

Amos 8:4-7 God sees injustice
1 Timothy 2:1-8 God our Saviour
Luke 16:1-13 Home truths

Responsorial Psalm: **Praise the Lord; who raises up the poor.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Servers

23 Sep Ray Wood
30 Sep Pat Wicks / Jan Roberts

Readers

23 Sep 1st Reading Wayne Evans
Ps/Intercessions Carol Drummond
2nd Reading Gerard Nolan
30 Sep 1st Reading Le Gras Family
Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family
2nd Reading Le Gras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

23 Sep Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis
30 Sep Jan Roberts and Sr Lyn

Children's Liturgy

23 Sep Sr Lyn
30 Sep Frances Huckstepp

Counters

23 Sep Barbara and Bill
30 Sep Christa and David

Morning Tea

23 Sep Fiona Evans and Jo Gauci
30 Sep Barbara Grieves

Church Care

28 Sep The Gatt Family
5 Oct Noeline and Kevin Phelps



25th Sunday Year C

Jesus warns us that no servant can be the slave of two masters. Who or what is our master?

Is it wealth, possessions, ambition, prestige, comfort, security?

Or is Jesus our wealth, he who became poor for our sake?

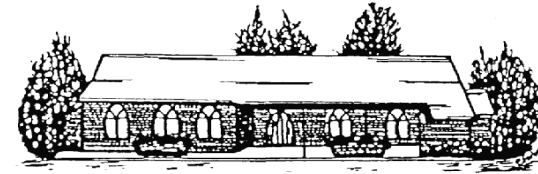
Are we astute enough to share our riches, our time, our talents with the poor and disadvantaged of our world? If so, then we are winning friends for eternal life.

Next Week: **Tables turned** Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 145 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

World Youth Day 08 ~The Cross & Icon ~ Where are they now?

This past week they have been in the Cairns Diocese, journeying into Cooktown • Lotus Glen Correctional Centre • Great Barrier Reef by Navy Transport • Rosie's Street Mission • Torres Strait and Thursday Island before proceeding to the Diocese of Darwin on the 26th September. Check out the map in the Church and add the names of any young people you know, particularly, if living in the relevant areas, to our scrolls. Let us all continue to pray for our young Australians during this time. **296 days to go WYD08 Sydney.**

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,

Next Sunday is Social Justice Sunday. The theme for 2007 is *Who is my Neighbour? Australia's role as a global citizen*. The chairman's letter calls us to "contemplate the faces pictured on the cover ... of the Statement or poster. Each one of these people is unique. Their experiences and the particular circumstances of their joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties are likely to be just as diverse. But through this amazing diversity, we are all brothers and sisters of this world - created in the image and likeness of God. The life we share is sacred and our human dignity is to be respected. ... Like the lawyer ...we might ask ourselves, "Who is my neighbour?". As individuals and as a nation, we are invited to consider the response Jesus gave in the parable of the Good Samaritan." *Christopher Saunders, DD.* Blessings, Lyn.

Confirmation and First Eucharist: We give thanks for the blessings of last Sunday and again congratulate **Chelsey Laird, Ethan Petra** and their families. We pray that they will continue to grow in the love of Jesus and share the gift of Eucharist with one another. Thanks again to Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis for their care of these families and to all who contributed to the morning tea and to making the day a wonderful parish celebration.

Wedding Congratulations: We rejoice with **Alex and Matt Hendry** on their marriage yesterday, pray that their future together will continue to be blessed with happiness and by their joyful commitment to one another.

Celebrating the Journey: Speaking of weddings – each year our Diocese recognises and publicly celebrates the **25th, 40th and 50th(+) anniversaries of married couples**. If you are one of these couples, you are invited to celebrate the journey with other couples and family members during a special Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, Sunday 28th October at 2.00pm. Bishop Kevin will be the principal celebrant and afternoon tea will follow Mass. Please contact Sr Lyn or Marilyn at the Office to register your names by 15th October.

**Happy Anniversary
Marion
&
John
Crowley
for
29th
September**

Happy Birthday
Roslyn James,
Barry Leeder
and
Helen
Chadwick
who celebrate
their birthdays
TODAY.

Please remember in your prayers: Parishioners who have had operations during the week: **David Ridoutt** and **David Caplice**, and recently, **Iris Austin**, Ken's wife. We pray for their recovery and for the well-being of parishioners and our loved ones who are ill at this time.

The Fundraising Committee will be holding a **Cake and Craft Stall** after mass on the October long weekend, Sunday, 30th Sept. Donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. Please have all items priced and ready for sale.

Parish Care Group: You will find a copy of the brochure for our Sacred Heart Care Group in the bulletin. We really want your feedback, so you are asked to complete the "tear off" section and return it by 14th October, either to the Parish Office or place it in the collection plate on Sundays. We have also gathered information of the many services that are available in the Blue Mountains area which we will soon make available to you. There are extra brochures at the church doors for you to take and pass on to anyone you know who may not be able to come to our Sunday Eucharist.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY : SEPT 30 - For morning tea we invite you to share in the tea and coffee from Embraces Comercio Justo, Wentworth Falls. This shop sells Fair Trade Tea and Coffee from Colombia, Ethiopia and East Timor along with other interesting artefacts from struggling countries. Information will be available for you should you wish to purchase your own beverages in the future. Our special thanks to two of our parishioners for sponsoring our cup of hospitality for this Sunday.

Also on sale will be toys and Christmas cards made in the Philippines and sponsored by The Good Shepherd Sisters of Ashfield. So, if you can spare a few extra dollars you are sure to delight someone in your family or friends and also support communities struggling to survive. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.
THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



A genuine offering:

If anyone shall endeavour to offer a sacrifice merely to outward appearance, while in his soul he does not assign to his neighbour that fellowship with him which is right and proper, nor is under the fear of God – he who thus cherishes secret sin does not deceive God by that sacrifice which is offered correctly as to outward appearance; nor will such an oblation profit him anything... It is the conscience of the offerer that sanctifies the sacrifice when it is pure, and thus moves God to accept the offering as from a friend.

St Irenaeus (c.140-202)

Check Out the Notice Board on the verandah for the following information:

- Commission for WOMEN: Balancing Work, Life, Faith and Family - Sunday 21 October
- Living with Memory Loss Program: 3 -14 November, Wentworth Falls.
- Ecumenical and Inter-faith Seminar Saturday 20 October - "Called to Be the One Church"
- Catholic Institute Sydney for Theology and Ministry – Open Night 19 October - Strathfield
- Marriage Encounter Weekend dates – October (2007) and March (2008)
- Catalyst Dinner; Guests: Michael Whelan and Geraldine Doogue, Hunters Hill - 19 October

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING:

Our next meeting will be held **TODAY** after Mass and a cuppa in the hall. All are welcome.
The Social Justice Group

**In Memoriam
Amanda Saran**
24th September
Ivan Naraj
25th September
Fr Don Griffin
27th September