

FOOD

*Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 Wickedness unmasked
Hebrews 12:1-4 Don't let sin prevail
Luke 12:49-53 Division inevitable*

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, come to my aid; do not delay.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Servers

19 Aug Ray Wood
26 Aug Michelle Davis

Readers

19 Aug 1st Reading Terry Beaver
Ps/Intercessions Catherine Beaver
2nd Reading Pat Wicks
26 Aug 1st Reading Ron Davis
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns
2nd Reading Robyn Burns

Ministers of the Eucharist

19 Aug Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg
26 Aug Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans

Children's Liturgy

19 Aug Bettina Le Gras
26 Aug Moira McNair

Counters

19 Aug Barbara and Charles
26 Aug Monica

Morning Tea

19 Aug Jan Roberts
26 Aug Bettina Le Gras

Church Care

24 Aug Robyn and Kevin Burns
31 Aug Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Caritas Australia - South East Asia Floods: These are the worst floods on record in the region and yet the plight of so many people remains invisible in our media. The scale of devastation from the 2007 monsoonal rain has gone beyond what communities and governments usually cope with. Caritas Australia is working with local partners in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan providing emergency relief, food, clean water, emergency shelter and medical support. Caritas partners are paying special attention to issues of clean water and the threat of water-borne disease—common dangers during floods due to water runoff and contamination of wells, ponds and other water sources. If there are any parishioners wanting to donate to Flood relief in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal please contact Sr Libby Rogerson or call the Caritas hotline on 1800 024413, visiting www.caritas.org.au or else by posting a cheque/money order to Caritas Australia, 19 MacKenzie St, Nth Sydney 2060.

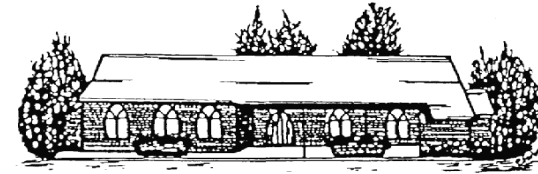


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Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem. He tells his disciples that he must receive another baptism – his passion and death. This prospect fills him with dread. His teaching and the scandal of the cross will divide his fellow Jews, the religious authorities, families, even his own relatives. But through it all 'let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.'

Next Week: Many in the Kingdom
*Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13;
Luke 13:22-30*

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
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,

If we could choose our own scripture texts each Sunday, chances are that we would choose comforting texts about joy, love, peace and reward. We would probably be slow to choose more challenging or unsettling texts that are less user-friendly. Today's gospel then, is a gift. ... *A blazing bushfire cannot be ignored. No one can remain inactive, neutral or uncommitted. So with the words of Jesus! His message ... would meet growing opposition and aggression. We, too, must take a stand for or against Jesus. (Break Open the Word 2007 pp 122/3)*
Blessings, Lyn.

Weekly Envelopes:

Your weekly envelopes for the ensuing year 2007-08 are now available at the Church Porch. If you do not have a set of envelopes and wish to take a set, please do so. Thank you to all those who have been giving through the envelopes and, especially, those folk taking envelopes for the first time last week. Remember the weekly envelopes are the lifeline of our Parish.

DWF: Today is the first of our three collections of the Diocesan Works Fund for 2007-08. Our quota for each collection is \$1,607. You will find envelopes on the seats and you are asked to make a contribution that will assist the many diocesan organisations reaching out to those most in need. You may like to take the envelope home with you and return it next week. Any donation will be gratefully received.


Parish Care Group: Both meetings went very well and I thank those who were able to attend and/or passed on their ideas. We are putting the information together and in the near future we will share this with you all.

Commission of Ecumenical & Interfaith Representative: Thank you **Gabrielle Byrne** for volunteering to be one of our two representatives for this important group. We would like someone else as well. Please contact Sr Lyn if you are interested or if you would like further information.

GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER: When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds and our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a great benign Power in the universe whose name is God, and he is able to make a way out of no way, and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. This is our hope for becoming better people. This is our mandate for seeking to make a better world.



Martin Luther King (1929-1968)

 Happy Birthday
Cze O'Brign
for 23rd August

REFLECTION MORNING:

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held in their home at 227 The Mall, Leura on Saturday, 8th Sept, 10am - 12pm.
All welcome.

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Music and Additional Words by Rev. Carey Landry
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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

*Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.*

(1) You were chosen by the Father, you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one. *Gentle...*

(2) Blessed are you among women, blest in turn, all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits, blessed they with gentle hearts. *Gentle...*

Thank you
to the community
for your sympathy
and concern since
Barry's death.
I do appreciate
your
kindness.
*Anne
Hartigan.*



AUGUST 26: REFUGEE & MIGRANT SUNDAY

The Majok Family with their four children from St Michael's Community will join us in our Eucharist and share their story as Sudanese Refugees. We would appreciate it if you could bring a plate of hospitality and join us in the Parish hall for a cuppa following Mass.
Our sincere thanks, The Social Justice Committee.

Diocese of Parramatta Social Justice Commission

You are invited to a light meal and to hear
ACM Women Respond to Government Action
Monday 3 September 2007
The Parish Hall, Swanston Street, St Marys.
RSVP: Libby Rogerson - 8838 3413 (by 27 August)

Remember in our prayers all who are sick at this time, especially, **Paula and Cy Schreiber, Cec O'Brien and Travis Kingston.**
Also, those who have died, especially **Roma Ward** and all parishioners and our relatives.

Blackheath Spring Festival - 60 Years: If you have been involved in the Blackheath Spring Events over the years, you are invited to attend a luncheon, Monday 17th September at midday in the Baptist Hall. Please let Sue Gracey know this week if you would like to attend. Also, speak to Sue if you have any photos associated with the Festival you are prepared to lend for a display.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING TODAY

following our Eucharist and a cuppa in the hall.
All welcome.

Meditative Prayer Service

using Scripture and Taizé music
Saturday 25th August from 2pm-3pm in the Church.
All welcome.