

TODAY

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Renounce sin  
Philippians 2:1-11 Life in Christ  
Matthew 21:28-32 Change of heart

**Response to the Psalm:**  
Remember your mercies, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"The sheep of my flock", says the Lord, "hearing  
my voice, they will listen, they will follow me for  
I know them, they are mine."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**

28 Sep Diane Stewart  
3 Oct Pat Leeder Mt Vic  
5 Oct Ray Wood

**Readers**

28 Sep 1st Reading David Buckley  
Ps/Intercessions Mary Duggan  
2nd Reading Carmel Vanny  
3 Oct 1st Reader Catherine Beaver  
2nd Reader Terry Beaver  
5 Oct 1st Reading Jane Nolan  
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns  
2nd Reading Robyn Burns

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

28 Sep Ray Wood and Carla Endean  
5 Oct Jan Roberts and Anthony Gilchrist

**Children's Liturgy**

28 Sep Carol Drummond (School Holidays)  
5 Oct Moira McNair (School Holidays)

**Counters**

28 Sep Judith and Frank  
5 Oct Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

28 Sep Jan Roberts  
5 Oct Michelle Funnell

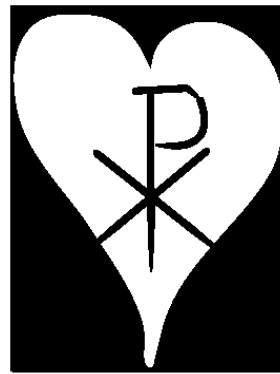
**Church Care**

3 Oct Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst  
10 Oct Pat and Phil Wicks

In memoriam  
**Ced Ward**  
1st October  
**Lal Nott Mark**  
2nd October

**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, 11 October, from 10am to 12noon. Theme: **Claimed for Christ!** Enquiries: 4784 2055



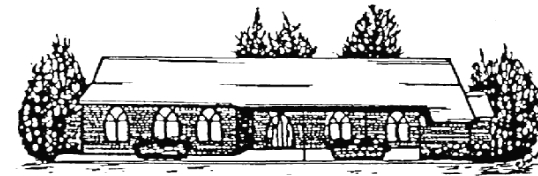
**Twenty Sixth  
Sunday ~ Year A**

Today's readings are about acting with integrity. To please others we say we will do something, and then we don't do it. At other times our conscience troubles us and we end up doing something we said we wouldn't do! Jesus points out that we all have the tendency to be false to ourselves. He encourages us to change our ways and believe in him.

**Next Week:**

The vineyard leased  
*Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79*  
*Philippians 4:6-9;*  
*Matthew 21:33-43*

# 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>

<b>Blackheath</b> - 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
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

**Care Group:** Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

**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,

I came across this striking comment from Archbishop Oscar Romero, friend of the poor, who was martyred in 1980:

*"Inside the heart of every person there is something like a small intimate cell to which God comes down for a private conversation. And it is there where a person decides their own destiny, their own role in the world. We live too much outside of ourselves. Very few people really look inside themselves, and that's why there are so many problems...If all of us who are burdened by so many problems were to go into that little cell right now, and from there, hear the Lord's voice speaking to us in our conscience, how much could each of us do to improve the environment, society and the family we live in?"*

Blessings, Lyn.

### Today is Social Justice Sunday

We are holding our Social Justice Trading Stall today. You can purchase many beautiful crafts made with much love from all over the world. We thank you in anticipation for your wonderful generosity.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



While Australia has experienced spectacular economic growth in recent years, there are many who are wealthy but live in **spiritual poverty** and there are those who have been bypassed by the economic growth and live in **material poverty**.

This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement, 'A Rich Young Nation', considers the challenge of affluence and poverty in Australia. For further details about the Catholic Bishops' Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Justice Council website ([www.acsjc.org.au](http://www.acsjc.org.au)) or call 8306 3499.

**Dominic and Christine Burke** are celebrating their marriage within the Catholic Church this Saturday, 4th October, in our Church at 3.00pm.

You are welcome to attend. We wish them continued happiness and God's loving blessings upon them and their children, Kenya, Chantelle and Oliver.

Thanks, Lyn and Dominic ... and Christine!

**Celebrating The Journey:** Couples who were married in 1983 (25 years), 1968 (40 years), 1958 (50 years) or in any year prior to 1958, are invited to celebrate their journey with other couples and family members during a special **Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta on Sunday 26th October at 2.00pm**. Bishop Kevin Manning will be the principal celebrant and you are invited to afternoon tea following Mass. Please contact the Parish Office (02 8839 8400) to register your names by 13th October.

### Comment from a Parish Participant after their Parish Mission

*I would like to thank you all most sincerely for the wonderful week you afforded us all in Maryborough. It was, by far, the most exciting and inspirational renewal program I have ever attended and I feel so blest to have been able to benefit from your great wisdom and obvious love of God. You touched us all in many and different ways and there is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is working great wonders through you all.* Cathy, Australia.

### BBQ at NORMA'S PLACE

Monday, 6 October from 11.30am to 4.00pm  
97 Evans Lookout Road, Blackheath.  
Ph 4787 5906. BYO food and drink. Dessert, Tea and Coffee - \$5 for the Awasa Orphanage.

~Diary Date~

**Melbourne Cup Day**  
4th November at  
Norma's place. More  
details coming soon.

### Happy Birthday Chantelle Burke

5 on 30 September

**Barry Roberts**

for 3rd October

**Angelique Zielinski**

for 3rd October

**Eric Tokoli**

for 3rd October



### It's that time of the year again!

Daylight savings starts next Sunday,  
5th October. Remember to put your  
**clocks forward one hour.**

Please pray for those who are ill: Marjory Cowell,  
Roger Johnstone, Travis Kingston, Chelsey Laird,  
Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock, David Ridoutt,  
Marion Walker and Josephine Wiley.

**Happy Anniversary Marion and John Crowley for 29th September.**



**Cake & Craft Stall ~ Sunday 5th October:** All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. Food items are to have a list of ingredients attached. Please wrap and price items ready for sale.

### Blue Mountain Centre for Religious

**Enquiry:** The next forum explores the common assumption that the only influence on the pioneer Catholic Church in Australia was Irish through discussion on the contributions of British Catholics to its early development.

**Sister Margaret Press** will present a paper on Julian Tennison Woods, a charismatic scientist/priest who was a mentor of Mary McKillop and co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph;

**Dr Anne O'Brien** will talk on the life of Caroline Chisholm and her work with female immigrants and other women; and **Dr Paddy Cavanagh** will explore some of the differences between the country's first priest, John Therry, and its first Bishop, Bede Polding.

**Sunday, 5th October, 2.00pm - 4.00pm,**

OLN School Hall, 254 GWH Lawson.

Contact: Helena on 4759 1461 or  
[hmlucey@tpg.com.au](mailto:hmlucey@tpg.com.au).

### DIVORCE, SEPARATION AND BEREAVEMENT RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Diocesan Solo Parent Ministry is offering their next 'Recovery' Program, commencing on Wednesday, 15th October. The Program runs over 7 Wednesday evenings and provides you with an opportunity to reflect on your experience of loss and grief, to share with others who have been through similar experiences, to learn some 'tips' for moving forward, to gain greater self-confidence and to set new positive goals for yourself. The Program will be held at the **Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1 - 5 Marion St, Blacktown.**

**Time: 7.30pm - 9.45pm**

**Donation: \$5.00 per session**

Registration: Sr Eileen Quade  
9890 2968 or [equade@mercy.org.au](mailto:equade@mercy.org.au)