

Wisdom 9:13-18 Saved by Wisdom  
 Philemon: 9-10,12-17 Giving and receiving  
 Luke 14:25-33 Cost of discipleship

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age of Lord,  
 you have been our refuge.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Praise the Word of Truth and Life.

**Servers**

9 Sep Wayne Kelly  
 16 Sep Diane Stewart

**Readers**

9 Sep 1st Reading Jane Nolan  
 Ps/Intercessions Ian Maguire  
 2nd Reading Claire Maguire  
 16 Sep 1st Reading Julie Hodgkinson  
 Ps/Intercessions Steve Gauci  
 2nd Reading David Buckley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

9 Sep Ray Wood and Pat Wicks  
 16 Sep Jan Roberts and Diana Landsberg

**Children's Liturgy**

9 Sep Sr Lyn  
 16 Sep Confirmation and First Communion

**Counters**

9 Sep Julie and Lance  
 16 Sep Robyn and Adrian

**Morning Tea**

9 Sep Cathy Cavanagh  
 16 Sep Carroll Family

**Church Care**

14 Sep Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst  
 21 Sep Pat and Phil Wicks



**23rd Sunday Year C**

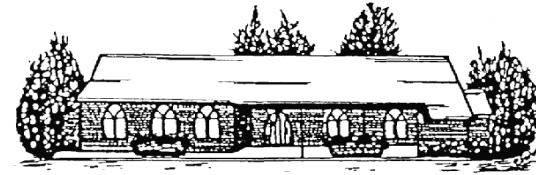
A person undertaking some building needs firstly to assess his resources, and a king marching to war his possibility of success. Likewise, if we wish to follow Jesus we must reckon realistically the cost of discipleship. This may mean choosing between him and something as sacred and precious as family, possessions, or even our life itself for his sake. Where are our priorities?

**Next Week: God's joy**  
**Exodus 32:7-11,13-14; Psalm 40**  
**1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32**

**INTERFAITH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE SERVICE**  
*The 55th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 21st September as International Day of Peace. The Peace Bell at the United Nations Building in New York is rung on this day at 12 noon and we encourage churches and schools to ring bells at midday on 21st September to draw attention to the need for peace.*

**You are invited to join an INTERFAITH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE SERVICE ON FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER AT 10.45 A.M. To be held at St David's Uniting Church Hall 454 Pacific Highway, Lindfield (corner Provincial Road).** People representing Aboriginal, Bahai, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish and Sikh Communities will offer prayers for peace and there will be time for silent reflection. The church bell will be rung at noon. Light refreshments will follow the service. Enquiries: Rev. Manas Ghosh on 9416-2746.

**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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 Parish Office 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com

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

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
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
<b>Mount Victoria - Mass</b>	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm

**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 by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email [sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

Dear Friends,

“On 4th September 1867, a tiny sailing ship, the “Martha Birnie”, arrived in Sydney Harbour from England. After three months at sea, without ever touching land, the passengers were thrilled with Australia – just for being there! On board were 8 Dominican Sisters from St Mary’s Convent, Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) Ireland, bound for a new mission in Maitland, NSW. They arrived at their final destination on 10th September 1867, and so began a new chapter in the Dominican story – that of the presence of Dominican women in Australia...” On the Monday after their arrival they were teaching in St John’s primary school, had set up a day school for older children, opened their account books, and organised catechism classes for adults at weekends! We celebrate and give thanks to God! Blessings, Lyn.



Happy Golden  
Anniversary  
Kevin and Robyn  
Burns  
for 13 September

Let us pray for  
*Katie Hodgkinson and Jason Robb*  
who will be married this Saturday, that the  
blessings of their special day will support  
them in the years ahead. Congratulations to  
*Julie and Lance, parents of Katie!*

**Thank You: Father's Day Appeal** -  
(for retired and sick priests) held last  
Sunday raised \$370.00. We thank you  
for your generosity. If you still wish to  
contribute, you will find envelopes at  
the entrances of the Church. They  
can then be placed in the Sunday  
collection.

**Parish Care Group:** Thank you to those who  
have shared ideas and suggestions and please  
continue to do so. Our next meeting will be in the  
parish meeting room Tuesday week, Sept 18 at  
2.30pm. You are all welcome to attend. If you  
know of local services to add to the list please  
speak to Michelle Funnell or ring the Parish  
Office. Also ring the office if you have ideas in  
relation to the four areas (meals, transport,  
visiting and practical/small job assistance) we  
have named.

**FOR YOUR DIARY:** The Social Committee will  
be booking tables at the Blackheath Golf Club  
Function for **Melbourne Cup Day**. This year it  
falls on Tuesday, 6th November. You will be able  
to book through Anne-Marie Bland (47876325)  
from the beginning of October.

To enrol in the **RCIA** process please  
contact Sr Lyn or the Parish Office  
(47878540) with your name and  
phone number by 23rd September.  
Meetings commence in October 2007.

**Spirituality in the Pub (SIP)**  
“What the world needs now -  
The Courage of Compassion”

Guest Speakers:  
**Julie McCrossin**  
(Freelance journalist,  
broadcaster and trainer)

**Fr Michael Whelan sm**  
(Principal of Aquinas Academy,  
Sydney, Lecturer and Author)

**Gardners Inn,  
G W H'way, Blackheath  
12th September at 7.30pm.**

Enquiries: Elizabeth Giddey  
4787 6198

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a **Journey of discovery**  
deepening both your relationship with Jesus and the Body of Christ  
(the church). Sharing includes discernment on questions like  
**Who is Jesus? What does being a follower of Jesus really mean?  
How will my life change?**

For more information please contact Sr Lyn (4787 8540)  
or Michelle Davis.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Fiona Evans** for 13 September  
**Audrey Gauci** for 14 September  
**Vera Noble** for 14 September  
**Terry Beaver** for 15 September

Please remember in our prayers:  
**Bishop Kevin** who is in hospital with a  
serious infection and is to have surgery  
of his knee, and all those who are ill,  
especially our parishioners.

**Confirmation and First Eucharist:** Sunday 16 September. Our celebrant that  
day will be Fr Chris de Souza. There will be morning tea in the Hall and you  
are invited to bring a small plate of food to share. Let us pray for **Chelsey  
Laird** and **Ethan Kenneth Petra** and their families especially this week.

**Lithgow Parish Renewal**  
**September 9th–13th**  
“**Spirituality for a New Millennium**”  
Dominican Preaching Team  
Each session on a different topic.

**Sessions:**  
**Sunday:** 7.00-9.00pm  
**Monday:** 10am-12pm; 7.00-9.00pm  
**Tuesday:** 10am-12pm  
7.00pm - Family Reconciliation Service  
**Wednesday:** 10am-12pm at Portland  
and 7-9pm at St Patrick’s; and  
**Thursday:** 10am-12pm  
7.00pm Anointing Mass.

**Fr Greg had invited us to attend any or all  
sessions/services.**

Lecture Series - September 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Being Church:**  
**One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic**  
Presenter: Fr. Paul Slyney  
Venue: Institute for Mission, 7pm–9pm.  
Venue: 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown.  
Cost: Donation Ph: 9831 4911  
Website: [www.instituteformission.com.au](http://www.instituteformission.com.au)

**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 19 October at 7.00pm  
Bookings are essential. Enquiries:  
Mark Procajlo 9225 2597

† In Memoriam †

**Mary Bland** ~ 10th September; and **Mary Johnstone** ~ 10th September.

**Blue Mountains Centre for Religious Enquiry:** Professor Barry Leal will speak on  
“The Environment and Christian Faith – Why should Christians Care?” Sunday: September 16,  
2.00pm at the Catholic Church School Hall, Our Lady of Nativity, 254 Great Western Highway,  
Lawson. See poster on notice board. Enquiries 4759 1818