

Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom's feast prepared
Ephesians 5:15-20 Always be thankful
John 6:51-58 Bread of life

Responsorial Psalm: O Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: (sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Servers

20 Aug Pat Leeder
 27 Aug Wayne Kelly

Readers

20 Aug 1st Reading Le Gras Family
 Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family
 2nd Reading Le Gras Family
 27 Aug 1st Reading Brian Bright
 Ps/Intercessions Dominic Gilchrist
 2nd Reading Monica Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

20 Aug Diane Stewart and Anne Broomfield
 27 Aug Anthony Gilchrist and Jan Roberts

Children's Liturgy

20 Aug Susan Kerr
 27 Aug Anne Broomfield

Counters

20 Aug Louise and Laurie
 27 Aug Irene

Morning Tea

20 Aug Jan Roberts
 27 Aug Bettina Le Gras

Church Care

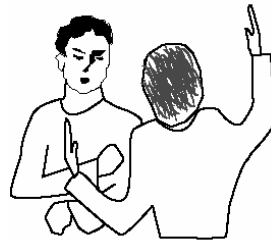
25 Aug Pat Waters and Phil Wicks
 1 Sep The Gatt Family

Next Week:

Do you believe?

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18;
Psalm 33 Ephesians
5:21-32; John 6:60-69

See Notice board for further details re: 2006 Ann D Clark Lecture: Judy Petch, Acting Assistant General Manager, Office of School Education: Learning to Lead - 7 Sept at 7.30pm (Parramatta). Edmund Rice: Business Ethics Initiative: Howard Harrison: Ethics and the Law - 20 Sept at 7.00am (Lidcombe).



How can this man
 give us his flesh to eat?

Twentieth Sunday Year B

in a nutshell

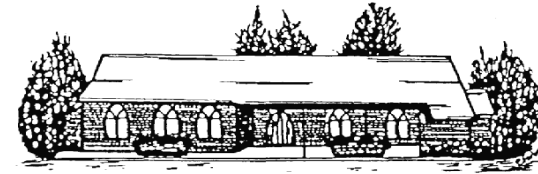
To receive the Eucharist is not just to eat a wafer of bread and drink a sip of wine. By faith we believe that it is truly transformed and becomes for us the Body and Blood of Christ. This is so that we will live in him and he in us, in as close communion and sharing of life with him as he is with the Father.

Young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship Program - Canberra - 1st Feb to 20th May 2007. Applications close 25th August 2006. Info phone 6201 9867 or website: www.cacw.catholic.ord.au



Cec O'Brien
 for 23 August
Monica Van Horen
 for 26 August

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: shbheath@hermes.net.au

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
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Wednesday	7.00 am
	Friday	4.30 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
Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word	1st Friday of month	9.00 am

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 Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email D_P_I@telpacific.com.au

Dear Friends,

I received this email during the week:

... *"I came with Father Walter to Sacred Heart 9.30am Mass last Sunday. I just wanted to congratulate you and your fellow parishioners on such a beautiful liturgy in a very warm and obviously caring community. I felt very much at ease and was welcomed by many people. I watched in awe before mass started. The noise level in the church was fantastic! The true caring nature of friends greeting friends and those catching up with others was a true example of Eucharist. I belong to a very large parish... and while I love my parish, I wished for the intimacy that you all share."*

May we continue to be the Body of Christ for others and one another.

Blessings, Lyn.

Diocesan Works Fund August Appeal:

This appeal will be held next Sunday. It supports many ministries that reach out to those in great need, in the Parramatta Diocese. Our quota is \$1473.00. I thank Barbara Grieves for generously organizing this appeal in the past and I am happy and grateful to now hand it onto Phil Wicks.

Today we welcome to the waters of Baptism **Caitlin Alexandra Evans** and **Dominic Andrew Deegan**. A special morning tea will follow Mass.

Next Sunday is Refugee and Migrant Sunday. We are reminded to thank God for the diversity of people in our nation and to celebrate this diversity. The Church, like the nation, is made up of people from many different countries, with different languages and customs. In his message this year, Pope Benedict XVI, warns us against disregarding the reasons why asylum seekers and refugees leave their native lands:

"The church sees this entire world of suffering and violence through the eyes of Jesus, who was moved with pity at the sight of the crowds wandering like sheep without a shepherd (Matt 9.36). Hope, courage, love and "creativity in charity" must inspire the necessary human and Christian efforts made to help these brothers and sisters in their suffering."

NSW Ecumenical Council
anticipating Refugee and Migrant Sunday invites you to an evening with **Dr Frank Brennan S.J.** (Australian Catholic University) and **Dr Eileen Pittaway** (UNSW Centre for Refugee Research)
Topic: Asylum: Benchmarking Australian Values?
at Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield on Wed 23 August from 7pm to 9pm. Refreshments: 6.15pm. Donation: \$7
For catering RSVP Kathy Moroney kmoroney@ncca.org.au or 9299 2215.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: **Fr Peter William's father, Ted.**

Ex-students, Present and Past Pupils of Newtown are invited to attend our Parish Reunion at **St Joseph's Church, Newtown** on Sunday, 17 September, commencing with Mass at 10am.

Next Sunday we will be giving **Fr Kevin Bates** a **surprise morning tea** to celebrate his **60th birthday** (which happened on 13th August). Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Meditative Prayer Service using Scripture and Taizé music - Saturday 26 August at 2pm.

Christmas Concert at Mt Victoria

Ron and Noelene Kong from Mt Victoria General Store are keen to have a Christmas "Rock" Concert in town on 17th December. Entry will be by donation with funds going to the local school. Ron has experience with music and performance and is particularly looking for people to help with lighting, stage direction and any expertise with staging. If you can help or know someone who can, please call Ron on 4787 1231.

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY 26 AUGUST AT 8AM
Come along and enjoy a hearty breakfast and great company!
Celebrity Guest Speaker ~Pat Drummond~
For catering, please let Christa or David Buckley know if you are coming phone - 4787 5105.

CARITAS SPECIAL LEBANON APPEAL
Again the generosity of our parishioners has shone! A total of \$1103.15 was donated. **THANK YOU!!**

Pastoral Formation Course 2007 – a holistic approach to adult faith formation in the areas of Spirituality, Scripture, Theology and Ministry.
If you haven't already taken a brochure, you will find them in the bulletin boxes at each of the church doors. The advantage of doing it next year is that the venue will possibly be Lawson (especially as 20 of their parishioners have expressed interest).

In considering where our parish might be in another 5 or 10 years I think this course is offering an opportunity for parishioners to gain those basic skills, knowledge and confidence to take on more responsible roles in parish ministry. Please take a little time to prayerfully consider attending this Course ... or you might like to recommend another parishioner recognizing a particular gift or talent he or she has. I would like to hear from you by the end of the month.

Pastoral Formation Course 2007:
Name: **I am interested in the possibility of doing this Course. Contact No.**
I would like to recommend**be asked to consider this Course as I recognize**
Please return by the end of the month to Sr Lyn – on the plate or the green box in the Sacristy. Thank you.