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

Response to the Psalm:

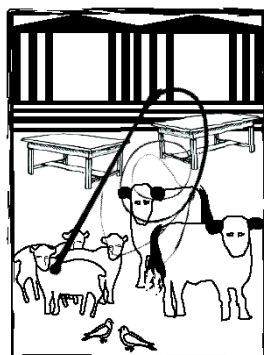
You have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

**God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son, that all who
believe in him might have eternal life.**

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



3rd Sunday of Lent

Year B

The Ten Commandments are a code of conduct for God's people. The aim of all the rules was to draw them to God in love. By turning the Temple into a marketplace, the people show their disdain for God and his house. Jesus, in cleansing the temple, is jolting the people from their complacency and urging them, and us, to believe in him as the sanctuary of God.

Next Week: Son sent to save
2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23;
Psalm 136 Ephesians 2:4-10;
John 3:14-21

Servers

15 Mar Wayne Kelly
22 Mar Bill Grieves

Readers

15 Mar	1st Reading	Carol Drummond
	Ps/Intercessions	Peter Ticehurst
	2nd Reading	David Ridoutt
22 Mar	1st Reading	Julie Hodgkinson
	Ps/Intercessions	Ian Maguire
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

15 Mar Monica and Brian Bright
22 Mar Carla Endean and Pat Wicks

Children's Liturgy

15 Mar Elaine Phillips
22 Mar Anne Broomfield

Counters

15 Mar Louise and Laurie
22 Mar Barbara and Charles

Morning Tea

15 Mar Barbara Grieves
22 Mar Bettina LeGras

Church Care

20 Mar The Gatt Family
27 Mar Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen

In memoriam:



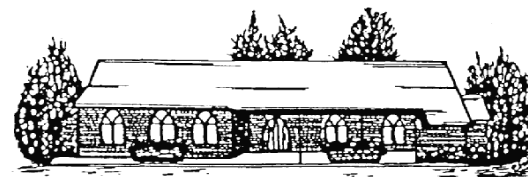
Mary Potts
17 March
Francis Kerr
18 March
Tom Boylan
19 March
Andrew Greve
20 March

Mass of Compassion (David Haas)

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!

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath

Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria

Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We wish to acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,
the original custodians of this land.

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.**

~ Parish Administrator ~ Fr Bob Sheridan ~

Parish House: 4787 8811 Fax: 4787 6143
Parish Office: 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com
Office hours: Wednesday 1.00 - 5.00pm and Thursday 10.30am - 2.30pm

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am to 10.00am
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd Saturday of month	6.00pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob, Monica Bright (Chair), Adrian Carroll (Deputy Chair) or Chris Le Gras (Secretary).

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.
Phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

ON BAPTISM:

We are privileged today to share in the baptism of the second daughter of a local Blackheath family, the Malafants. The daughter's name is to be **Alicia Deanne**, now a little over six months old. As seems to be normal practice in this parish, this baptism is to be celebrated within the 9.30am Mass. We congratulate her family, and particularly Alicia, on her baptism for she is about to become a full member of God's family - a Christian - a Catholic - and a member of our very close Blackheath parish family.

While the Catholic Church has 7 sacraments - Baptism, Confirmation, Penance (Reconciliation), Eucharist, Marriage, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick (a healing sacrament), none of the other 6 sacraments may be received until that person has been baptised. Baptism opens the door to the other 6 sacraments. It is, therefore, to be referred to as the 'foundational' sacrament.

Baptism is as old as Christianity itself, dating back to Jesus' own baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist when Jesus was about thirty years of age, and immediately after which he began his public ministry.

Ours is a Trinitarian Baptism in that we are baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We then become an adopted child of God and a full sister/brother of our Saviour Jesus.

Through Baptism Alicia, in spirit, will die to sin (original sin) and be resurrected to eternal life in and through Jesus' Death and Resurrection. A great mystery to us and a dogma of faith for us.

The word 'baptism' is taken from the Greek word for 'plunge' or 'immerse'.
God Bless! (Fr.) Bob

Our Call to Stewardship: Earth Hour

This is the third year of Earth Hour when we are invited to address the health of the environment by conserving energy and turning off our lights at 8.30pm on Saturday, March 28. This year it hopes 1 billion people will switch off and send a strong message to politicians who will meet in December to decide on a successor to the Kyoto Protocol.

Third Sunday of Lent

Sister Helen Dyson OSU reflects "*Lent is about bringing our lives back into healthy perspective, into right relationship. How are we inviting **balance** back into our lives during this third week of Lent?*" We are called to balance time for our own concerns and time for our family and friends. We are called to give care to others and to replenish our own hearts. We are called to balance the material and the spiritual in our lives. May God bless us in our journeying.

Peace and blessings, Monica.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Patrick McArdle
for 12 March
Kathleen LeGras
for 15 March

Fr Bob Sheridan
76 on 16 March



Happy 1st Anniversary
Gerard & Elizabeth Gilchrist
for 15th March.

Working Bee ~ Sat, 28 March

Please pray for those who are ill: **Alma Birrell; Russell Ellis; Judy Frazer; Barbara Hunt; Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Irene Peacock; Cec O'Brien, David Ridoutt and Hugo Riggs.**



To bring about the kingdom of God, we must be transformed within

ourselves and our community.

This week's story takes us to Papua New Guinea where

Junior is learning organic farming skills, as well as leadership, community responsibility, cooking, health and hygiene. Two years ago he was in danger of becoming one of Port Moresby's infamous 'raskols', but since



participating in the Caritas Australia project run by the Archdiocese of Port Moresby's Social Action Centre, Junior has taken a path of hope.

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps 'street boys' in Papua New Guinea to learn practical new skills for a positive future in their communities.

OUR CARITAS SPEAKER:

Evan Ellis

is the Special Projects Officer within Caritas Australia's Community Engagement team. Evan studied Media at Sydney University, and started at Caritas as the World Youth Day Co-ordinator. He is now involved in writing policy, planning a forthcoming national exhibition on world poverty, and dressing up in a giant Project Compassion box at the start of each Lent! Having just returned from India on a Caritas immersion, he is looking forward to drawing on this experience in his work.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL FORUM

Analysis and discussion of Bishop Geoffrey Robinson's book "Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church - Reclaiming the Spirit of Jesus."

Speakers: Frank Brennan SJ, Barry Brundell MSC, Tim O'Hearn PhD and Michael Whelan SM.

Facilitator: Geraldine Doogue AO.

Where: Sydney Congress Hall (Salvation Army Hall), 140 Elizabeth St, Sydney (between Liverpool & Goulburn Sts).

When: Saturday, 28 March, 9am-4.15pm.

Cost: \$30 includes morning tea & lunch.

Reservations essential: RSVP 23 March. Tel (02) 9990 7003, catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

Day of the Unborn Child

You are cordially invited to join the celebrations for the

Day of the Unborn Child on Sunday, 22nd March.

High Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. Bishop Brady will then lead a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney, returning to the Cathedral for Benediction at 1.30pm.

Hosted by Family Life International Australia.

Contact 9519 9111 for more information or visit www.fli.org.au

Easter Sunday Cake Stall

All donations of cakes, jams biscuits, pickles and items suitable for the cake and craft stall will be very welcome.

Food items to have a list of ingredients attached.

It would be appreciated if all items are wrapped and priced ready for sale.