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Isaiah 55:1-3 Listen and live
Romans 8:35-37-39 God's love triumphs
Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus provides food

Response to the Psalm:
The hand of the Lord feeds us;
He answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! (6x)
No-one lives on bread alone but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

Servers

3 Aug Jan Roberts
10 Aug Ray Wood

Readers

3 Aug 1st Reading Claire Maguire
Ps/Intercessions Elizabeth Giddey
2nd Reading Ian Maguire
10 Aug 1st Reading Julie Hodgkinson
Ps/Intercessions Gerard Nolan
2nd Reading Pat Wicks

Ministers of the Eucharist

3 Aug Ray Wood and Sr Lyn
10 Aug Diane Stewart and Heather Carroll

Children's Liturgy

3 Aug Bettina Le Gras
10 Aug No children's liturgy today.

Counters

3 Aug Julie and Lance
10 Aug Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

3 Aug Margaret Ridoutt
10 Aug Barbara Grieves

Church Care

8 Aug Noeline and Kevin Phelps
15 Aug Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen

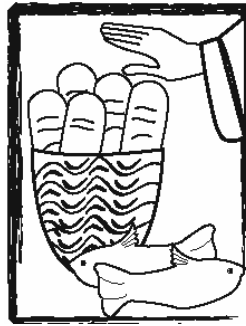
✠ Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: ✠
Catherine Miles ~ 4th August; **Cath Pilkington** ~ 4th August;
Larry Smith ~ 4th August; **Flo Gillette** ~ 7th August; **Maurie Byron** ~ 7th August.

Happy Birthday

Josie Drummond ~ 14 today
Mary Forster for 6th August
Maree Crawford for 6th August
Anne-Marie Bland for 7th August

Please pray for those who are ill:

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

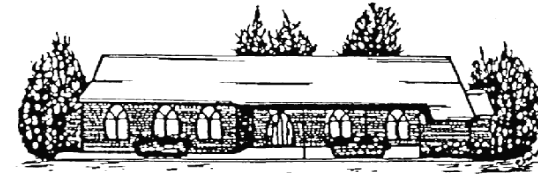


Eighteenth Sunday
Year A

Jesus is saddened at John the Baptist's death and feels the need to be alone. When the people catch up with him, he does not send them away but heals them. His compassionate love reaches out to others and he provides a meal for them from five loaves and two fish. Jesus can do great things with us too, if we give the little we have.

NEXT WEEK: Lord! Save me!
1Kings 19:9.11-13
Psalm 84:9-14
Acts 2:1-6, 14
Matthew 14:22-33

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,

There has been a great deal happening and continues as we prepare for the Bishop's visit and the Confirmation of our five children. We rejoice with them. This coming week is one of special feasts beginning on Monday with St John Vianney – let us pray for the priests of our Diocese on this their feast; Tuesday is St Dominic, the founder of our Congregation; Wednesday - the Transfiguration and Mary MacKillop on Friday. We have also been saddened with Maureen Taylor's sudden death and let us continue to keep her and her family in our prayers.
Blessings, Sr Lyn.

Sacraments of Initiation:

As Brigid, Edwina, Freya, Jacinta and John-Paul prepare this last week to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and first Eucharist and so be fully initiated into the sacramental life of this Community, please continue to keep them in your prayers. You are also invited to sign their posters - in the Church - to let them know you are praying for them. May abundant graces and blessings surround us at this special time for our community.

**Bishop Kevin's Visit
Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist**

Sunday 10 August will be a day of Celebration for our Parish. We shall be rejoicing in the Hall immediately after Mass. **Can you help out with Morning Tea - Light Lunch?** Please fill in the sheet on the Notice Board or call Christa on 4787 5105.

Today 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.

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

UPPER ROOM GATHERING: SUPPORT FOR BEREAVED

The Solo Parents Ministry offers a monthly gathering to give support to those who are over 50 years of age, and who have lost a partner or spouse through death. These gatherings take place in the upstairs room of 8 Victoria Road, Parramatta (corner of Villiers St, entry via Villiers St) on the **2nd Thursday of each month from 11.00am - 12.30 pm.** Next gathering is on 14th August. Please register with Sr Eileen Quade 9890 2968 or equade@bigpond.com

**Episcopal Visitation:
Friday 8th August - Sunday 10th August**

We welcome Bishop Kevin to our Parish.

Friday: 10.30am Mass of Mary MacKillop and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and older parishioners) followed by a luncheon in the hall. If you wish to attend and do not have transport, please ring Joyce (see Care Group brochure) or Sr Lyn before Thursday.

Afternoon: Visit Megalong Valley

Saturday: Men's Breakfast (see notice in bulletin)

Afternoon: Visits - Mt Victoria and Blackheath
Evening: Meet with Parish Pastoral Council followed by Dinner.

Sunday: 9.30am Parish Eucharist - Sacraments of Confirmation and first Eucharist followed by a light lunch in the Hall.

Campion College Open Day: An Open Day for prospective students and people interested in Campion College will be held on Sunday 31 August from 10am-3pm. Details: tel (02) 9896 9300, www.campion.edu.au

Equipment needed: Campion College is starting an adventure club for Catholic youth and needs all kinds of camping gear including access to canoes, kayaks, paddles and life jackets, which can be donated or loaned to the College. If you can assist ph Paul Kennedy 0419 929 140 or Campion College (02) 9896 9300.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 9th August
from 8am - 10am

Guest Speaker:
Bishop Kevin Manning

For catering, please let Christa or David (4787 5105) know today if you will be attending.

Youth Worker

The Diocese of Parramatta is looking for a dedicated young person to join the Youth & Young Adult Apostolate team.

Closing date: 13 August at 5pm. Details: www.parra.catholic.org.au/News/posvacant/htm



Sacred Heart Care Group

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact our Care Group if you think we can help. Call Carmel Vanny on 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell on 4757 2638.

Happy Anniversary
Julie and Lance Hodgkinson
for 4th August

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.

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will be on Tuesday, 5th August at 3.30pm in the Meeting room.