

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 Seek the Lord
1Corinthians 1:26-31 God's surprising choice
Matthew 5:1-12 God's blessed ones

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

3 Feb Ray Wood
 10 Feb Catherine Beaver

Readers

3 Feb 1st Reading Kevin Burns
 Ps/Intercessions Carmel Vanny
 2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson
 10 Feb 1st Reading Carol Drummond
 Ps/Intercessions Gerard Nolan
 2nd Reading Wayne Evans

Ministers of the Eucharist

3 Feb Jan Roberts and Michelle Davis
 10 Feb Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg

Children's Liturgy

3 Feb Julie Hodgkinson
 10 Feb Carroll Family

Counters

3 Feb Robyn and Adrian
 10 Feb Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

3 Feb Monica Van Horen
 10 Feb Robyn Burns

Church Care

8 Feb Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
 15 Feb Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst



**FOURTH SUNDAY
 in Ordinary Time
 YEAR A**

The enthusiasm of the crowds is contagious and many people come to hear Jesus.

His Beatitudes teach us a way of living. It is only by loving Jesus and those around us that we can grow day by day in the Lord's ways.

We are called to be gentle, peacemakers, merciful, humble, and to do what is right.

Then Jesus will be our life and our happiness.

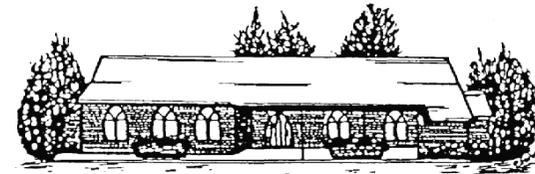
The Retreat in Daily Life: Today we welcome Sr Trish Murray o.p.

Trish will meet with the first group of parishioners to begin their retreat this evening in the Church at 7.30pm, and will meet individually with Trish each day. Their closing session will be on Friday night at 7.30pm. The second group will begin their retreat with a meeting on Saturday, 9th February, at 7.30pm also in the church. Please keep these parishioners and Trish in your prayers during this retreat. It is a wonderful blessing for the whole parish.

The Commissioning and Blessing of our New Parish Pastoral Council will take place in our Eucharist next Sunday.

Next Week: Jesus fasted 40 days
Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7; Psalm 50
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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
Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday	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, 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,

For our Lenten Journey we have chosen the Wollongong Program with its theme of Pilgrimage, "Journey to the Heart". This poem seemed very apt for the beginning of this journey.

Sacred Ground.

*Oh, to have always the
interests of God at heart*

As we embrace each moment of life –

To journey deep into the heart

Of our deepest longing

And find ourselves in the

Holy of Holies

Of where we stand –

To discover the Now moment

Is the Sacred Moment

The gift of who we are

In Love.

Heart Gone Walkabout.

Noel Davis p.127

Blessings, Lyn.

WANTED: New members for the Social Committee.

Our Social Committee is rather depleted and we are in need of members. This committee assists us all to come together and celebrate important events and enjoy our diverse Parish Family. If you are interested please contact Mary Ellen on 47876001.

Happy 23rd Anniversary Chris and Bettina & Gras for 9th February

Happy Birthday

Megan Carroll ~ Today

Laura Carroll ~ 4 February

Mary Cate ~ 5 February

Gerard Gilchrist ~ 6 February

Megan Pickworth ~ 6 February

163 DAYS TO WYD08 Days in the Diocese



As you all know we are hosting a group of pilgrims from Lithuania and, of course, we need to raise funds to give them a bit of Blackheath hospitality.

We are hoping to hold a **Pre-Loved Treasure sale on Saturday, 5th April ending with a cake stall on Sunday, 6th April.** If you want to have a clean out at home and have any trash and treasure items that you would like to give to this sale, please leave them at the office or contact Marilyn on 4787 5276. Please support this fundraiser as it's a great way to have a bit of fun and raise money to support the pilgrims' stay with us during the Days in the Diocese. PLEASE, NO LARGE FURNITURE.



Working Bee Saturday, 9th February starting at 8am.

Contact Dominic Burke on
4787 5367 for more information.

Thank You for your thoughts and prayers following Gavin's accident. He has now recovered. *Noleen Cliff*

The Blackheath Conference of
St Vincent de Paul
will meet this Tuesday, 5th February
at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

Ash Wednesday 6th February. 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service 7.30pm Mass: Celebrant Fr Paul Hanna Ashes will be distributed at both celebrations.

Journey to the Heart – our Lenten Reflections.

Bishop Peter Ingham, in the introduction of "Journey to the Heart" invites us "to reflect on this pilgrimage into the heart of God and into one another's hearts in our Australian context. Pilgrimage is a particularly apt theme for us to explore as we enter into the spirit of World Youth Day 2008 which will attract hundreds of thousands of pilgrims to Sydney to celebrate our faith".

This year we will include the appropriate hymn and other small gems of the Lenten program in each Sunday Eucharist. In each of the gospels we will experience Jesus "on the road". He will be led, will lead, and will meet various people as he, and his friends, journey along the way.

Some books are available at the doors of the Church if you would like to take one per family to share. You might like to take some quiet time on your own, or invite a friend for a coffee and share the reflection, or create a small group with whom you can share these beautiful reflections.

A group will meet in the meeting room every Wednesday for an hour from 9.45am. You are welcome to join in. Come for coffee from 9.30am. Another group is meeting evenings at Wentworth Falls – contact Monica or Brian Bright or could you join Mary Duggan for an evening group in Blackheath. See the notices and add your name and a contact number.

Week One: Stepping out

Theme: The journey to one's own heart is not an easy road. It is, however, also the most incredible pilgrimage we can ever take. People journey the world to find themselves.

Where are we on our journey of self-discovery?

We only begin such a journey when we are restless or discontent.

When do you find yourself getting "itchy feet"?

How can we allow ourselves to feel restless, to allow ourselves to move from a place of security into the wildness where we encounter God anew?

"Oh hidden God, help me believe.

Speak to my heart, Silent One:

Let me hear, in this hunger, Your Voice."

Hymn: Let Me Know Your Love (James Maher msc)

Mt St Mary's Katoomba Class Reunion:

A Reunion Dinner of
**Mt St Mary's College
1968 fourth form pupils**
will be held in April at
Wentworth Falls.

Organisers are hoping as
many former pupils from
that class as possible
will be able to attend.

Please contact
Debbie Gyory (Salon) on
0400 548 219 or Lynne
Watson on 0438 629 275.

Final numbers and payment
required by Friday, 22 Feb.