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Isaiah 25:6-10 God's salvation
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Ready for anything
Matthew 22:1-14 Everyone invited

Response to the Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
**Father of Jesus, the Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our heart
let us see how great is the hope
to which we are called.**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

12 Oct Diane Stewart
19 Oct Pat Wicks

Readers

12 Oct 1st Reading Terry Beaver
Ps/Intercessions Catherine Beaver
2nd Reading Carol Drummond
19 Oct 1st Reading Anthony Gilchrist
Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan
2nd Reading Elizabeth Giddey

Ministers of the Eucharist

12 Oct Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg
19 Oct Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans

Children's Liturgy

12 Oct Elaine Phillips
19 Oct Julie Hodgkinson

Counters

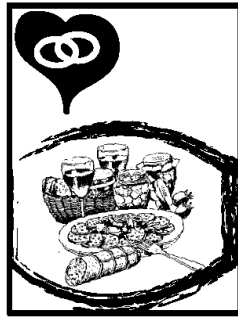
12 Oct Robyn and Adrian
19 Oct Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

12 Oct Marie Johnston
19 Oct Carmel Vanny

Church Care

17 Oct The Gatt Family
24 Oct Noeline and Kevin Phelps



**Twenty Eighth
Sunday ~ Year A**

God is very lavish in his preparations for his son's wedding feast. All is ready, yet the invited guests refuse to come. God has prepared his people for many centuries, and yet they will not accept his son, Jesus. All and sundry, including us, are now invited to be part of the Kingdom. Are we ready to accept his invitation? Do unnecessary things blur our spiritual vision?

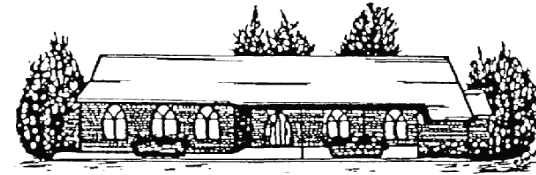
Next Week:

Hypocrisy unmasked
Isaiah 45:1-4-6; Psalm 95
1Thessalonians 1:1-5;
Matthew 22:15-21



Time for God? One has time for so many useless things: all sorts of stupid stuff gathered from books, newspapers and magazines; sitting around in bars and gabbling on the street for a quarter- or half-hour; all these are diversions which waste time and energy like crumbs. As a challenge to the whole day, should it not be possible to put aside a morning hour in which one is not distracted but recollected, in which energy is not wasted but gained? **St Edith Stein (1891-1942)**

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>

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,

With a beautiful wedding in the parish last weekend, we have a parable of a wedding feast in today's Gospel, where invitations are sent out and not accepted. *Have you avoided invitations and what excuses have you used? What are things in your life that preoccupy you and make it difficult to respond to the invitation God offers?* (The Summit p.XVII) Blessings, Lyn.

October Cosmology Morning: At our next Cosmology gathering, 10.00am till noon on **Friday, 17th October**, chapter 14, "The Promise and the Peril" of our book, Quantum Theology by Fr Diarmuid O'Murchu, will be studied. The theme for our quiet meditation will be "**Flowering Faith**". We gather at the Good Samaritan Community, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea as we share together our prayer, insights and concerns. Enquiries: Sister Jacinta - 4757 2290

Marriage Encounter

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings ... Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset ... your marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

31st October - 2 November:
Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa.
Contact: Margaret & David
Connell - 02 9489 4523 or
www.wwme.org.au

Celebrating The Journey

Couples who were married in 1983 (25 years), 1968 (40 years), 1958 (50 years) or in any year prior to 1958 are invited to celebrate their journey with other couples and family members during a special Mass at:

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta
Sunday, 26th October, at 2.00pm.

Bishop Kevin Manning will be the principal celebrant and you are invited to afternoon tea following Mass. Please contact the Parish Office to register your names by 13 October: tel (02) 9630 7788.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Fr Basil Rosen;

Mrs Norrie Anderson

(Fr Bob's mother) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Viktoria Juhas ~ 12 October

Mark Bates ~ 15 October

Eileen Smith ~ 16 October

Tony Van Horen ~ 17 October

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 Wednesday, 22 October. Penrith City Golf Club, Northern Road, Penrith.

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO "COME AS YOU ARE"

PARISH MISSION: NOVEMBER 8 - 13

(see bulletin insert for details.)

Comment from a Parish Participant after their Parish Mission

I would like to thank you all most sincerely for the wonderful week you afforded us all in Maryborough. It was, by far, the most exciting and inspirational renewal program I have ever attended and I feel so blest to have been able to benefit from your great wisdom and obvious love of God. You touched us all in many and different ways and there is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is working great wonders through you all.

Cathy, Australia.



Working Bee - Saturday 25th October: Bring your trowel, bring your gloves and get ready to garden. We want to set the gardens up for a hot summer and get that grass under control. If you can spare a couple of hours or more on Saturday 25 Oct, please join us. Put this date in your diary and we'll see you there!

The Bridge Group are looking for new members. You don't have to be able to play... but it would help. We meet on Mondays at 9.30am till lunchtime in the Parish Hall (cost \$3). If you are interested, please contact Diana Landsberg (4756 2167) or just turn up.

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.

Diary Date ~ 4 November
Melbourne Cup Day
Lunch in the Parish Hall.
More details coming soon.

~**PARISH MISSION**~

Today 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.

Keyboard Wanted:

Do you have a keyboard that is no longer being used and would be happy to donate it to St Paul's Church at Mt Vic? If so, please contact Sr Lyn on 4787 8540.

Happy 63rd
Anniversary
**Barbara & Charles
Hodgkinson**
for 16th October

Happy Birthday
Gregory Nolan
for 17th October
Jessie Kelly
for 18th October

THANK YOU

from the Fundraising Committee
to everyone for their cooking and craft items for the stall last Sunday. We raised \$475.80.
Reminder - Our next fundraiser is the Christmas raffle - Food Hamper.

A Vocation View: You are invited to a rich feast. Don't ignore the invitation. Perhaps you are called to service through ordained ministry or the consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the grace you need. (Matt 22:1-14)