors as you leave the church. *Thank you!*

Family Name: _____ Christian Names : _____
Address: _____ Contact No: _____
Children: _____
A skill/talent... I/we have to offer the community: _____

What might the community be able to assist/or help you with? _____

No. of years in the Parish: 1 year 1-5 yrs 5-10 yrs 10 yrs +