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**Exodus 20:1-17 Ten Commandments**  
**1 Corinthians 1:22-25 God's wisdom**  
**John 2:13-25 Zeal for God's house**

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.** (sung)

**Servers**

19 Mar Diane Stewart  
26 Mar Bill Grieves

**Readers**

19 Mar 1st Reading Wayne Evans  
Ps/Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson  
2nd Reading Steve Gauci  
26 Mar 1st Reading Gerard Nolan  
Ps/Intercessions Pat Waters  
2nd Reading Jennifer Ticehurst

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

19 Mar Norma Longmuir and Diana Landsberg  
26 Mar Ray Wood and Pat Leeder

**Children's Liturgy**

19 Mar Carroll Family  
26 Mar Frances Huckstepp

**Counters**

19 Mar Christa and David Buckley  
26 Mar Robyn and Kevin Burns

**Morning Tea**

19 Mar Noelene Phelps  
26 Mar Barbara Grieves

**Church Cleaning**

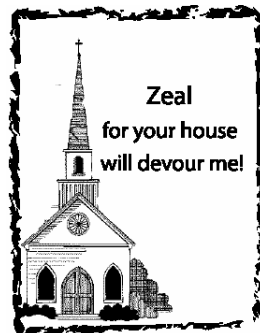
24 Mar Noelene and Kevin Phelps  
31 Mar Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen

**NEXT WEEK**

Son sent to save  
*2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;*  
*Psalms 136*  
*Ephesians 2: 4-10;*  
*John 3:14-21*

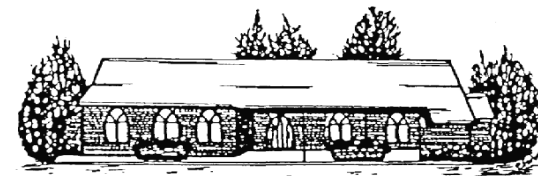
**The temple that was his body**

Nothing is hidden from the Lord; even our most secret thoughts are ever present to Him. Whatever we do, then, let it be done as though He Himself were dwelling within us, we being as it were His temples and He within us as their God. For in fact, that is literally the case, and in proportion as we rightly love Him, so it will become clear to our eyes. **St Ignatius of Antioch (died c.110)**



**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**Year B**  
**19 March 2006**  
**in a nutshell**  
**Jesus' prophetic**  
**action of cleansing the**  
**Temple, driving out**  
**the moneychangers**  
**and the traders,**  
**foreshadows the**  
**approaching end of the**  
**Temple worship with**  
**its animal sacrifices.**  
**There is to be a new**  
**Temple, the Body of**  
**the Risen Christ. He**  
**is to be the sacrifice**  
**perpetuated in his**  
**Church, his Body.**  
**We are members of**  
**that Body, partaking**  
**of that sacrifice.**

# 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: shbheath@hermes.net.au

**Blackheath**

Mass Sunday 9.30 am  
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service Wednesday 9.00 am  
Praying the Gospel Wednesday 9.30 am  
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**

Christian Meditation (one hour) Every Wednesday 7.00 am  
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

### 'My father's house is not a market.'

Do I take God seriously? A strange question. Do I believe that I am not master or mistress of myself, or do I have a sense of duty, behaviour that I demand of myself and allow myself no excuses for?

Jesus, you are the power of God and the wisdom of God. In today's gospel we notice your reverence for your Father and zeal for his proper worship, and along with it your utter fearlessness in defending it.

Help us, Jesus, to understand that we need to take the Father and his instructions utterly seriously in order to preserve our freedom of spirit against those people and forces that can crush and enslave us.

You held the commandments of your Father in the highest esteem and when you appealed to them it was never to whittle them away but to set the highest interpretation on them.

Lord, you had your principles to enlighten your behaviour and make your eye clear and simple. May your Spirit give us some of your wisdom.

from *Daily Prayer Online*

### TOWARDS A PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

#### Report on Formation/Pastoral Planning Weekend:

The Formation/Pastoral Planning weekend with Sister Cecilia was a great success – she certainly was an outstanding presenter/facilitator.

- \* In addition to our own PPC, most parishes in the Deanery, plus representatives from Lithgow and North Sydney attended the Saturday session. We have much in common and there are several ministries, such as Youth and Social Justice, where we may be able to work together.

The Social Committee provided all participants with a delicious lunch and morning/afternoon tea - **THANK YOU!**

- \* The Sunday pastoral planning session was attended by close on thirty enthusiastic parishioners – resulting in the documentation of many great ideas and aspirations for our parish.

The important step now is to keep up the momentum and over the next few months, assimilate all this wonderful material into a Parish Pastoral Plan.

**This is a parish challenge – not just for the PPC.**

**We plan to make a start at the next PPC meeting and all parishioners are invited to participate on Wednesday, 29 March from 7.30 to 9.30pm.**



#### ~Men's Breakfast~

Come along for some delicious tucker and good company. From 8am–10am Saturday, 1st April. You'd be a fool to miss it!



### 3rd Sunday of Lent

We are challenged to bring hope and peace to our world by standing in solidarity with the homeless, the powerless and the oppressed. Caritas Australia supports trauma counselling programs in the Solomon Islands to help people recovering from the destruction of civil war. Your Project Compassion donation will enable Caritas Australia to help people of the Solomon Islands as they rebuild their lives.

There will a gathering this Wednesday for the Lenten Reflection focusing on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Melinda Kerr** for Today  
**Happy 1st Birthday**  
**Oliver Burke** for 23rd March



### Working Bee - Saturday, 25th March from 7.30am to 10.00am

Jobs to be done: **mowing; weed clearance; and general clean up of gardens.** Please give an hour or so of your time to help prepare our grounds for the Garage Sale and Easter. You will need to bring gloves & gardening tools.



**GARAGE SALE:** Our annual Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, 8th and Sunday, 9th April.** The Hall will be open for one hour after mass each Sunday for goods you wish to contribute. Remember, the funds we raise help to support the upkeep and repairs of our Parish.

**CWA NEW SEASON FASHION PARADE** (Bailey's Ladies Fashion) 27th March in the Uniting Church Hall at 10.30am. Cost: \$7 includes lunch. RSVP 4787 8183

**Easter Retreat** at the Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Canisius College, Pymble from 10th–15th April, 2006. Retreatants may live at the Centre or attend on a daily basis, 9.30am to 3.30pm. The title of the retreat is "Easter Mysteries". This is an opportunity to participate prayerfully in the Holy Week journey to Easter. The cost of the retreat is \$300.00 (live out) or \$500.00 live in. Ph Cathy Schulz on 9488 4500 for further details.



### CAKE STALL

The Fund Raising Committee will be holding a cake stall and craft table after mass on **Easter Sunday (16th April).** All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. **PLEASE NOTE - all food items to have a list of ingredients attached and it would be appreciated if all items are wrapped and priced ready for sale.**