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Acts 4:8-12 Our Saviour
1 John 3:1-2 Love lavished on us
John 10:11-18 The good shepherd

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)
The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: (sung) Alleluia!
“The sheep of my flock”, says the Lord
“hearing my voice, they will listen,
they will follow me, for I know them,
they are mine.”

Servers

7 May Pat Leeder
14 May Jan Roberts

Readers

7 May 1st Reading Anne Broomfield
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns
2nd Reading Robyn Burns
14 May 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey
Ps/Intercessions Peter Ticehurst

Ministers of the Eucharist

7 May Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans
14 May Monica and Brian Bright

Children’s Liturgy

7 May Christa Buckley
14 May Julie Hodgkinson

Counters

7 May Julie and Lance Hodgkinson
14 May Robyn and Adrian Carroll

Morning Tea

7 May Robyn Burns
14 May Dulcie Davis

Church Cleaning

12 May Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
19 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

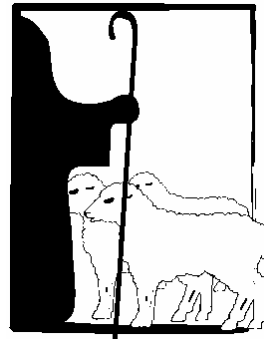
Happy Birthday



Nicole Tokoli for today
Mary Banks for 11th May

NEXT WEEK

Vine and branches
Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21
1 John 3:18-24;
John 15:1-8



**Fourth Sunday
of Easter Year B**

7 May 2006

Jesus follows in the line of David, the shepherd King of Israel. He describes himself as the ‘Good Shepherd’, because he cares for his sheep even to the point of laying down his life for them. He knows and loves his sheep and they know and love him. He equates this knowledge and love to that which exists between him and his Father. How overwhelming this is!

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

✠Percy Potts

9th May

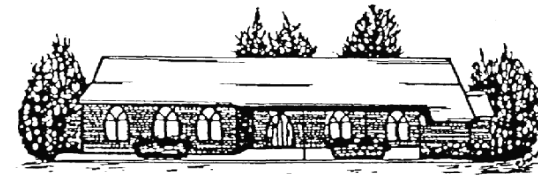
✠Kathleen Columbine

10th May

✠Kath Writer

12th May

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
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

Christian Meditation (one hour) Every Wednesday 7.00 am
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@telapacific.com.au

Dear Friends,

I thought this an appropriate reflection: **The Season of Letting go.** *"It's that time of year again. As I drive down a tree-lined street, I'm captured by the beauty of the greens and yellows, the oranges and reds and I am drawn back to another time. It was a time when I was struggling with many changes in my life and I felt disillusioned, vulnerable and helpless. Each year for me the abundance of Autumn colours become a deep call to trust that each loss in my life holds the seeds of new life."* Sr Yvonne Parker - *Terra Spiritus*. Check out the notice board for Leunig's reflection also on Autumn Leaves. **Blessings, Lyn.**

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations as designated by Pope Paul VI in 1963. Let us take this opportunity to remember and pray for those who have already responded to God's call to priesthood and consecrated life, and to encourage and pray for those men and women whom God may be calling to service as priests, sisters, brothers, deacons or lay ministers.

Next Sunday during our Eucharist we will welcome **Jordy Lee Burke** (son of Karina McGinty from Qld) to the waters of Baptism and a friend of Fr Kevin's will be received into the church.

Week of Reconciliation and Christian Unity

After speaking with a few people we have decided to celebrate an Ecumenical Prayer Service for our local Christian Churches on Friday, 2nd June. There will be a planning meeting this Wednesday at 11.30am in the Meeting Room to share ideas.

If you can't make the meeting and can assist in any way please let Sr Lyn know.

Spirituality in the Pub

Guest speakers: Fr Kevin Bates SM and Sr Jacinta Shailer SGS

"Spirit of place" 10th May, 7.30pm at the Gardners Inn, Blackheath.

Diocesan Works Fund Pastoral Appeal

will be held on Sunday, May 21st. Your donation to this appeal will help support many ministries in our Diocese (see this month's OUTLOOK). Some of these that we directly access include Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Catechists), Institute for Mission (adult faith education and formation), Sacraments of Initiation for Children and Adults (RCIA), Social Justice, Youth Apostolate, Vocations Centre.

Others are there to assist individuals, couples and families, and to meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Please be generous in your support. Envelopes will be available on the seats.

Transport Roster We are looking for someone, living in the vicinity of Govett's Leap Lookout, who could help on our Sunday transport roster as an extra contact, possibly for the 5th Sunday of the month. I take this opportunity of thanking Sean, Colette and family for their service, but whose spare seat has now been filled with little Jeremy. Contact Sr Lyn if you can assist or wish to know more.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, 13th May
8am - 10am.

Come along and enjoy good company and great food especially, Ken's "eggs in pastry rings" among other delicacies.

Special Guest Speaker

- **Barry Roberts**
'Wallaby and Waratah 50's and 60's - Mateship'
To assist with catering, please RSVP Christa 4787 5105 by today.

*Upper Blue Mountains Trefoil Guild
Katoomba Guide Hall, Station Street,
Katoomba (near Council Chambers)*
10am to 2pm, 11th May.

Calling all knitters and crocheters to come and have fun at a 'KNIT IN' to make knitted squares for 'WRAP WITH LOVE'. Lots of fun and entertainment. Stay as long as you wish, just bring your own wool/needles and lunch.

Coffee and tea provided. All enquiries;
Norma Longmuir 4787 5906 or
Jan Roberts 4787 5252.

Social Committee meeting: Wed, 10 May, 2pm
Anne-Marie's home, 85 Godson Ave, Blackheath.
Ph 4787 6325. **All welcome.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A special weekend getaway for married couples in a beautiful tranquil setting. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** offers couples an opportunity to invest time in their own relationship - the most precious gift you can give your spouse and ultimately your family.

Next weekend date: 23-25 June at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa

For bookings/details contact: Maureen & Jim Willson tel. 02 9345 5402 or email jandmwillson@optusnet.com.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

Forum on Stem Cell Research:

7.30pm Wednesday, 31 May 2006 in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. An information evening sponsored by St Patrick's Parish. A panel of speakers will explore and discuss some of the ethical dilemmas surrounding the issue of stem cell research. At the end of each speaker's presentation the floor will be opened to questions from members of the public. A light supper will be served afterwards. Bookings essential: Cathedral Office tel (02) 8839 8400, e-mail: admin@stpatscathedral.com.au

The Sydney Youth Orchestra

Musicians of the Sydney Youth Orchestra are to perform at Saint Patrick's Parish, Blacktown. Enjoy works both classical and modern, with a hint of jazz as well. You'll hear music ranging from Gabrieli to Gershwin, from Beethoven to Bacharach, showcasing the talents of some of the finest young musicians in New South Wales. All proceeds go towards supporting the SYO forthcoming tour of Spain & Portugal. 2pm-3.30pm Sunday, 28 May. Entry by cash donation.

Reflection Morning: The sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet reflection and prayer to be held at 227 The Mall, Leura, on Saturday 13th May, from 10am to 12 noon. Phone 4784 2055. Theme: **Receiving the Spirit for our own lives, the Paschal Mystery.**