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1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 True loyalty
1 Corinthians 15:45-49 The heavenly person
Luke 6:27-38 Called to full life

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ROSTERS

Servers

18 Feb Diane Stewart
25 Feb Ray Wood

Readers

18 Feb 1st Reading Steve Gauci
Ps/Intercessions David Buckley
2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson
25 Feb 1st Reading Christa Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Gerard Nolan
2nd Reading Pat Waters

Ministers of the Eucharist

18 Feb Norma Longmuir and Diana Landsberg
25 Feb Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis

Children's Liturgy

18 Feb Bettina LeGras
25 Feb Moira McNair

Counters

18 Feb Robyn and Adrian
25 Feb Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

18 Feb Margaret Ridoutt
25 Feb Jan Roberts

Church Care

23 Feb Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen
2 Mar Julie Hodgkinson

Be compassionate



Seventh Sunday
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Only life, love, wisdom, goodness and mercy flow forth from God towards all his creatures. Jesus bids us be like our Father even in the common experiences enumerated in the Gospel. We do not find this easy. It is only possible by transcending selfishness, and looking at others with compassion and reverence like our Father. In the first reading, David is a beautiful example of this.

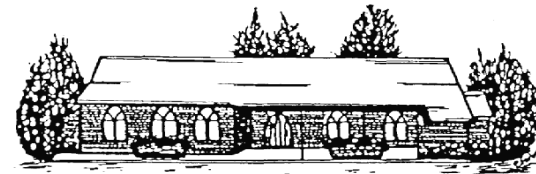
Next Week: **Jesus is tempted** *Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90 Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13*

Project Compassion Sunday, February 18



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent. Your donations will allow Caritas Australia to reduce poverty and hunger in more than 35 countries around the world.

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	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 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
	Friday	4.30 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

LENTEN GROUPS: You are cordially invited to participate in the Parish Lenten Program. The Lenten program is a small group which invites participants to reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading for the six Sundays of Lent. It is an opportunity to share your faith journey, discuss and share insights or ask questions, while growing in your relationship with Jesus. This year's program is called: **"Every day with Jesus"**.

Three groups will be meeting in the Parish:

WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP: (Preceded by Communion service at 9am in Church.) This group will meet at approximately 9.30am in the Parish Meeting Room commencing on Ash Wednesday, 21st February. Further enquiries: Betty Zeman or Gabrielle Byrne.

FRIDAY EVENING GROUP: Meets 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room commencing Friday, 23rd February. Enquiries: Mary Ellen Duggan or Michelle Davis.

SATURDAY MORNING GROUP: This group will meet at the home of Elaine and Ray Phillips (Mt Victoria) at 10am and will commence on Saturday, 24th February. Enquiries: Elaine and Ray or Michelle Davis.

As many parishioners as possible are encouraged to attend. If you would like to form a small group on another day/or time please talk to Michelle Davis or phone the Parish Office on 4787 8540 and leave your details.

Happy Anniversary Ron and Cec O'Brien for 20th February.

Happy Birthday Janet Lamerton for 23rd February.



PROJECT COMPASSION has its official launch on Ash Wednesday. This year's campaign coincides with the 40th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Populorum Progressio* – *On the Development of Peoples*. This was an extraordinary document for its time and is just as relevant today as it was in 1967 when it was first published. The overarching message of *Populorum Progressio* is that we all have a role to play in empowering people to help themselves break free from poverty and be "architects of their own progress". However, this can only happen if we act justly and "play fairly". This is why the theme for Project Compassion in 2007 is "Fair Play Today". Join us for PANCAKES and a cuppa after Mass to raise funds to assist marginalised communities. *With our sincere thanks, The Social Justice Committee.*

Lenten Program for 2007: The Lenten program will once again be offered at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls beginning Tuesday, 20 February from 10am till noon and will continue each Tuesday till Holy Week. The book used will be "Every Day with Jesus - Lent to Pentecost Year C" \$9 a copy. Times of quiet, sharing, discussion and morning tea will also be included in our time together. Enquiries: Sisters Therese and Jacinta (4757 2290).

ASH WEDNESDAY
~ 21st February ~

There will be two opportunities to receive ASHES to start our Lenten preparation during:
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service at 9am or Mass at 7.30pm Wednesday (21st Feb).

2007 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER 1pm FRIDAY MARCH 2ND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All parishioners are most welcome and urged to attend this annual liturgy. (NOT exclusively for women – men more than welcome!) Two volunteers are needed for readings – please let Christa know (4787 5105).

✠ Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Rick Frazer - 22nd February.**

World Youth Day will be launched in the Parish on Sunday, 25th February during our Sunday Liturgy. (Mass will have a youth flavour).

The first **Social Committee meeting** for 2007 will be held at **2pm on Tuesday, 20 February** at Anne-Marie's home: 85 Godson Avenue, Blackheath. (Ph 4787 6325)
EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME.

Please come along. We will be discussing St Patrick's Day (17th March). Start getting all your Green Gear ready for another great night!

Parish Working Bee: Saturday, 24 Feb from 7.30am till 10.30am. *Mowing, *gutters cleared, *general tidy-up. Please come along and lend a hand.

Our parish will soon be commencing the **Reconciliation Program for children 7 years and over.** If you have a child or grandchild interested in making their Sacraments this year please contact the Parish office on 4787 8540 and leave your name and contact number or speak with Michelle Davis. **Please enrol your child by Friday 23 February.**

AS GENTLE AS SILENCE

Composer: Estelle White
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WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE No. 2201)

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see he has given to me
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blest by the strength of his love
at the turn of each tide he is there at my side
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times
when I've turned from his presence
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

Are you being called to become a priest? If so, please see the flyer on the noticeboard for information regarding an Inquiry Evening to be held on Thursday, 1st March.