

TODAY

**Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18 Abraham's sacrifice
Romans 8:31-34 God's saving grace
Mark 9:2-10 Listen to my Son**

Response to the Psalm:
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
From the shining cloud,
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Servers

8 Mar Pat Wicks
15 Mar Wayne Kelly

Readers

8 Mar 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey
Ps/Intercessions Anthony Gilchrist
2nd Reading Jane Nolan
15 Mar 1st Reading Carol Drummond
Ps/Intercessions Peter Ticehurst
2nd Reading David Ridoutt

Ministers of the Eucharist

8 Mar Julie Hodgkinson and Barbara Smith
15 Mar Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

8 Mar Sarah Greene
15 Mar Elaine Phillips

Counters

8 Mar Robyn and Kevin
15 Mar Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

8 Mar Margaret Ridoutt
15 Mar Barbara Grieves

Church Care

13 Mar Pat and Phil Wicks
20 Mar The Gatt Family

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!

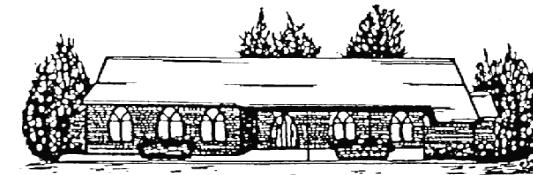


2nd Sunday of Lent
Year B

Like Abraham, and later, Peter, James and John, we are called to leave everything behind and climb the mountain, where God will speak to our hearts. In the midst of our everyday lives, we can get bogged down, even with good things. When we let God speak to our hearts, we will find inner peace and strength for our own journey, even when it involves suffering.

Next Week:
Zeal for God's house
*Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18
1 Corinthians 1:22-25;
John 2:13-25*

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
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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
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	8.00am
Reconciliation	Thursday	2.00pm
Mount Victoria - Mass	Saturday	9.30am to 10.00am
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00pm
	2nd Saturday of month	6.00pm

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

SCHOOL VISITS:

As you know we have three schools in our Blackheath Parish – all State schools – located at Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley. We also have a very active and dedicated group of volunteers who attend these schools each Thursday morning about 9.00am to render Catholic religious education (RE) to our Catholic children attending these schools. We have but one period per week to provide this service during school terms.

Because we have a Mass at Blackheath at that same time, 9.00am, I have been unable to visit any of the schools during these religious education periods. So a change to the Thursday Mass time has to be made if I am to be free to actively support, in the classroom, the wonderful work of our RE teachers and the children to whom they mentor.

Having discussed this matter with those parishioners who regularly attend the Thursday Mass, overwhelmingly, the opinion is that we should celebrate Mass at 8.00am on that day. That being the case, as of **Thursday next (12 March), Mass will be celebrated commencing at 8.00am**. I trust this meets with your support!

MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICE:

Monday being my normal day off, until now we have not had any in-church service available at Blackheath on that day. However, with sincere thanks to Gabrielle and others who have volunteered their services, we are now able to introduce a Communion Service every Monday from 9.00am, starting tomorrow (9 March). I trust that too will meet with your support!

God Bless! (Fr.) Bob

Project Compassion Speaker

Next Sunday, 15 March, **Evan Ellis** will be speaking to us about Caritas' overseas aid and development works – supported through your generosity to Project Compassion.

Evan is the Special Projects Officer within Caritas Australia's Community Engagement team. Having studied Media at Sydney University, he started at Caritas as the World Youth Day Co-ordinator. He now spends his time writing policy and planning a forthcoming national exhibition on world poverty. Evan has also just returned from India on a Caritas immersion and is looking forward to drawing on this experience in his work.

The Transfiguration - Did you know?

- ◆ This event in the life of Jesus is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor near Nazareth in Galilee.
- ◆ The words of the voice from the cloud echo the words from heaven at Jesus' baptism, 'You are my Son, the Beloved, may favour rests on you' (Mk 1:11).
- ◆ The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the same three who will witness his agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died.
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A New Addition to the Likambo Family

Rose and James Likambo and their family of three, Flavia, Peter and Christine, visited us last year to share their story of coming from Sudan to Australia on Refugee Sunday. Rose has given birth to a baby daughter, Josephina. James has especially asked for us all to give thanks for his new daughter. Rose is now home and mother and baby are doing well.

Times of Blessing in Our Lives

During Lent as we endeavour to be more reflective and enter into a deeper communion with our God, it is a great practice before we go to bed to reflect on the simple blessings of the day and to give thanks for these precious moments. It may just be sharing a smile with someone, receiving a kind thought, observing the sunrise or sunset, making a cup of tea. "In the dew of little things" we can be drawn to a spirit of gratitude and prayer.

Peace and blessings, Monica.

As Christians we are called to walk with those who are in need. This week's story introduces us to Prabha, who lives in one of India's poorest tribal areas. Water shortages, poor health, illiteracy and trafficking have compounded her community's vulnerability. Prabha participates in a Caritas Australia supported program that is



empowering families to increase their livelihoods and regenerate their environment. Your Project Compassion donation brings hope to families like Prabha's, empowering them to work together for a sustainable future.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gerard Nolan ~ 53 Today
Paul Cosgrave ~ 59 Today
Bern McPhee for 10 March
David Ridoutt for 11 March
Kevin Burns for 12 March

Happy 42nd Anniversary
Jenny and Lindsay Inman
for 11 March

REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held at 227 The Mall, Leura on **Saturday, 14 March, 10am to Noon**. Theme: 'Finding God' All welcome.

Please remember in your prayers,
Liam Shee, who has recently died, aged 23.

In memoriam:
Pete Juhas ~ 14th March

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will meet on **Tuesday, 10th March** at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

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

Thank you for your prayers for **Thea Ellis** who has now fully recovered.