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DAY

Ezekiel 33:7-9 **Personal responsibility**
Romans 13:8-10 **Love cannot harm**
Matthew 18:15-20 **Seek to reconcile**

Psalm Response:

If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

'If two of you agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' (Matthew 18:19-20)

Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments. Romans 13:10)

Next Week: God's only Son

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 77 Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Servers

7 Sep Ray Wood
14 Sep Jan Roberts

Readers

7 Sep 1st Reading Gerard Nolan
Ps/Intercessions Pat Wicks
2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson
14 Sep 1st Reading Le Gras Family
Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family
2nd Reading Le Gras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

7 Sep Heather Carroll and Anthony Gilchrist
14 Sep Brian and Monica Bright

Children's Liturgy

7 Sep Frances Huckstepp
14 Sep Carroll Family

Counters

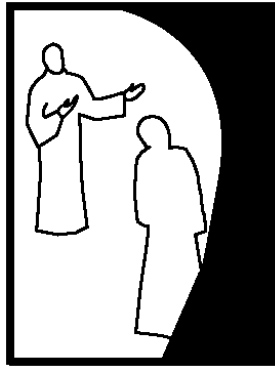
7 Sep Louise and Laurie
14 Sep Barbara and Charles

Morning Tea

7 Sep Carroll Family
14 Sep Fiona Evans

Church Care

12 Sep Robyn and Kevin Burns
19 Sep Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



Twenty-Third Sunday ~ Year A

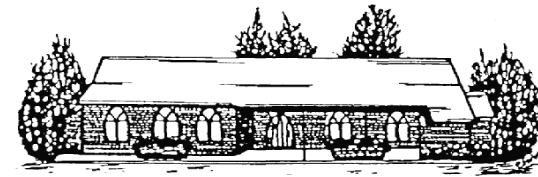
A judgemental attitude towards others never promotes love and harmony.

We can all feel hurt and offended at times, but if we approach that person with kindness rather than anger, there is more chance of peaceful reconciliation.

Jesus asks us to do all we can to promote love, peace and tolerance, and he assures us that he will be there among us with his support and encouragement.

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

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A special thanks to Father Paul Hanna and to those who provided hospitality and took the time to meet and welcome our inspiring Sudanese family of James, Rose, Peter, Flavia and Christine on Migrant and Refugee Sunday. I would like you all to know that Sacred Heart's welcome featured strongly in Kinder and Year 3 News at St Michael's this week. Apparently, Peter went to great lengths to explain that the coolamon was very tiny and it was a symbol of a much bigger one which was carved and used by our Indigenous women to carry their babies in. James and Rose asked me to convey their personal thanks for your warmth and welcome. Although the weather was rather bleak, they could not get over the beauty of our Blue Mountains, the first home of our Indigenous people and our own home. We are truly blessed. My heartfelt thanks to you all. *Monica Bright.*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR SPECIAL DADS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

We give thanks for our Dads who have been called home and for the loving example they have left as a family legacy. The Fatherhood of God is lived out daily in the listening heart of a Dad, the story teller in the family, the Dad that prays with his family and is there to celebrate special occasions with his family. May your day hold many special memories and blessings.

OUR PARISH RENEWAL

DATES: NOVEMBER 8 - 13
To help plan effectively for this time of renewal and blessing we would love a few more to share their gifts on the PUBLICITY TEAM and the HOSPITALITY TEAM. If you are able to assist, kindly place your names on the notice board and back door of the church. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their services. Your generosity is truly appreciated. It is important to know that each Sub-committee has clearly defined roles written by the Team of presenters and it is just a matter of photocopying the data already provided. We do not have to reinvent the wheel. Peace and blessings,
Monica Bright.

Keep in mind on **Social Justice Sunday, 28th September**, that we will be holding our **Social Justice Fair Trading Stall** with all the usual quality crafts for you to purchase at such reasonable prices if you have a few spare 'pennies' to spend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

AWASA DONATION: Thank you so much for your generosity over the last two Sundays for the AWASA collection. We raised \$1,320 to send to the Sisters of Charity for medical supplies for the village. What a great effort from our little Parish.

Scholarship Applications:

Applications are invited from families who would like a Catholic school education for their children, but for whom the cost is out of reach. Applications close on 19th September. For more information contact your local Catholic school or visit: www.scholarship.parra.catholic.edu.au

Ubi Caritas (Composer: Jacques Berthier)

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**Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
Living charity and steadfast love,
living charity shows the heart of God.**



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. Carmel Vanny 47878706 / Michelle Funnell 47572638

CATECHISTS: Reflection Day with Sr Bridie O'Connell. Wednesday, 15th October, 10.00am: Trench Reserve by Nepean River. BYO picnic chair and lunch to share. Contact: Noeleen Cliff.

REFLECTION MORNING

Theme: **'From Sinner to Saint.'**

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection at 227 The Mall, Leura on **Saturday, 13th September, 10am to 12 noon.** Enquiries: 4784 2055.

Evening Mass in Megalong Valley

Saturday evening, 20th September, 7.00pm Mass will be celebrated by Fr John Frauenfelder at St Joseph's, Megalong Valley. All are welcome.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR WYD!

On Sunday evening, 20th September, Bishop Kevin Manning will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Blacktown at 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to join with the youth of our Diocese in thanking God for the many, many blessings we received as a result of the WYD experience. Everyone who was involved in WYD in any way is invited.

Parramatta Marist Old Boys

All ex-students and teachers of Parramatta Marist High School are invited to their **Annual Reunion at the Parramatta Leagues Club** on Friday, 17 October at 7pm. Bookings are essential. Enquiries: Mark Procajlo on 9225 2597.

See Notice Board for further information: St Canice's Primary School Annual Golf Day: 14th September, 12pm tee-off, Katoomba Golf Club. Enquiries to Geoff on 4782 5542.

Inter-religious Dialogue and Ecumenism:

A Certificate course open to all denominations and faiths. Two Saturdays a year. For further information contact the Institute for Mission on 9831 4911 or www.instituteformission.com.au



Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died, especially, **John Doyle** (Catherine Beaver's brother) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ray Thomas ~ 8th September ~
Mary Bland ~ 10th September ~
Mary Johnstone ~ 10th September ~