

**FOCUS**

Jeremiah 20:7-9 **Heart's fire**  
 Romans 12:1-2 **Worship worthily**  
 Matthew 16:21-27 **Being a follower**

**Psalm Response:**  
 My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God. (*Romans 12:2*)

**Next Week: Seek to reconcile**  
 Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**  
 31 Aug Pat Leeder  
 5 Sep Pat Leeder Mt Victoria  
 7 Sep Ray Wood

**Readers**  
 31 Aug 1st Reading Carmel Vanny  
 Ps/Intercessions David Buckley  
 2nd Reading Carol Drummond  
 5 Sep 1st Reader Therese Gatt  
 2nd Reader Diane Stewart  
 7 Sep 1st Reading Gerard Nolan  
 Ps/Intercessions Pat Wicks  
 2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson

**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
 31 Aug Wayne Evans and Diana Landsberg  
 7 Sep Heather Carroll and Anthony Gilchrist

**Children's Liturgy**  
 31 Aug Julie Hodgkinson  
 7 Sep Frances Huckstepp

**Counters**  
 31 Aug Robyn and Kevin  
 7 Sep Louise and Laurie

**Morning Tea**  
 31 Aug Elizabeth Giddey  
 7 Sep Carroll Family

**Church Care**  
 5 Sep Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam  
 12 Sep Robyn and Kevin Burns

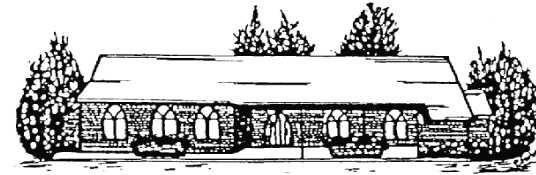


**Twenty-Second Sunday ~ Year A**

When Peter tries to deter Jesus from the path leading to his suffering and death, he is rebuked severely. To follow Jesus is to experience the cross, but also resurrection. We can support each other on this journey through life by sharing deep values of the heart, and helping those in need. Our meeting with Jesus at the end of time is certain, and he will reward us.

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

# 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
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,

Some of you may not have been present last week when I announced that I will not be renewing my contract in January. This has been a hard decision to make as I really have enjoyed my time here at Blackheath. After six years another three seems a long time, especially living alone. I need to live with, or be closer to, community again. If it is possible, I also hope I might get to live a bit closer to my family to be able to give Mum a little more support. Bishop Kevin is very keen to continue the style of leadership we have and the position will be advertised. I would think I will be here until early January. I will be on retreat next week and shall keep you in my prayers and ask you to spare a prayer or two for me. I will then have some time with my family.

Blessings, Lyn.

#### **Migrant and Refugee Sunday:**

This year the Pope's message calls all to focus on young migrants. In Australia the number of international students, for example, is increasing by the day. The Pope asks, "What can we do to help them?" Today's Gospel invites us to learn how to "think like God" in terms of reaching out to others with the precious gift of one's life. Themes such as Cross, Mission and Migration deeply touch upon the self understanding of the church in Australia.

Today's Gospel depicts Jesus on his way to Jerusalem to meet with the challenge of the Cross. In the very moment Jesus is nailed to it, the Cross ceases to be a means of punishment and is transformed to be a gift of salvation. When we Christians reach out to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters, we create ways to overcome the Cross of discrimination, ethnic, racial and religious hatred that are at the start of why people are forced to migrate, and to bring about harmony and unity.

You are invited to Blessed Mary MacKillop at Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel Mount Street, North Sydney on:

#### **Monday 8th September**

Mass and Intercessory Prayer for Fathers  
Masses: 8am, 10am, 11:30am, 1pm  
Intercessory Prayer 12:15pm, 1:45pm

#### **Wednesday 17th September**

10am to 1pm.

All Grandparents are invited to a morning of reflection on  
**THE GRACE OF GRAND-PARENTING**  
With Sr Therese Leydon rsj. Cost \$5  
RSVP: 8912 4884 by 12th September

#### **Christian-Muslim Relations**

A booklet co-authored by Vivienne Keely CHF and Herman Roborgh SJ, entitled: **Christian-Muslim Relations - Guidelines for Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta**, will be launched at a public forum at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall on Thursday, 11 September at 7pm. The forum, **'One God in a Divided World'**, will be hosted by the Australian Catholic University and the Catenian Association. Copies of the booklet can be ordered from the Diocese of Parramatta tel 9683 6277.

On this **REFUGEE and MIGRANT SUNDAY** we welcome **James** and **Rose Likambo** and their children, **Chaplin, Peter, Flavia** and **Christine**. We give thanks that they have come a considerable distance to share their story with us as Sudanese Refugees. May God's blessing be always with them. We invite you to meet our special visitors over a cup of hospitality down in the hall.

**THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP**

Forward Planning Dates for your Calendar:

#### **September 28th - Social Justice Sunday**

A stall will be organised by the Social Justice Group from Fair Trading run by The Good Shepherd Sisters.

#### **November 8th to 13th - Parish Mission:**

The theme proposed is

#### **"Spirituality for the new millennium".**

It will be conducted by Fr Michael Champlin OP, Fr Nick Punch OP and Sr Joan Bukrey OSF.

You are invited to place your name down if you can assist with the following Sub-committees as outlined by the team. Thank you to those who have already placed their names and phone numbers on the lists provided. They are: **Pastoral Group, Publicity Group, Hospitality Group, and Liturgy and Music Group**. More details are outlined on the back door of the Church and Notice Board.

The team of presenters has sent to us a Handbook to assist us in our preparation. It states *"Get as many people as possible involved in the organisation and preparation."* Our preparation starts NOW, this Sunday, by placing your name if you are able to commit. The team recommends a ten week preparation and this is already down to Week 8. With Bishop Kevin's visitation we had to prioritise events on our parish calendar. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

**Scholarship Applications:** Applications are invited from families who would like a Catholic school education for their children, but for whom the cost is out of reach. Applications close on 19th September, 2008. For more information contact your local Catholic school or visit: [www.scholarship.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.scholarship.parra.catholic.edu.au)

**See Notice Board for further information:**

**St Canice's Primary School Annual Golf Day:**  
14th September,  
12pm tee-off,  
Katoomba Golf Club. Enquiries to Geoff - 4782 5542.

#### **Wisdom of Women Mystics:**

Reflection Day at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook.  
6<sup>th</sup> September  
10.00am - 3.30pm

#### **Inter-religious Dialogue and Ecumenism:**

A Certificate course open to all denominations and faiths.  
Two Saturdays a year.

For further information contact the Institute for Mission on 9831 4911 or [www.instituteformission.com.au](http://www.instituteformission.com.au)

**Mass ~ St Paul's**  
Mt Victoria at 7pm on Friday, 5th September.  
**All welcome.**