



Acts 12:1-11 Peter in prison
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Paul's faith
Matthew 16:13-19 Peter's faith

Responsorial
 Psalm:
 The Lord set
 me free from
 all my fears.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! You are Peter,
 the rock on which I will build my
 Church; the gates of hell will not
 hold out against it.



Saints
Peter and Paul
Year A

Sometimes a direct
 question can bring us to
 give the right answer,
 even without much
 thinking.

This happens to Peter
 when he acknowledges
 Jesus as the Christ,
 the Son of God.

Jesus commends Peter
 and assures him, and us,
 that such faith is a gift
 of God, which will be
 our rock and strength
 all the days of our lives.

NEXT WEEK: Jesus at prayer
 Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144
 Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Servers

29 June Ray Wood
 4 July Pat Leeder (Mt Vic)
 6 July Jan Roberts

Readers

29 June 1st Reading Julie Hodgkinson
 Ps/Intercessions Gerard Nolan
 2nd Reading Pat Wicks
 4 July 1st Reader Catherine Beaver
 2nd Reader Terry Beaver
 6 July 1st Reading Le Gras Family
 Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family
 2nd Reading Le Gras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

29 June Sr Lyn and Heather Carroll
 6 July Diane Stewart and Anthony Gilchrist

Children's Liturgy

29 June Marie Phillips
 6 July Julie Hodgkinson (School Holidays)

Counters

29 June Robyn and Kevin
 6 July Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

29 June Fiona Evans and Jo Gauci
 6 July Carmel Vanny

Church Care

4 July Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
 11 July Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

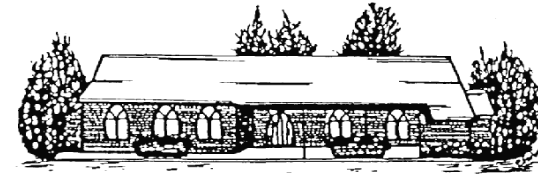
In memoriam:

Keith Johnston ~ 1 July
 Anne Forbes ~ 3 July
 Paddy James ~ 4 July
 Sr Mary Maguire's sister,
 Patricia ~ 4 July
 Paul Zielinski ~ 4 July



Saying 'yes' to life In exchange for my clothes I was
 given the rags of an inmate who had already been sent to
 the gas chamber; in a pocket I found a single page torn
 from a Hebrew prayer book. It contained the main Jewish
 prayer Shema Yisrael, the command 'Love thy God with
 all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might',
 or, as one could also interpret it, the command to say 'yes'
 to life despite what one has to face, be it suffering or even
 dying. Viktor Frankl (1905-1997)

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>

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,

“Peter and Paul symbolise two facets of our Christian community... Paul was the great missionary and Peter was the great leader who held together the earliest disciples. Both were crucial to the Christian community’s expansion and survival.

... Peter and Paul did not always have an easy relationship. ... they disagreed about a fundamental issue in the earliest Christian mission: for whom was the good news of Jesus intended? Peter thought it was just for Jews. Paul argued it was for the Gentiles as well. ...“

Today we need to be careful that in Christ’s name we do not bind things up so tightly that we leave no room for the Holy Spirit to challenge or surprise us. ... It can be about trusting that Christ’s saving love is still at work in unexpected ways with all people everywhere.

Richard Leonard SJ
(From www.liturgyhelp.com)

Blessings, Lyn.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 16 days to go!

Young Catholics have started arriving in Sydney for World Youth Day 2008. It's not too late for you to register and be part of the biggest youth event ever held here. Only by registering as a WYD08 pilgrim can you:

- * be guaranteed preferred seating at the major events;
- * receive WYD08 meals;
- * receive unlimited free rail and bus travel throughout Sydney during the event;
- * receive a backpack with a Pilgrim Guide, Liturgy Guide, Youth Festival Guide, torch, bandanna, WYD08 tattoo, special rosary beads and other event goodies;
- * fully engage with youth pilgrims from all over the world in catechesis sessions, meal times and youth festival events.

It's going to be a great time to be a young person in Sydney. But to fully be part of the event, you have to register NOW and become a WYD08 Pilgrim - like 200,000 others have already done.

Join the journey at www.wyd2008.org
<http://www.wyd2008.org/> or phone 1300 993 793.

The final **Homestay meeting** will be held in the Parish hall at **7pm on Wednesday, 2nd July** with the Homestay Co-ordinator, Anne Hines. It is most important that all homestay hosts attend this meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sacraments of Initiation: Congratulations to Jacinta Laird, John-Paul Lillis, Freya McNair, Edwina Ruse and Brigid White who received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time yesterday. Let us continue to pray for them and their families as they begin to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and first Eucharist.

A Vocation View: Be an example of faith to your brothers and sisters; let your faith inspire others to come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matt16:13-19)

Meet the Pilgrims
~Dinner~
Saturday, 12th July,
Imperial Hotel,
Mt Victoria.

Homestay Week

Magiso8 – A group of pilgrims, between the ages of 20-28, from USA, India and Australia are spending the week in Wentworth Falls at Maria Tal. Margaret Cody is co-ordinating their stay. They will be with us on Tuesday, 8th July. Between 2.00pm and 4.00pm they wish to be of service to us. In groups of two or three, they are happy to do gardening, house-work or assist you in whatever way you like. In the evening, 6.00pm, they would like to meet us over a simple meal, with some shared entertainment – song and dance. If you can assist with the entertainment, set up the hall, provide some soup or damper/bread or a dessert - or have a job for them - please add your name to the poster on the notice board or speak to Sr Lyn.

Branch Assistant

(Part Time - 14 hours per week)

Centacare Catholic Family Services is seeking to employ a person to assist in the functioning of its Kingswood Office.

Duties: Reception tasks, service requests, word processing, data entry, cash supervision and team participation.

Hours: Thursday & Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Salary: Clerical and Administrators
State Award Grade 3.

For essential information packages email amber@centacareparramatta.ngo.org.au
Closing date: 4 July 2008

Please pray for those who are ill:
Marjory Cowell, David Finch,
Roger Johnstone,
Travis Kingston, Jenny Murdoch,
Cec O'Brien,
Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt
and **Marion Walker.**

Ministers of Holy Communion

The organisers of the WYD Closing Mass (Sunday, 20 July) where Pope Benedict XVI will be celebrating are in urgent need of Commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Would you please immediately email World Youth Day Liturgy Team at: liturgy@wyd2008.org with your name & email address by Friday, 4 July.

Are you a young adult Catholic, who attends Mass regularly, and is aged between 18 and 35? Would you be prepared to complete an anonymous survey for a research project which has the purpose of discovering ways of encouraging Catholic practice among young adults? The survey will take no more than 15 minutes of your time. It can be found at this URL <http://apps.acu.edu.au/surveys/index.php?sid=12913&lang=en>

Thank you,

Associate Professor Kath Engebretson
School of Religious Education
Australian Catholic University
k.engebretson@patrick.acu.edu.au

Social Support Worker Centacare Blacktown

Neighbour Aid is seeking a Social Support Worker for a part time position (25 hours p/w) at our Blacktown office. This programme provides frail aged and/or disabled members of the Blacktown community with social support in an effort to improve their quality of life and prevent their premature institutionalisation. Contact amber@centacareparramatta.ngo.org.au for an information package. Applications close: 17 July 2008

Happy Birthday
Judy Harris for 30th June
Norma Longmuir for 4th July
Kate Forbes for 5th July