

SONG OF GOOD NEWS

(USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

Composer: Fr Willard Jabusch

Open your ears, Oh Christian people,
Open your ears and hear good news!
Open your hearts, Oh royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

***God has spoken to His people, Hallelujah!
And His words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!***

He who has ears to hear His message:
He who has ears then let him hear!
He who would learn the way of wisdom,
let him hear God's word.
(Chorus)

Israel comes to greet the Saviour;
Judah is glad to see His day!
From east and west the peoples travel,
He will show the way.
(Chorus)

Everyone matters

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I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.
(Source unknown)

Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (Responsorial Psalm 122)

FOOD SUPPLIES NEEDED: The Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre provides emergency food assistance to people in need in our community. They are in urgent need of tinned food and already frozen foods to replenish their dwindling stocks. If you can help out, please take food items to BANC in Gardiner Street, Blackheath (just at the back of the community hall) or phone Carmel on 4787 8706 for collection. They would be very grateful for any support at this time.

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(Presenter: Fr John McCall OSA).

**Thursdays - 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August, 7.45pm to 9.15pm,
Augustinian Centre, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Cost: \$80 per course
(or \$20 per session - concessions are available). Supper provided.
Bookings: 9896-6794 or osaspirt@bigpond.com**

MARRIAGE SUNDAY - 26th July:

Our Diocese has designated Sunday, 26th July, to celebrate Marriage Sunday. Married couples from all Parishes are invited to attend an afternoon to celebrate and reflect on the strengths of your relationship achieved during the different life phases in your marriage.

At St Patrick's Parish Hall, Parramatta, Bishop Kevin Manning will begin the afternoon with a short talk and then speakers from Centacare and married couples will share some information and experiences of enriching their marriages. There will also be opportunity for private couple discussion. The afternoon reflection will start at 3pm, include afternoon tea and conclude with Mass at 6pm in St Patrick's Cathedral.

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