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*Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 God sees all
1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Be warned
Luke 13:1-9 Unless you repent*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Servers

11 Mar Wayne Kelly
18 Mar Michelle Davis

Readers

11 Mar 1st Reading Monica Bright
Ps/Intercessions Brian Bright
2nd Reading Dominic Gilchrist
18 Mar 1st Reading Carol Drummond
Ps/Intercessions Christa Buckley
2nd Reading David Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

11 Mar Anthony Gilchrist and Jan Roberts
18 Mar Pat Waters and Norma Longmuir

Children's Liturgy

11 Mar Anne Broomfield
18 Mar Marie Phillips

Counters

11 Mar Robyn and Kevin
18 Mar Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

11 Mar Anne-Marie Bland
18 Mar Cathy Cavanagh

Church Care

16 Mar Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
23 Mar Robyn and Kevin Burns



**3rd Sunday of Lent
Year C**

Today's gospel passage calls us to repentance, warning that we will perish if we fail to repent. Jesus assures us that natural disasters and the consequences of the evil deeds of others are not indicators of God's displeasure. Jesus also teaches that God is patient. The fig tree was granted another year to see if it would yield fruit before being cut down.

We must use our opportunities.

Next Week: Merciful father

*Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33
2Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke
15:1-3,11-32*

**St Patrick's Day
Dinner**

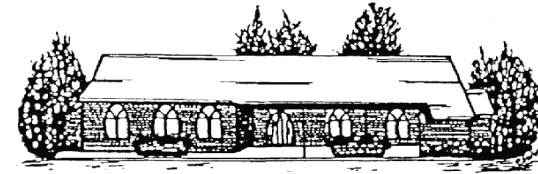
Saturday, 17th March at 7pm
\$28 pp. BYO drinks. Tickets
available after mass. Please
see Anne-Marie (4787 6325).

Benedictine Country Fair

Annual Country Fair in aid of the Benedictine
Sri Lankan and Indian Missions will be held at
St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd,
Arcadia today. The Fair begins after
10am Mass and will be held rain or shine.

492 days to go until World Youth Day Monday 14 July to Sunday 20 July ~ Sydney 2008

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>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	10.00 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
Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word	1st Friday of month	9.00 am

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 Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520
or email D_P_I@telpacific.com.au



3rd Sunday of Lent

During this time of Lent God calls us to look deeply into our hearts so that destructive behaviours in our relationships can be transformed into love, compassion and forgiveness. This week Project Compassion takes us to South Africa where Caritas Australia is providing practical and emotional care for families living with HIV and AIDS. Your donation to Project Compassion will ensure this support for people living with HIV and AIDS continues.

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- ✠ **Pete Juhas** - 14th March
- ✠ **Mary Potts** - 17th March

Please see the Notice Board for *Filipino Fiesta Information on 18th March.

Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently. from Liturgyhelp.com

Commissioning of our Catechists

will take place during mass on Sunday, 25th March.

On Sunday, 25th March, Fr Kevin Bates will be offering our Sunday mass for Sr Colleen's mother, **Rosa Holohon**, who died on 25 January, 2007. Sr Colleen and Sr Mary will be at this mass with us.

PROJECT COMPASSION

We meet Selinah from Mmakau in South Africa. Five years ago her daughter died from an AIDS related illness leaving her the primary carer for her three teenage grandchildren. Selinah works with a program run by Caritas South Africa and supported by Caritas Australia. The program has provided training in organic farming, trauma counselling and the availability of government grants, as well as, access to safe drinking water, community housing schemes and exemption from school fees. So far, more than 500 volunteers have been trained to provide home-based care to people living with HIV and AIDS.

Your donation will ensure the continuation of this practical care to families and communities affected by HIV/AIDS. **THANK YOU!**

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Happy Birthday

David Ridoutt for today
Kevin Burns for 12th March
Patrick McArdle for 12th March
Kathleen LeGras for 15th March

Somewhere, out there ... millions of dollars worth of 1c and 2c coins are hiding in the dark...and they could all be at your place. If you have any of these coins and you don't know what to do with them, please donate them to Project Compassion. Even though they are no longer considered as currency they are still legal tender. Ray Lee is happy to count them. These coins may not seem like much but they are worth every cent.

An invitation is extended to musicians of the Diocese of Parramatta

to join together in a Combined Diocesan Choir to sing at the Chrism Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Wednesday, 4 April at 7.30pm.

St Patrick's Cathedral Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick, cordially invites **cantors, choir members and other musicians** to join the combined choir. The Chrism Mass, celebrated by Bishop Kevin Manning, with concelebrating priests of the diocese, includes the Blessing of the Holy Oils. Music for the Chrism Mass includes many beautiful chants and hymns. A rehearsal will be conducted on Sunday 25 March 2-4pm.

Participants are asked to RSVP by Friday 23 March, and advise the names and numbers of singers who wish to participate.

Please send responses to Bernard at: music@stpatscathedral.com.au

*Happy 40th Anniversary
 Jenny and Lindsay Inman for Today*

~ MEN'S BREAKFAST ~

Saturday, 24 March ~ Breakfast served at 8am.

As always, we will have an interesting speaker – **BOUDI MAASSEN**. His topic will be: **An affectionate take on differences between Aussie and Kiwi men and a look at the perennial question of "what maketh a good man."**

And as always, no shortage of great food, great company and plenty of laughs– so all men folk, young and older – most welcome!

RSVP Frank Mackrell by 18 March.

(Future dates for your diary – 5 May and 30 June).