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Isaiah 43:18-19.21-22.24-25 **Sins forgotten**
2 Corinthians 1:18-22 **God's Yes**
Mark 2:1-12 **Sins forgiven**

Response to the Psalm:

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)

Servers

22 Feb Ray Wood
1 Mar Diane Stewart

Readers

22 Feb 1st Reading Kevin Burns
Ps/Intercessions Robyn Burns
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp
1 Mar 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp
Ps/Intercessions Terry Beaver
2nd Reading Catherine Beaver

Ministers of the Eucharist

22 Feb Jan Roberts and Anthony Gilchrist
1 Mar Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg

Children's Liturgy

22 Feb Carol Drummond
1 Mar Moira McNair

Counters

22 Feb Barbara and Bill
1 Mar Christa and David

Morning Tea

22 Feb Christine Burke
1 Mar Frances Huckstepp

Church Care

27 Feb Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
6 Mar Peter Ticehurst and Carla Deandean



Seventh Sunday

Year B

Jesus returns to his home town, where he is greeted joyfully by the people. He is preaching the Good News to them when a man unable to help himself is brought by friends for healing. Forgiveness of sins and physical healing are all the same to Jesus. He knows what the scribes are thinking, and challenges them to consider the source of his authority.

Next Week:

The time has come!
Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Please pray for those who are ill: **Thea Elliss; Judy Frazer; Barbara Hunt; Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Cec O'Brien, Ray O'Brien and David Ridoutt.**

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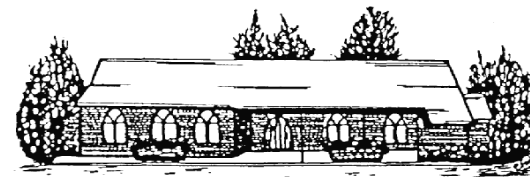
The new roster for Liturgical ministers is available for collection at the back of the church.

Thank you to Barbara Smith for preparing it.

We also need someone to organise the **Children's Liturgy Roster**. Please see Kate after mass or phone her on 4787 8520 if you can help.

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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.

~ Parish Administrator ~ Fr Bob Sheridan ~

Parish House: 4787 8811 Fax: 4787 6143
Parish Office: 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com
Office hours: Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm and Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

Blackheath - Mass Sunday 9.30am
Evening Mass Tuesday 6.30pm
Morning Mass Wednesday to Saturday 9.00am
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

Care Group - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday 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 by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES: NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Today has been declared a National Day of Mourning for those killed by the Victorian Bushfires on the 7-8 February just passed.

You will recall that we have already committed ourselves to contribute to the physical needs of those who lost everything they owned in those fires by taking up a special collection last week and again today.

We now look to the spiritual needs and welfare of those same people who have been totally traumatised by this tragedy. We pray for them and, in particular, we also pray for those 208 deceased persons (men, women and children) who have been lost forever to their families and their communities. Hence, this National Day of Mourning.

Given that Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer for those deceased, this Sunday's 9.30am Mass will be celebrated as a Mass for the Dead, except for the readings which will be for the seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The homily will focus on Project Compassion on this local 'Pancake' Sunday.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Two Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, the first as normal at 9.00am, the second at 7.30pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

A reminder that while Ash Wednesday is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, it is, nonetheless, a very special day in our Church's calendar year. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast (for those aged 19 -60 years) and abstinence (from meat - for those aged over 14 years). And so begins our Lenten renewal! **God Bless! (Fr.) Bob**



PROJECT COMPASSION promotes peace by pursuing justice. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world.



WE ARE THE FIRST GENERATION THAT CAN END POVERTY!

At the Millennium Summit in September 2000, Australia joined with the rest of the world in signing the Millennium Declaration which set eight goals that aimed to halve world poverty by 2015. These became the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

1. End Hunger and Extreme Poverty
2. Universal Education for all
3. Gender Equity
4. Child Health
5. Maternal Health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS
7. Environmental sustainability
8. Global Partnership

THANK YOU TO OUR LITURGY GROUP

On behalf of the community, I would like to thank all who are involved in making our Eucharist such a rich celebration. The theme of the Readings are so beautifully expressed through the hymns chosen and the Prayers of the Faithful. With the journey of Lent approaching and, of course, the high point of the Paschal Season, Easter, we ask you all to give thought as to how you can share your gifts with our worshipping community. Mary Duggan will soon place her invitation for you to record your name alongside the celebration you wish to share your gifts.

Special thanks also goes to our flower arrangers who share their creative gifts and tend the flowers regularly. To those who clean the church, care for the ablution block, assemble our Parish Bulletin, manage the parish spiritual library, count the monies received and do rosters for the various ministries, we thank you for the hidden services you provide with such generosity.

Blessings and peace, Monica.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Red Cross Appeal for our Victorian brothers and sisters. Our Final collection will be this Sunday, for those who came unprepared last Sunday - A most fitting response to the nation's National Day of Mourning. The final figure will be printed next week in the Bulletin.

LENTEN GROUPS commence next week after Ash Wednesday, 25 Feb. **Lenten Group meetings will be on the notice board.** Thank you to all who are able to journey together.

Blessed Mary MacKillop's Centenary

In this centenary year of Blessed Mary MacKillop's death, the Sisters of St Joseph have organised two national pilgrimages:

"In the Footsteps of Blessed Mary MacKillop"

to visit Sydney, Melbourne, Penola and Adelaide from

18-28 May and from 12-22 October 2009.

To book, please contact the National Co-ordinator on 02 8912 4818 or email mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Janez Lamerton ~ 25 February

Owen Kelly ~ 28 February

A VOCATION VIEW: In today's Gospel, people have difficulty believing that Jesus can forgive sins. Is God asking you to forgive the sins of His people as His ordained priest? Are you called to bring Good News to the poor? Say "yes" to God's call.



Open the roof!

Those who through some evil desire are lovers of the world, and withdraw from good works, are lying sick and ill: because of the illness itself, with no strength in them, they can do no good work. Such in his soul was that paralytic whose bearers, unable to carry him in to the Lord, opened the roof, and let him down. This suggests how you should be willing to open the roof and let down to the Lord your palsied soul... by exposing what is hidden, open the roof and let down the paralytic.

St Augustine (354-426)