

TODAY

Acts 1:1-11 Taken to heaven
Ephesians 1:17-23 God's power at work
Matthew 28:16-20 Parting promise

Responsorial Psalm:
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)
"I call you friends", says the Lord,
"you who are my disciples,
I make known to you all I've learnt
from my Father."

Servers

4 May Wayne Kelly
11 May Michelle Davis

Readers

4 May 1st Reading Brian Bright
Ps/Intercessions Anthony Gilchrist
2nd Reading Monica Bright
11 May 1st Reading David Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

4 May Diane Stewart and Julie Hodgkinson
11 May Pat Leeder and Jan Roberts

Children's Liturgy

4 May Carol Drummond
11 May Julie Hodgkinson

Counters

4 May Laurie and Louise
11 May Barbara and Charles

Morning Tea

4 May Janice Lane
11 May Monica Van Horen

Church Care

9 May Pat and Phil Wicks
16 May The Gatt Family



The Ascension of the Lord

After his resurrection,
Jesus appeared at
unexpected moments.

He encouraged the
disciples, assured them
that he was really alive,
and then disappeared
again. They were still
looking for an earthly
kingdom, so Jesus tells
them to wait and pray.

The Holy Spirit will
come and give them
courage to proclaim all
that Jesus has taught
them. Through his Holy
Spirit Jesus will be with
them always.

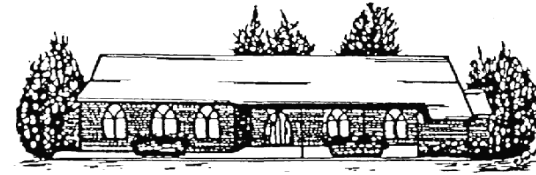
NEXT WEEK: Receive the Spirit
Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103
1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13;
John 20:19-23

A Vocation View: Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. You are being called to share your gifts. (Matthew 28:16-20)

Happy Birthday
Ken Kirkham for 6th May
Nicole Tokoli for 7th May
Annabel Dignam ~ 1 on 9th May

The Blackheath Conference
of **St Vincent de Paul** will meet this
Tuesday, **6th May at 3.30pm** in the
Meeting Room.

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,

At the end of our Eucharist we hear the words, or similar words, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord". We are sent out, just as the disciples were, to bring the good news of God's love to all those we come in contact with. In what ways do we do this? The Summit, p.xxvi **Blessings, Lyn.**

**World Youth Day
72 days to go!
HOMESTAY HOSTS
MEETING**

Interviews at the requested times, this Tuesday 6th May in the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring along the required documents.

Monster Garage Sale 24th and 25th May

- to assist our Lithuanian WYD pilgrims' stay with us.

Goods are growing – almost busting the seams of their present room – but bring along more!!! We need donations of goods for our garage sale. If you have any items, please drop them at the parish hall as soon as possible. To make this a success we need a variety of items to sell. Please help make this a success.

Sacraments of Initiation: As **Jacinta Laird, John-Paul Lillis, Freya McNair, Edwina Ruse** and **Brigid White**, prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, please remember them and their families in your prayers.

The Journey Of The Cross And Icon: Some photos and an article by Dan McAloon, who attended Katoomba and Mount Victoria, appear on pages 16-18 in Catholic Outlook.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

This Wednesday, 7th May at 2pm at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath. Members of the local Christian communities have been invited to join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. If you wish to participate with reading, welcoming, etc., please let Sr Lyn know. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate for afternoon tea and invite your friends along.

Family First Credit Union Support Program 2008 in response to our submission, has donated \$500 towards kitchen equipment for our Church Hall. We are grateful for their generosity.

DWF Pastoral Appeal

Your donations will help support various ministries to assist those in need in our Diocese. These ministries are listed on pp 20 and 21 of this month's Catholic Outlook. This collection will be held on **Sunday, 18 May**. We ask that you support these works with your generous donations.

In memoriam: Percy Potts ~ 9 May and Kathleen Columbine ~ 10 May

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially **Noel Gerathy**, (Sr Jenny's father) and **Matt Coombs**. We pray especially for their loved ones that they may be comforted in this time of deep sorrow.

**Sacred Heart
Parish Dinner**
to be held on
Saturday, 31st May
at **The Manor House,**
Mt Victoria
from **6.30pm.**

Three Course Dinner.
Beautiful surroundings.
Open Fire.

Tickets will be available after Mass on Sunday, 11th May.
Hope to see you there!

Two Changes in the Celebration of the Mass
Firstly, to stand as we respond

"*May the Lord accept this sacrifice...*" at the Preparation of Gifts and, **secondly, to bow** just before receiving Communion – "*in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive.*"

We are requested to make these changes by Sunday, May 11, the feast of Pentecost. If you missed receiving the brochure with more detail about these changes, there are extras in a holder in the Church foyer.

SRE teachers from Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong Public Schools are invited to attend a **Meeting with Veronica Sultana** on Friday, 9th May at 10am in the Parish hall.

REFLECTION MORNING:

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held at 227 The Mall, Leura on Saturday, 10th May from 10am to 12 noon. Theme: **Two Aspects of Love.**

Please pray for those who are ill:
Marjory Cowell, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt, Marion Walker and **Roger Johnstone** (Anne-Marie Bland's younger brother) who will soon begin chemotherapy treatment for Leukaemia.

Blackheath P.W.A. invite you and your friends to a **Tea Towel Afternoon.**

Bring with you an interesting tea towel or 3 if possible and its history to the **Presbyterian Church Hall, Wentworth St, Blackheath on Wednesday, 14th May at 1.30pm** followed by an Afternoon Tea ~ \$7.00. **Contact Joyce (4787 8640) or Milba (4756 2120).**

Dialogue – Where Young Adults Meet: Today 4th May at 7:30pm.

Guest Speaker:
Fr Peter McGrath, Founder of the Family Group Movement
Join other young Catholic adults (20's & 30's) as we discuss the topic - "*A Relational Spirituality in our Busy/Rush/Panic World Today*".
St Francis Xavier Parish Hall,
19 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay
from 7.30-9.30 pm.
Donation is \$5 including refreshments.
For more information go to yucan.org.au.

DIVORCE, SEPARATION AND BEREAVEMENT RECOVERY WORKSHOP
The Diocesan Solo Parent Ministry is offering a series of workshops to assist people to move through their pain and hurt, to heal some wounds, and to recover some self-confidence and hope, following the loss of a spouse or partner. The Recovery Program will run over 7 consecutive Wednesdays, commencing 7th May at 7.30pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1 - 5 Marion St, Blacktown. Donation: \$35.00 for full Program. Bookings essential. Contact Sr Eileen Quade ph 9890 2968 or equade@bigpond.com