

**TODAY**

*Acts 8:5-8,14-17* Message welcomed  
*1Peter 3:15-18* Reverence Christ  
*John 14:15-21* With you forever

Responsorial Psalm: **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)**  
**Father of all, you are blessed, creator of earth and heaven, for the mysteries of the kingdom shown to children.**

**Servers**

27 Apr Pat Wicks  
2 May Diane Stewart Mt Victoria  
4 May Wayne Kelly

**Readers**

27 Apr 1st Reading Le Gras Family  
Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family  
2nd Reading Le Gras Family  
2 May 1st Reader Maria Cora  
2nd Reader Therese Gatt  
4 May 1st Reading Brian Bright  
Ps/Intercessions Anthony Gilchrist  
2nd Reading Monica Bright

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

27 Apr Jan Roberts and Sr Lyn  
4 May Diane Stewart and Julie Hodgkinson

**Children's Liturgy**

27 Apr Bettina Le Gras  
4 May Carol Drummond

**Counters**

27 Apr Robyn and Kevin  
4 May Laurie and Louise

**Morning Tea**

27 Apr Carmel Vanny  
4 May Janice Lane

**Church Care**

2 May Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst  
9 May Pat and Phil Wicks



**6th Sunday of Easter**

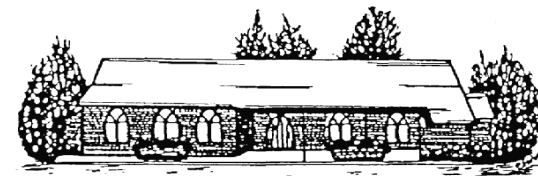
**Jesus wants us to love him, because only then will we do what he asks of us. This is truly keeping his commandments. We will be given an Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will guide us and be with us always. Love will be the motivating force which will keep us close to Jesus. We will also share this love with others, sometimes without even knowing it.**

**NEXT WEEK:** Parting promise *Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20*

**SACRISTY/PARENTS' ROOM:** The sacristy, which contains a few toys, is available for parents to use when your young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. We ask that the glass door be kept closed and we apologize that the speaker, enabling you to hear the service, is not working at the moment ... we are looking into it.

**Thank you for making the effort of bring these littlies with you!**

# 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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**Website:** <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday	7.00 pm
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
<b>Mount Victoria - Mass</b>	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, 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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

**Dear Friends,**

Today Jesus promises us the gift of the Spirit of Truth. *The Holy Spirit is not a thing apart from God and Jesus, but the bond between them, and the believer is drawn into this love and becomes part of it through living the way of Christ. Contemplate the ways you experience the life and love of the Spirit of God in the world: in nature and human relationships; in society; in personal prayer; in the Church and its liturgy.* The Summit p XXV

**Blessings, Lyn.**

Let us remember in our prayers **Dan and Zoya** as they mourn their little baby, **Lilia Angelina**, who died soon after birth last Tuesday. May they experience God's comfort and peace in this time of deep sorrow.

**World Youth Day  
79 days to go!**

**HOMESTAY HOSTS  
MEETING**

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May is the date set aside for the interviews with the host families. Marilyn has been in contact with all host families who will gather in the hall.

**Blue Mountains Centre for Religious Enquiry:  
Aboriginal Spirituality – what it offers to  
the Spirituality of Australians.**

**A discussion led by Fr Eugene Stockton:**

Author of "The Aboriginal Gift" and  
"Blue Mountains Dreaming".

**Sunday, 4th May from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

at Our Lady of the Nativity School Hall,  
Great Western Highway, Lawson. (Parking available  
in church grounds). Enquiries: Helena on 4759 1461.

**Week of Prayer for CHRISTIAN UNITY: 4th May to 11th May  
"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)**

**A Ecumenical Prayer Service**, followed by afternoon tea, will be held here in **Sacred Heart on Wednesday, 7th May at 2.00pm**. Please invite all you know, especially from other local churches, to join us to celebrate this 100 years. If you are able to be involved in the Service, or can assist in the planning, or are prepared to bring a plate for afternoon tea, please contact Sr Lyn or leave a message on the office phone asap.

In 2008 the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity marks 100 years since the first 'Prayer Octave (eight days) for Christian Unity' began in 1908. These 8 days leading up to the great feast of Pentecost - 4th May to 11th May - are therefore a wonderful historic opportunity to renew and deepen our relationships in the one God in whom we share together through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. This year's theme and a variety of resources and links will be found below to assist Australians in joining more effectively in that great wave of prayer begun by Jesus himself when he prayed 'that they may all be one... so that the world may believe.' (John 17:21)

[http://www.ncca.org.au/departments/faith\\_and\\_unity/weekofprayer](http://www.ncca.org.au/departments/faith_and_unity/weekofprayer)

**Sacraments of Initiation**

Please keep in your prayers **Jacinta Laird, John-Paul Lillis, Freya McNair, Edwina Ruse** and **Brigid White**, who are preparing for their Sacraments of Initiation. We pray that this time will be one of blessing for them and their families.

**REFLECTION MORNING**

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held at 227 The Mall, Leura on Saturday, 10th May from 10am to 12 noon. Theme: **Two Aspects of Love.**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING**

Today in the hall after a cup of hospitality. All are welcome to attend.

Please pray for those who are ill : **Marjory Cowell, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt** and **Marion Walker.**

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.



The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope. *from Liturgyhelp.com*

In memoriam  
**Herbert Johnstone**  
~ 3rd May ~  
**John Johnstone**  
~ 3rd May ~

**MONSTER  
GARAGE SALE  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May**

We need donations of goods for our Garage Sale. If you have any items, please leave them at the parish hall after 28<sup>th</sup> April. To make this a success we need a variety of items to sell. Please help make this a success.

Happy Birthday  
**Sheilagh Kirkham**  
for 29th April

Mass at Mt Victoria  
this Friday at 7pm.  
All welcome.