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Jeremiah 31:31-34 New covenant foreshadowed
Hebrews 5:7-9 Son learnt obedience
John 12:20-30 The hour has come

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

Create a clean heart in me, O my God.

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

Servers

2 Apr Jan Roberts
7 Apr Diane Stewart Mt Vic
9 Apr Wayne Kelly

Readers

2 Apr 1st Reading Le Gras Family
Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family
2nd Reading Le Gras Family
7 Apr 1st Reader Pat Leeder
2nd Reader Therese Gatt
9 Apr 1st Reading Brian Bright
Ps/Intercessions Dominic Gilchrist
2nd Reading Monica Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Apr Diane Stewart and Michelle Davis
9 Apr Anthony Gilchrist and Jan Roberts

Children's Liturgy

2 Apr Sr Lyn
9 Apr Anne Broomfield

Counters

2 Apr Louise and Laurie Noyes
9 Apr Irene Peacock

Morning Tea

2 Apr Monica Van Horen
9 Apr Fiona Evans / Jo Gauci

Church Cleaning

7 Apr Julie Hodgkinson
14 Apr Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

If it dies it yields
a rich harvest



**5th Sunday of Lent
Year B
2 April 2006**

in a nutshell

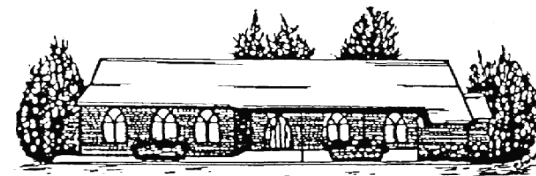
Some Greeks desire to see Jesus. He had spent three years preaching to his own people and working miracles, but had gathered only a small band of disciples. He was rejected by the Jewish religious authorities who would hand him over to be crucified. Jesus knows that the 'hour' has now come, when he will be glorified and extend his mission to all peoples. The Greeks will indeed see him.



Wedding: Let us remember **Libby Bleakley** and **Chris Blaney** who were married here yesterday. May they be abundantly blessed in their years ahead.

GARAGE SALE - NEXT WEEKEND 8TH AND 9TH APRIL FROM 8.00AM SATURDAY AND 9.30AM SUNDAY. LOTS OF BARGAINS!

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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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

Dear Friends,

The Lenten Program for this Fifth Week of Lent is a Call to Compassion.' Unless a grain of wheat falls ... (John 12: 24). This week, we are invited to "contemplate the gift of compassion - the deep movement of the heart that it costs, and the extraordinary capacity for new and transformed life that it seeds, both in ourselves and in those around us." **Blessings, Lyn.**

Mass at Mount Victoria this Friday at 7pm. All welcome.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week: † Edna Moran - Today † Bernice Inman - 7th April † Derrin McGrath - 8th April

R.C.I.A. Update

In the 4th and 5th centuries the 40 days prior to Easter, which we know as Lent, were the final stages of preparation for those being baptised (this was a dangerous event due to persecution of Christians). The whole church community prayed and fasted in solidarity with the candidates for their final stage of preparation leading to Baptism.

Since Vatican II, the R.C.I.A. has been reintroduced to the Catholic Church as the normal way of preparing adults for baptism and has become more visible in parishes including our own. As we see parishioners prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil, Lent regains that "baptismal" emphasis. Lent is a time for all Christians to recall their Baptismal Commitment, which we renew during the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Liturgies. We deepen our relationship with Christ through the Sunday readings, which in Lent relate to our faith journey and our basic baptism call to be part of Christ and His mission. As we gather for Eucharist we are called, to be transformed by the Word of God and the Body of Christ we receive. We do this in solidarity with those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation in our parish and in the wider Christian Community.

Earlier this year we formally met our candidates in the Rite of Welcome during our Sunday Liturgy. A few weeks ago, Christine Burke was confirmed and received into the church and her son, Oliver, baptised. During the Easter Vigil, Dulcie Davis will also be received into the church and confirmed. Anita Tyson is starting out on her journey towards being received later this year or next Easter.

RCIA is a process and the personal journey is taken at the individual's pace. Due to personal circumstances, Debra Heim and Ron Davis have decided not be received into the church this Easter.

Let us keep Christine, Ron, Debra, Anita and Dulcie in our prayers, as we continue our Lenten journey, preparing our hearts for the great celebration of God's love, Easter. And let us pray for one another. **Michelle Davis**



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord urges us to seek peace and reconciliation in our every day relationships. This week Project Compassion takes us to Papua New Guinea where Caritas Australia is providing practical and emotional care for families living with HIV and AIDS. Your donation to Project Compassion will ensure Caritas Australia continues providing support for people living with HIV.

REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet reflection and prayer to be held on Saturday, 8th April, from 10am to 12 noon at 227 The Mall, Leura, Phone 4784 2055. Theme: "We are loved sinners, all of us."

VINNIE'S NEEDS YOU: We need two volunteers for the Food Bank at the Katoomba St Vincent de Paul Shop. If you can help from 9.30am to 12.30pm on a Monday or Wednesday, please contact Terry Beaver on 4787 1224.

St Vincent de Paul

The Blackheath Conference will meet on Tuesday, 4th April at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pat Drummond for Today
Joanne Gauci for 5th April



Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

April 9:	9.30am	Passion (Palm) Sunday
<i>Weather permitting, we will gather in the backyard. of the Parish House, and process into the church.</i>		
April 12:	7.30pm	Chrism Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
13:	Holy Thursday 7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Blackheath)
14:	Good Friday 10.00am	Stations of the Cross** (Blackheath)
	10.00am	Prayer Service (Megalong Valley)
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
15:	Holy Saturday 10.00am	2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Blackheath)
	7.30pm	Easter Vigil
16:	Easter Sunday 9.30am	Sunday Eucharist.

***You will remember the very moving Stations Julie prepared for us last year. (Unfortunately, she will be away this year so there is an opportunity for someone(s) to prepare them for us. Please contact Sr Lyn if you are interested. She can also assist you if needed.)*

If you have palm or gum branches, or long ferns for decoration could you bring them to the church on Saturday, 8th April. Thank you.

Celebrating the Easter Liturgies: You are invited to participate in the Easter liturgies. You do this firstly by your attentive presence, and can also do this by volunteering to participate in a ministry by listing your name under the various headings listed on the Notice Board on the verandah. Not only do we need extra Readers, Servers and Ministers of Communion, but we also need people who will have their feet washed on Holy Thursday, bring up the Gifts, be part of the music ministry. If your name is already on the Easter Sunday roster and you are not available, please let Sr Lyn know. Thank you.