

1Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 God's choice
Ephesians 5:8-14 Be children of light
John 9:1-41 Light of the world

Responsorial Psalm:
**The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.**
Gospel Acclamation:
**Glory to you, O Word of God!
Lord Jesus Christ!**

Memorial Acclamation:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus Christ,
until you come, until you come in glory.**
Great Amen:
**We sing amen! We sing amen!
All glory and praise be yours, O God.
We sing amen! We sing amen!
With faith and hope and love,
we sing amen!**

Servers

2 Mar Michelle Davis
7 Mar Catherine Beaver Mt Victoria
9 Mar Ray Wood

Readers

2 Mar 1st Reading Ron Davis
Ps/Intercessions Christa Buckley
7 Mar 1st Reader Maria Cora
2nd Reader Terry Beaver
9 Mar 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp
Ps/Intercessions Mary Duggan

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Mar Pat Leeder and Jan Roberts
9 Mar Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

2 Mar Sr Lyn
9 Mar Carol Drummond

Counters

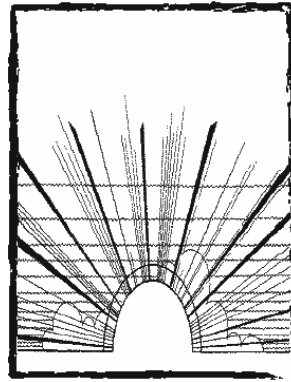
2 Mar Louise and Laurie
9 Mar Barbara and Charles

Morning Tea

2 Mar Bettina Le Gras
9 Mar Damien McDonell

Church Care

7 Mar Noeline and Kevin Phelps
14 Mar Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen



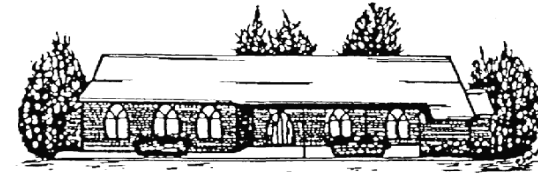
**Fourth Sunday
of Lent
Year A
2 March 2008**

Today's gospel passage reminds us that blindness may not be only a physical disability. Exposure to excessive information can dull our perception of the things that really matter. The blind man acknowledges that Jesus is from God, yet knowledgeable people are sceptical and disbelieving. Jesus can open the eyes of our minds and hearts if we believe in him and live our lives in the truth.

Next Week:

I am the resurrection
Ezekiel 37:12-14;
Psalms 129
Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45

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
Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday	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

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, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

“Come into the quiet
and be gracious with your time
and with yourself.

Take off your thoughts,
anxieties, expectations
and lay them aside.

Ease into the silence
and surrender to the stillness.

Lose yourself in being.

Let its joy and ease
accompany you through the stresses
and anxieties of your everyday.”

Noel Davis Heart Gone Walkabout p21
Blessings, Lyn.



**135 DAYS
TO WYD08
HOMESTAY HOSTS**

A meeting for all
hosting pilgrims
during the Days in

the Diocese will be held on

**Wednesday, 5th March at 7pm
in the Parish Hall with
Anne Hines,**

World Youth Day Co-ordinator.

Anne will be there to answer any
questions you might have and to
guide us through the next step in
the home-stay program.

Happy Birthday

Kylie Cliff for 7th March

Pat Løzder for 7th March

Gérard Nolan for 8th March

International Women’s Day

Parishes are invited to celebrate International Women’s Day on
Friday, 7 March with the assistance of a kit filled with resources to
help parishioners pray for all women who contribute to the Church
through a great diversity of roles and tasks.

To order your kit phone 6201 9865 or to print a copy of the kit go to:
<http://cam.org.au/tmp-opw0802/parishkit.pdf>

**Lenten Journey Reflection
Journey to the Heart
For Week 5:**

‘Coming to the Heart’

Theme: Our journey approaches
its goal. Our journey leads us into
the heart of our God. Yet before we
can fully allow God to live within us,
we must confront an incredible
hurdle. We must die to ourselves.
We must explore what such a death
means for us.

Read: Gospel of John 11:1-45

Reflect: In April 2006, after two
weeks of entombment, two men
walked out of Beaconsfield Mine -
punching their fists in the air! After
four days in a tomb, a well and truly
dead Lazarus emerges fully alive!
The euphoria we experienced gives
us a sense of the raising of Lazarus.
Jesus comes to set us free too, from
all that binds us up. *How and when
do we experience this freedom?*

Martha’s faith in Jesus Christ shifts
from a question of what he may be
able to do, to understanding who he
is in her life. She is able to affirm
that he is her life, her resurrection,
regardless of what happens. *What
wrappings still bind us or our
community from walking forth into
freedom in Christ?*

Holy Week and Easter Services at Sacred Heart Blackheath

Palm Sunday:	16 March	9.30am
Tuesday:	18 March	7.30pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday:	19 March	7.30pm - Chrism Mass in Parramatta Cathedral
Holy Thursday:	20 March	7.30pm
Good Friday:	21 March	
	Stations of the Cross:	10.00am
	Prayer & Scripture Service:	10.00am - St Joseph’s Megalong Valley
	Passion of Our Lord	3.00pm
Saturday Night:	22 March	
	Easter Vigil & Mass	8.00pm
Easter Sunday	23 March	9.30am Mass



**FESTIVAL OF THE
POTATO**

*A night of fun, laughter, music,
and, of course, lots of yummy
potato dishes to eat, is being
held in the Church Hall, Saturday evening,
15th March, from 6.30pm. If you would
like to attend, please put your name on the
Potato List on the Noticeboard.
Cost: \$5.00 donation to the Caritas Appeal!
Come along and have a fun night.*

THE PRE-LOVED TREASURE SALE
has been postponed until the **17th and
18th May** and will be now known as the
‘MONSTER GARAGE SALE’.

Please still keep looking through all your
goodies at home and keep them in a safe
place for this event. We would like
volunteers to help both before and on
the day. Contact Marilyn on 4787 5276.

Prayers are asked for those recently
deceased and their families: **Fr John
Rivett** (Sydney Archdiocese); and **Visnu
Suwannla**, a teenager who drowned.

In Memoriam: Geraldine Drake
John Williams - 4th March

**UNDERSTANDING THE
PROCESS OF ANNULMENT**

Marriage breakdown is usually
a traumatic experience for all
concerned. Whilst upholding the
permanence of a true Christian
marriage, the Church reaches
out in support of those whose
marriage relationship has
ended. An information evening
is being offered to all those
interested in knowing how the
Catholic Church deals with
marriage annulments. Fr Peter
Blayney and Paula Kerr, from
the Tribunal will meet with us on
**6th March, 7.00pm at
8 Victoria Rd, Parramatta.**
(Building entrance off Villiers St).
Registrations essential: Solo
Parents Centre: 9890 2968 or
equade@bigpond.com

**For Your Diary: MEN’S BREAKFAST
Saturday 12 April at 8am.**