

TODAY

Isaiah 5:1-7 **The Lord's vineyard**
Philippians 4:6-9 **Peace of God**
Matthew 21:33-43 **The vineyard leased**

Response to the Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Servers

5 Oct Ray Wood
12 Oct Diane Stewart

Readers

5 Oct 1st Reading Jane Nolan
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns
2nd Reading Robyn Burns
12 Oct 1st Reading Terry Beaver
Ps/Intercessions Catherine Beaver
2nd Reading Carol Drummond

Ministers of the Eucharist

5 Oct Jan Roberts and Anthony Gilchrist
12 Oct Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg

Children's Liturgy

5 Oct Moira McNair
12 Oct Elaine Phillips

Counters

5 Oct Julie and Lance
12 Oct Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

5 Oct Michelle Funnell
12 Oct Marie Johnston

Church Care

10 Oct Pat and Phil Wicks
17 Oct The Gatt Family



Twenty Seventh Sunday ~ Year A

The prophets of the Old Testament were sent to prepare the people for the coming of Christ. When Jesus came, he was not accepted by the rulers and elders, but many of the people did believe in him.

The Kingdom of God has been given to us, too. We must nurture our faith so that it will grow and produce abundant fruit for the people of our time.

Next Week:

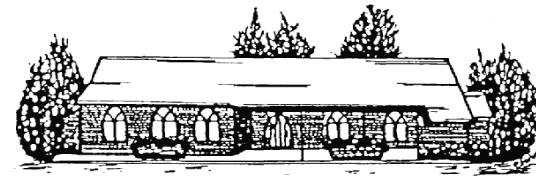
Everyone invited
Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22
Philippians 4:12-14.19-20;
Matthew 22:1-14



Try to imitate the Lord. Regarding the rest of mankind, you should pray for them unceasingly, for we can always hope that repentance may enable them to find their way to God. Give them a chance to learn from you, or at all events from the way you act. Meet their animosity with mildness, their high words with humility, and their abuse with your prayers. But stand firm against their errors, and if they grow violent, be gentle instead of wanting to pay them back in their own coin. Let us show by our forbearance that we are their brothers, and try to imitate the Lord...

St. Ignatius of Antioch (died c.110)

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
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,

As I woke this morning, in the second glorious month of Spring, my thoughts went to Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate Friday, 3rd October. On days like these, it is so easy for our hearts to be joined with Francis in his Prayer of Peace and singing his Canticle of Creation. How appropriate to ask his intercession as we do what we can to continue the renewal of our ecosystem and all Creation. This Sunday, too, we are urgently invited to be proactive in prayer for the protection of the life of the unborn, as changes to the Victorian Abortion bill goes before the Victorian Parliament. "Lord make me an instrument of your peace". Blessings, Lyn.

Day of Intercession ~ Sunday 5th October
Re: Victorian Abortion Law Reform Bill

We are invited to join in prayer:

God of all living creatures, you have given us the whole of creation to marvel in and enjoy. You have given us the gift of life. Help us this day as we call upon the name of your precious son, Jesus, to be compassionate caretakers, especially, of our unborn. We pray for the law-makers of our land that they will uphold the sacredness of human life and reject the proposed legislation before the Victorian Government this week to reform the Abortion Bill. Saints of heaven, come to our aid and intercede for us. Mother Mary, pray for us. Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts to the holiness and value of every human life. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

A copy of some details of the Bill is on the Notice Board.

Come Over to Westmead and Help Us.

The chaplaincy department of the Children's Hospital at Westmead is holding a volunteers' training Course on Tuesdays from 28th October to 2nd December, 2008. We are praying that mature Christian women and men would consider this opportunity for training so that they may be able to assist in the chaplaincy role at this wonderful hospital. Interested??? Please contact a chaplain on 9845 3901; 9845 3902; or 9845 3903.

Catalyst Dinner with Bishop Cremin

I Dream a Church: If I had been ordained bishop 5 years ago? Catalyst for Renewal invites you to a night of conversation on 17 October at Villa Maria Parish Hall, cnr Mary St & Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill (7pm for 7.30pm). Bookings essential by 9 October. Ph: 9990 7003

Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre - Community Consultation

BANC is planning how it might develop its services and contribute to the shaping of the local area. We need to talk to as many residents as possible. Community meetings will be held on **Wednesday, 8th October, 6.30pm to 8.00pm** (Light Supper) and **Thursday, 9th October, 11.30am to 2.00pm** (Light lunch). Venue: BANC, Gardiner Crescent, Blackheath. For further information or RSVP, call Judy Finch on 4787 7770.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our Social Justice Stall raised \$1600.00 last Sunday. This is truly amazing in these tough economic times. We thank you for your wonderful generosity. I would also like to thank all those who assisted me in any way to collect the crafts and to display and pack up the goods. Heartfelt thanks! *Monica - THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP*

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER: After our Eucharist, there will be a brief meeting with the Team Leaders for our Parish Mission. Thank you everyone for your generosity and enthusiasm.

Liturgical Ministry Rosters are now available in the foyer of the Church. Please pick up your copy and mark the date in your diary. If you would like to join one of the ministries, please contact Sr Lyn.

Spirituality In the Pub
Hopes and Dreams:

What are your hopes and dreams for the world and our Church? Join Bishop Manning and Caroline de Mello, Youth Minister at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, for an evening of conversation on 22 October. Penrith City Golf Club, The Northern Road (7.30pm - 9.00pm).

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



Cake and Craft Stall
after Mass today.

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, 11 October, from 10am to 12 noon. Theme: **Claimed for Christ!** Enquiries: 4784 2055

BBQ at NORMA'S PLACE

Monday, 6 October from 11.30am to 4.00pm
97 Evans Lookout Rd, Blackheath. Ph 4787 5906. BYO food and drink. Dessert, Tea and Coffee - \$5 for the Awasa Orphanage.



~Diary Date~
Melbourne Cup Day
4 November at Norma's place.
More details coming soon.

Please pray for those who are ill: Marjory Cowell, Roger Johnstone, Travis Kingston, Chelsey Laird, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt and Marion Walker.

Please remember in your prayers the students who are about to begin the HSC, especially, **Carly Knight, Amelia Nolan and Jessica Wilson.**

In memoriam
George Cora
~6th October~
Annie Woodley
~8th October~

Bailey's Ladies Fashion
Spring/Summer range, Blackheath Uniting Church, **Monday, 13 Oct** at 10.30am followed by a light lunch - Cost \$7. RSVP 4757 1332

Happy Birthday
Pat Wicks
for 8th October
Ellen Carroll
for 11th October