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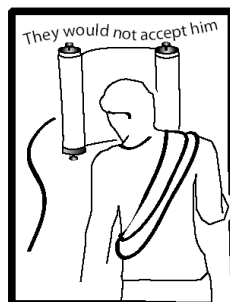
Ezekiel 2:2-5 The Lord speaks
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Grace is sufficient
Mark 6:1-6 Lack of faith

Response to the Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord; pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the Word of Truth and Life.



Fourteenth Sunday Year B

Jesus has been travelling and telling the Good News of God's kingdom, and the people in general have welcomed him.

Here in his own home town, the people are sceptical, their narrowness and prejudice preventing them from accepting him.

We can do the same. Faith leads us to see differently, to recognise the presence and power of Christ in surprising people, places and circumstances.

Servers

5 July Michelle Davis
12 July Pat Wicks

Readers

5 July 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey
Ps/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reading Anthony Gilchrist
12 July 1st Reading Catherine Beaver
Ps/Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson
2nd Reading Terry Beaver

Ministers of the Eucharist

5 July Heather Carroll and Julie Hodgkinson
12 July Carla Endean and Diane Stewart

Children's Liturgy

5 July Carol Drummond
12 July Moira McNair

Counters

5 July Christa and David
12 July Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

5 July Bettina LeGras
12 July Barbara Grieves

Church Care

10 July Robyn and Kevin Burns
17 July Gatt Family

Next Week: The Twelve sent Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

Praying the Gospel Group meet Wednesdays at 9.30am after Mass.

Liturgical Ministers' Roster for 5 July to 23 August is now available.

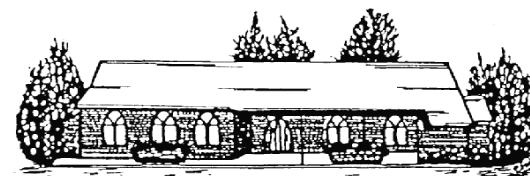
**✠In memoriam✠
Annie Smith**

~ 6th July ~
Margaret Hudson
~ 11th July ~
Maureen Taylor
whose anniversary occurs at this time.

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will meet this Tuesday, 7 July, at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:
Russell Ellis; James Ford; Judy Frazer; Rita Jenner; Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Irene Peacock; Cecily O'Brien; David Ridoutt and Hugo Riggs.

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We wish to acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the original custodians of this land.

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.

Administrator: Fr Bob Sheridan Parish Office hours:
Parish House: 4787 8811 Wednesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.30am - 2.30pm
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8540.
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Communion Service	Monday	9.00am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30am
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am to 10.00am
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd Saturday of month	6.00pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob, Monica Bright (Chair), Adrian Carroll (Deputy Chair) or Chris Le Gras (Secretary).

Care Group - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.
Phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

While we all like to believe that we are perfect, the reality is that we are not! Our imperfections not only affect our relationships with each other but with God as well. This Sacrament is the means given us by Jesus to reconcile us once more to God, and in practice, is one of our least used Sacraments in the present day Church. Here in Blackheath we have allocated a mere half hour a week of a Saturday from 9.30am to 10.00am for parishioners to share in this Sacrament. Seldom is that half hour needed to cater for those wishing to make a confession. We should be aware that anything which separates us from God, be it thought, word, act or indeed, omission, brings with it a requirement for confession by the offending person.

This Sacrament has not been devised to make us feel guilty about the way we are. Rather, it recognises the fact that every one of us, because of our human weakness, periodically needs the sanctifying grace which comes from God and brings us once more to Him. Receipt of this Sacrament of Reconciliation enables God to once more give the fullness of His love to us, first by forgiving our sins and then by strengthening our weaknesses to make us stronger and therefore better able to resist everyday temptations which are part of our normal human life.

The history of this Sacrament dates back to the very evening of Jesus' Resurrection, when he appeared to the Apostles in the upper room, "He breathed on them, and said to them, 'receive the Holy Spirit; when you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven, when you hold them bound, they are held bound'". This power to forgive has been passed down through the generations to all Bishops and Priests in our era.

We all know that serious sin (mortal sin) completely separates us from God, and therefore renders us unable to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. We should also be aware, that every sin however small, separates us from God. If we don't take reconciling action on a regular basis through confession, we run the risk of permanently separating ourselves from our beloved Father. God never ever wants that! So the next move is ours to once more reunite ourselves to Him through this Sacrament of Reconciliation!
God Bless! Fr Bob

Feast Days for this week! (5th to 11th July 2009)

Sunday	St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest (1502-1539), optional
Monday	St Maria Goretti, Virgin/Martyr (1890-1902), optional St. Isaiah, Prophet, Martyr (668BC-770BC)
Tuesday	St Willibald, Bishop (C700-C786) Blessed Peter To Rot, (New Guinea) Martyr (1912-1945), Optional
Wednesday	St Grimbald, Abbott (d.903)
Thursday	St Veronica Giuliani, Virgin (1660-1727)
Friday	St Ulric, Bishop (890-973); Sts Secunda & Rufina, Virgins/Martyrs (260)
Saturday	St Benedict, Abbot (C480-547), Memorial St Olga, Duchess/Widow (879-969)



For your forward planning...

LITURGY WORKSHOP : 1ST AUGUST

Sr Jacinta Shailer sgs has kindly informed our community of a Liturgical workshop to be run by Sr Verna Hollyhead sgs, a renown Scripture scholar, writer and liturgist who will conduct the workshop on Saturday, 1st August, from 10.am to 4.00pm. The theme will be preparing for Advent and the afternoon will take on very practical planning for this beautiful season. If you are interested, kindly place your name on the sheet outside the church. More details will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you, everyone!

Caroline Jones says in her book, *Through A Glass Darkly: 'I try to focus on the blessings I have and wait with a sense of hope. I know that not all things can be resolved and that is where my faith comes in.'* The Madonna magazine provides much wisdom for the spiritual life. (July - August Issue)

Peace and blessings, Monica Bright.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.
from Liturgyhelp online

Happy Birthday

Kate Forbes for today!
Christine Burke for 7 July
Michelle Davis for 7 July
Irene Peacock for 9 July
Robyn Carroll for 10 July

Benediction
with Mass and
Reconciliation
will be held on
Saturday, 11th
July at 9am.

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. Just call Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.

Living Faith: We have a few extra copies of the Living Faith if anyone would like to subscribe to it. Cost is \$16 yearly. Please see Jan Roberts if you are interested.