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*Acts 14:21-27 Encouragement
Apocalypse 21:1-5 God with us
John 13:31-35 Love one another*

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Servers

6 May Ray Wood

13 May Pat Leeder

Readers

6 May 1st Reading Gerard Nolan

Ps/Intercessions Pat Waters

2nd Reading Robyn Burns

13 May 1st Reading Le Gras Family

Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family

2nd Reading Le Gras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

6 May Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis

13 May Diane Stewart and Anne Broomfield

Children's Liturgy

6 May Bettina Le Gras

13 May Moira McNair

Counters

6 May Barbara and Bill

13 May Christa and David

Morning Tea

6 May Marie Johnston

13 May Robyn Burns

Church Care

11 May Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen

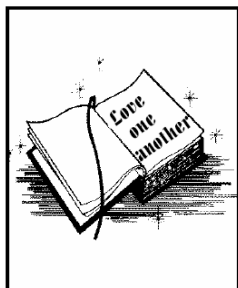
18 May Julie Hodgkinson

A **HOME MASS** will be celebrated on 9th May at 7.30pm at the home of Laurie & Louise Noyes, 8 Days Cres, Blackheath. All welcome.

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

"Love means loving the unlovable or it is no virtue at all."

G.K. Chesterton



5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

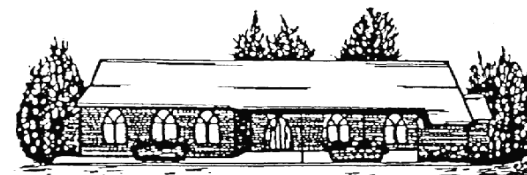
Today's passage is the turning point in John's gospel. Jesus came from the Father abasing himself even to washing his disciples' feet. Yet he declares: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified.' This glorification and ascent to the Father is through his cross and resurrection. At this solemn moment Jesus leaves a final testament, a new commandment that will distinguish his disciples: 'love one another.'

NEXT WEEK: Spirit will come
*Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Psalm 66
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23;
John 14:23-29*

REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held on Saturday, 12th May from 10am to 12 noon at their home at 227 The Mall, Leura. Theme: **"Life. BE - in it."** Enquiries: Sister Mary 4784 2055.

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

9.30 am

Praying the Gospel

Wednesday

10.00 am

Praying the Rosary

Thursday

2.00 pm

Prayer of the Church

Friday

9.00 am

Christian Meditation (one hour)

Tuesday (4787 7098)

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

Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word

1st Friday of month

9.00 am

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, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email D_P_I@telpacific.com.au

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

In Memoriam: **Percy Potts** ~ 9 May; **Kathleen Columbine** ~ 10 May; **Kath Writer** ~ 12 May

**Spirituality in the Pub
What the World Needs Now:
"A Listening Heart"**

Guest speakers:

**Dr Eugene Stockton
Mr Cameron Vigor**

Wednesday 9 May, 7.30pm-9pm
Gardners Inn Hotel, 255 GW H'way,
Blackheath. Bistro meals at 6pm.

We will be holding a
**'Welcome Home'
Morning Tea for
Sister Lyn**

on Sunday, 20 May.
It will be held in the
hall after Mass.
Everyone is most
welcome.
Please bring a plate.
Many thanks,
Anne-Marie
(4787 6325) for the
Social Committee.

Prayers are
requested
please for
**Janet
Dinning,**
a close and
much loved
friend of
Anne-Marie and
Tony Bland.
Janet has
undergone
major surgery
this week.

**Choice Between Impossibles:
Ancient Answers to Current Questions
Good Samaritan
Sesquicentenary Lecture**

Joan Chittister, Benedictine Sister and
best selling author and international
lecturer on contemporary spirituality,
justice and peace will explore the
resources that the Benedictine
tradition offers Christians in our
fractured times.

**7.30 pm Thursday 19 July
Mt St Benedict College,
447A Pennant Hills Rd,
Pennant Hills.
Tickets \$20 (free parking on site)
Bookings: Bernadette Beinke
on 8752 5300**

A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this then all will know that you are my disciples
if you have loved one for another. (Repeat)

**Happy Birthday
Ken Kirkham
for Today
Nicolz Tokoli
for 7th May**

Laudate Dominum

Composer: Jacques Berthier (Used with permission, Word of Life International Licence No. 2201)

Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum omnes, gentes, alleluia.

David will superimpose the verses as we sing the refrain.

1. *Praise the Lord all you nations, praise God all you peoples. Alleluia.*
2. *Strong is God's love and mercy, always faithful forever. Alleluia.*
3. *Alleluia, Alleluia. Let everything living give praise to the Lord.*
4. *Alleluia, Alleluia. Let everything living give praise to the Lord.*

The next meeting for the
**Blackheath Conference
of St Vincent de Paul**
will be on Tuesday 8 May at
3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

An Ecumenical Opportunity

We invite you and your friends
to an Information and
Awareness two hour Session
on Ecumenism.

Guest Speaker: **Catherine Loy**
from the NSW Ecumenical
Council.

Date: Wednesday 9th May

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral
Hall, Marist Place, Parramatta
Contact Yvonne on 9630 4040
for more information. This is
your chance to become more
informed on the progress and
aims of Christian Unity in our
local area and beyond.

POSITIONS VACANT

1. **Human Resources Officer** (full time) for the
Diocese of Parramatta. For information pack tel
Loretta Ring 8838 3400, lring@parra.catholic.org.au
Applications close: 18 May.

2. **Youth Minister** (part time) for St Monica's
Parish, Richmond. Information pack available until
31 May from Parish Office tel 4578 1410,
admin@stmonica.com.au

Diocese of Parramatta Youthfest

'A night of music, sharing and prayer' will be held at
the Morley Centre, Westmead on Saturday 19th May
5pm-9pm. \$5 for dinner pack. RSVP by 11th May
E-mail: youth@parra.catholic.edu.au

CelebrateLoveSeminar

A two day seminar
for married couples
exploring intimacy and spirituality. Celebrate your
differences and be the best you can be...together!
Next seminar - Chatswood or Terrigal, June 9/10.
Cost \$150 per couple includes all materials,
refreshments and meals. Ph 9662 7272 or visit
<http://www.celebratelove.com.au/>

Calling all past WYD pilgrims: In coming issues, Catholic Outlook will feature the stories of
pilgrims from previous World Youth Days (1986-2005). If you would like to share your
experience with readers, contact Jane Favotto, 8838 3409, editor@parra.catholic.org.au