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*Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Listen*  
*1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Undivided attention*  
*Mark 1:21-28 A deep impression*

**Response to the Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! (repeat)  
A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)

**Servers**

1 Feb Jan Roberts  
6 Feb Pat Leeder (Mt Victoria)  
8 Feb Diane Stewart

**Readers**

1 Feb 1st Reading Anne Broomfield  
Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family  
2nd Reading Le Gras Family  
6 Feb 1st Reader Catherine Beaver  
2nd Reader Terry Beaver  
8 Feb 1st Reading Monica Bright  
Ps/Intercessions Brian Bright  
2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

1 Feb Carla Endean and Brian Bright  
8 Feb Anthony Gilchrist and Pat Leeder

**Children's Liturgy**

1 Feb Frances Huckstepp  
8 Feb Carroll Family

**Counters**

1 Feb Judith and Frank  
8 Feb Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

1 Feb Claire Maguire  
8 Feb Monica Van Horen

Please let Kate Forbes know the names of the people who are now responsible for the Liturgical Roster and Children's Liturgy Roster.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Chris Le Gras** ~ 2nd February  
**Megan Carroll** ~ 3rd February  
**Laura Carroll** ~ 4th February  
**Mary Cater** ~ 5th February  
**Gerard Gilchrist** ~ 6th February

Please pray for those who are ill:  
**Thea Elliss; Barbara Hunt;**  
**Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston;**  
**Cec O'Brien and David Ridout.**  
*May the vital, loving strength of this community help them on their journey to full health.*

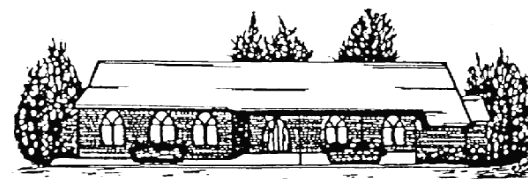


**Fourth Sunday**  
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It is not with great drama that Jesus wants to impress the people, as happened on Mount Horeb in ancient times. It was when he was in the synagogue, preaching and talking about God that the people came to listen and accept his authority. The unclean spirit in the tormented man recognises who he is, but Jesus does not want it trumpeted.

Next Week: **Came to preach**  
*Job 7:1-4.6-7; Psalm 146*  
*1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23;*  
*Mark 1:29-39*

# 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.**

~ Parish Administrator ~ Fr Bob Sheridan ~

Parish House: 4787 8811 Fax: 4787 6143  
Parish Office: 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com  
Office hours: Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm and Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

**Blackheath** - Mass Sunday 9.30am  
Evening Mass Tuesday 6.30pm  
Morning Mass Wednesday to Saturday 9.00am  
Praying the Rosary Thursday 2.00pm  
Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am to 10.00am

**Mount Victoria** - Mass 1st Friday of month 7.00pm

**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 Fr Bob, Monica Bright (Chair), Adrian Carroll (Vice 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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

**AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS:** The Australia Day Mass attended by about 50 people and supported by our choir (in fine voice) shared this wonderful experience with Our Lord. Immediately thereafter many of those attending Mass, plus others who just 'turned up' at our picnic venue, generously hosted at Mt Wilson by Diana and Joe at their magnificent Withycombe property, enjoyed a great time. This beautifully landscaped English-flavoured area was a perfect venue for us to relax, enjoy each other's company, listen to a selection of Australiana singing and music and over-feast on this glorious summer day. Once again, we offer our sincere thanks to Diana and Joe for hosting this memorable event.

**HEALING MASSES:** A reminder to all that healing Masses will be celebrated at Mt Victoria on Friday next, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Blackheath on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Should anyone wishing to attend either of these Masses need transport, please contact the parish office or Fr. Bob.

God bless you: (Fr.) Bob

**Inside Catholic Outlook**

- ◆ Permanent diaconate: final stage on path to ordination
- ◆ Thoughts for St Valentine's Day
- ◆ Project Compassion appeal: you can help to create a just world
- ◆ New sponsor keeps Vinnie's van on the streets
- ◆ News from our Catholic schools

**Organ recital in St Patrick's Cathedral**

International organist Carlo Curley will give a recital in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 13 March at 7pm. The program includes works by JS Bach, Dvorak and Handel.

Be among the first 50 people to book a ticket at the special price of \$20. Bookings: Jennifer at St Patrick's Cathedral tel (02) 8839 8400, admin@stpatscathedral.com.au

**Mentors needed:** Catholic Education Lighthouse Program supports students in our Catholic schools to reach their full potential. The Lighthouse Program trains volunteers in all businesses to mentor students in Year 9 or 10 in their workplaces one day a week for 18 weeks (May to September, excluding school holidays). We would warmly welcome your skills and expertise as a volunteer mentor. For further information, please call Vanessa 0407 246 955 or Maree 0417 060 132.

**Ash Wednesday:** If you still have your 'palms' from last year's Passion Sunday, please give them to Fr Bob by Sunday, 22 February. These palms will be burnt and will become the ashes for Ash Wednesday on 25 February.

**Scripture Teachers' Meeting**

There will be a meeting for Scripture Teachers on Thursday, 12 February at 10.30am in the Church Hall.

**St Paul Series**

**Presenter: Sr Michelle Connolly RSJ**

Dates: Wednesdays - 11 February, 25 March, 29 April and 27 May

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Cost: \$10 per lecture

Venue: Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Bookings - ph: 9831 4911

~ **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** ~

Australia Day was made a very memorable one for our community. Fr Bob celebrated Mass for us on his day off and then joined us for our picnic at Withycombe, Mt Wilson. **Thank you Fr Bob!** The liturgy was very rich with special hymns that reminded us of our day of celebration. What gifted musicians and singers we have who gave freely of their time and gifts! Tony composed the melody to one of Riverbank Frank's poems as a reflection. Thank you, Tony! This gift in song reminded us of our first custodians of Australia, our Indigenous brothers and sisters and the fact that we are all indigenous. Mick Dodson has been named Australian of the Year. We pray that his spirit and leadership continues the **conversation of justice for Aboriginal people. May we too, play our part in reflecting and acting justly.**

**A special thank you to Diana and Joe** who provided such **wonderful hospitality** in such scenic surrounds. It was a great day to relax and catch up with each other's news. Diana and Joe provided tours of this historic home and the renovations taking place. Their love of family and being together for special reunions is very evident. How fitting that we, the family of Sacred Heart, could shelter under the trees and observe the children playing cricket and exploring the surrounds. In the afternoon, David and Tony led us in song with an Aussie theme and other favourites. Thank you to all those who could make it. May we continue to walk with each other and be ever generous in spirit.

**Peace and blessings, Monica Bright.**

**First Flush Frivolities**

**The First Flush for AWASA Orphanage in Ethiopia was not so frivolous!**

Once again, the generosity and inclusiveness of our wonderful Parish Community has come to the fore - **a total of \$324 was raised!**

**The sanitation facilities at AWASA orphanage will now be that much better through your generosity.**

**Thank You!**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Mega Flush  
**Brian Bright**

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Subsidiary Flush  
**Mary Duggan.**

**FROM AWASA MISSION:**  
**"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren you did it to me."**

*18 September 2008*

*Our Dearest Sr Lyn, and all the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church,*

*Love, prayers and greetings from your loving sisters of Missionaries of Charity. Hope these few lines bring you our gratitude for all the support you do for our poor and orphaned children. We and our poor are very grateful for your generosity, which helps our poor lifestyle to become a little better. May God bless you and reward you, and may he himself be your reward. Our gratitude is our prayers for you and for your families. Please pray for us also, that we may not spoil God's work.*

*Once again, greetings, love and prayers,  
From your loving Sr Gisela.*