

Malachi 3:19-20 The day is coming
2Thessalonians 3:7-12 Do not be idle
Luke 21:5-19 Endurance will triumph

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Servers

18 Nov Wayne Kelly
 25 Nov Catherine Beaver

Readers

18 Nov 1st Reading Claire Maguire
 Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan
 2nd Reading Ian Maguire
 25 Nov 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
 Ps/Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson
 2nd Reading Steve Gauci

Ministers of the Eucharist

18 Nov Ray Wood and Pat Wicks
 25 Nov Jan Roberts and Diana Landsberg

Children's Liturgy

18 Nov Marie Phillips
 25 Nov Frances Huckstepp

Counters

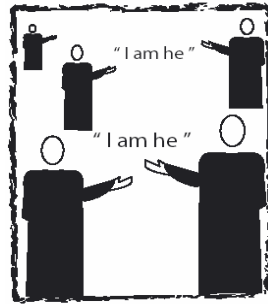
18 Nov Julie and Lance
 25 Nov Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

18 Nov Jan Roberts
 25 Nov Bettina Le Gras

Church Care

23 Nov Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
 30 Nov Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst



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People have always looked for signs of the end of the world. Jesus tells us not to be deceived. Terrible things will continue to happen, but we live in God's world and he does not abandon us. The trials of life present us with opportunities to witness to God's faithfulness and healing love. Faithful endurance on our part will win us life with God forever.

Next Week: Kingdom promised
2Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121
Colossians 1:12-20;
Luke 23:35-43

Happy Birthday

Wayne Evans
 ~ 40 Today ~
Craig Huckstepp
 ~ Today ~
Monica Le Gras
 ~ 23 November ~

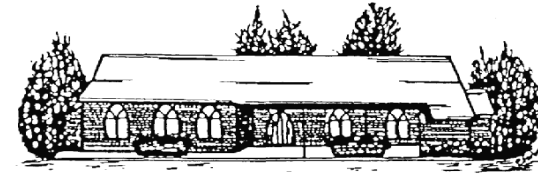
Is your child attending St Columba's next year or do you know someone who is?

Any Year 6 child enrolled to attend St Columba's Springwood in 2008 is invited to attend a Transition into High School Camp with the Parramatta Young Christian Students (YCS). The aim of the camp is to assist your child in making the transition from Year 6 into High School. At the camp, students will have the opportunity to meet older students from St Columba's as well as other new students. The camp will run from 6pm on Friday, 7th December to 4.30pm on Saturday, 8th December. If your child is at this stage or you know of someone who is, please contact Sr Lyn or the Parish Office for information.



In memoriam:
 ~John Broomfield~
 23rd November

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
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

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

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel uses language known as "apocalyptic", commonly used at the time, to explain the end of time. The language is symbolic and should not be read literally. Ultimately, this text is designed to give faith and hope to those who were suffering persecution. God will protect and sustain them. Recall a time of chaos or turmoil in your life. What sustained you or gave you strength through this difficulty? The Summit Blessings, Lyn.

WORKING BEE Saturday 24th November Commencing 7am

As we are approaching Christmas and the warmer months of the year, the grass and weeds are growing faster, and are starting to get out of control.

The following is a list of jobs that need attention, either on the Saturday or if you may not be available on the Saturday, during the week:

(Choose the job that suits you).

Church Area:

Garden weeding, Cleaning drains, lawn mowing, hedge trimming.

Hall Area:

Lawn mowing.

House Area:

Gutter cleaning, lawn mowing, hedge trimming.

Lower block area:

Removal of fallen branches.

We would expect one further working bee before Christmas, mainly to keep the grass under control.



Christmas Raffle

~HAMPER~

A list for suitable items is on the notice board and small books of tickets are available. Thank You.

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR NEXT SUNDAY ~ 25 NOVEMBER

To help with making Father Kevin's last (regular) Mass with us a really special Celebration, we want to create something special with our floral arrangements. If you have lots of lovely blooms in your garden and would like to share them with the Parish, please see or contact Anne Hartigan (4787 8618).



Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Les Thomas (Yvonne's husband)
Kevin Eastmure (Sr Lyn's Dad); and
Travis Kingston (Mary's Husband).

Persevere in the way

If you seek to know what path to follow, take Christ because he is the way: 'This is the way, walk in it.' Augustine, too, has this to say: 'Walk in the man and you will arrive at God.' Now, it is better to limp in the way than to make good speed beside the way. For he who limps in the way, even though he makes little progress, draws nearer to the destination; whereas he who walks away from the way gets further from the destination the faster he runs.

St Thomas Aquinas (c.1225-1274)



FAREWELL TO FATHER KEVIN BATES

Next Sunday will be the last time that Father Kevin will be leading us in our Eucharist.

After a special Liturgy we shall adjourn to the hall to continue the celebration of Kevin's wonderful Ministry in Blackheath.

To ensure there will be sufficient "fare" for our Morning Tea/Early Lunch, please add your name to the catering list which is on the Notice Board. If you would like to bring along that special recipe, please feel free to do so. Any queries to Christa - 4787 5105.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish AGM will be held immediately after Mass on **Sunday, 2 December**. The deadline for Agenda items is 4pm this Wednesday, 21 November. Please ensure these are with Sister Lyn or David Buckley before this time.

Christmas Stall: Come and support the Trading Circle after Mass. Buy the gift that gives twice. Credit Card facilities available.



FAREWELL PRESENT FOR FR KEVIN

If you would like to contribute to the Parish's 'Thank You' present for Father Kevin, please hand your donation to Sister Lyn or any one of the Parish Council.

Happy Anniversary

Tony and Maræ Crawford ~ 21 November

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

Our last Breakfast for the year will be on Saturday, 8 December, commencing at 8am. As always, great food and great company! Our speaker will be **Gerard Nolan**. Gerard has titled his talk: **"A tapestry of thought on the Mass as a central activity of the life of the Parish"**.

Carols in the Park

Sunday, 9 December. More details soon!

Celebrating the Family ~December 9~

After a wonderful day last year, once again we are offering a Kindy Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass. You can leave your pre-school children in the Parish Hall from 9.20am onwards where they will be supervised and entertained with some fun Christmas activities.

Your primary school aged children have the opportunity to reflect and discuss the Sunday Scripture Readings at their Children's Liturgy.

A leader will invite the children to go with her to the meeting room for the first part of Mass and we will come together for a Special Family Blessing. Then, we hope you will join us for a Family Picnic at Blackheath Pool Park (BYO lunch), games for all the family and you may decide to take the family for a swim.

If you can assist in any way or have ideas to share, Sr Lyn would love to hear from you! Invite family members, friends and neighbours!