

TODAY

Jeremiah 17:5-8 Trust in the Lord  
1 Corinthians 15:12.16-20 Hope in Christ  
Luke 6:17.20-26 True happiness

**Response to the Psalm:**

Happy are they who hope  
in the Lord.

**Gospel  
Acclamation:**  
Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Sixth Sunday  
Year C**

Jesus calls 'happy' those who are poor or hungry or who weep. This sounds strange to us. But Jesus promises a great reward in the kingdom of heaven to those who suffer on his account. If we put our trust in the Lord and hope in him, the difficulties we encounter will not separate us from him, but be instead the means by which we will bear fruit.

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

14 Feb Michelle Davis  
21 Feb Bill Grieves

**Readers**

14 Feb 1st Reading Christa Buckley  
Ps/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp  
2nd Reading David Buckley  
21 Feb 1st Reading Carmel Vanny  
Ps/Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson  
2nd Reading Rosemary McArdle

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

14 Feb Heather Carroll and Julie Hodgkinson  
21 Feb Carla Edean and Anthony Gilchrist

**Children's Liturgy**

14 Feb Carroll Family  
21 Feb Anne Broomfield

**Counters**

14 Feb Judith and Frank  
21 Feb Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

14 Feb Robyn Burns  
21 Feb Monica Bright

**Church Care**

19 Feb Julie Hodgkinson  
26 Feb Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

**Next week: Led by the Spirit**

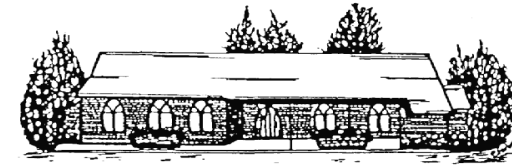
Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90 Romans 10:8-13;  
Luke 4:1-13

**Feast Days for this week! (14th to 20th February)**

Sunday 14th St Valentine, Priest & Martyr (d270)  
Sts Cyril, Monk (826-869AD) and Methodius, Bishop (827-883AD),  
optional feast  
Monday 15th St Claude la Colombiere, Priest (1641-1682AD)  
Tuesday 16th Shrove Tuesday  
St Onesimus, Martyr (d first century AD)  
**Wednesday 17th Lent begins – Ash Wednesday**  
Seven Servite Founders – 13th Century  
Thursday 18th St Marie Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879)  
Saturday 20th Bl Francisco & Jacinta Manto (1908-1919) (Fatima children)



# 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.

Administrator: Fr Bob Sheridan Parish Office hours:  
Parish House: 4787 8811 Wednesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm  
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,  
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

<b>Blackheath</b> - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - Vigil Mass	2nd and 4th Saturdays	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 or Michelle Davis (Chair), Marjanna Gilchrist (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

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

**Bulletin Items:** Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.  
Phone 4787 8520 or email [sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

### Lent is here!

Wednesday next, 17th February, is Ash Wednesday, which introduces the forty day period of Lent. This year the early Lenten period will lead to an equally early Easter, when Easter Sunday will be celebrated on 4th April. This date also happens to be the end of our daylight savings' period.

The word Lent has its origin in an old English word for spring, the season in which Lent occurs in the Northern Hemisphere.

The practice of penance emanates from Jesus Himself, who preached repentance to all. Of historic interest is the fact that the first mention of a forty day fast (raised in last week's Bulletin), occurred at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD. Many other changes were made down through the centuries, resulting in the 1966 Proclamation of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as the only days of fast and abstinence in our Church Year.

Lent is THE annual period of repentance, in which we each review our present lives and, where necessary, revise and, at the very least, renew our Christian commitment to God and our neighbour.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence (from meat) binds those who have completed their 14th year. Also, Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Implicit in this is our receipt of the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to our receiving Holy Communion. During Lent you will note that the Alleluia is omitted at Mass, even in celebration of solemnities and feasts.

### St Valentine's Day

St Valentine's Day is one of the very few special occasions in each year, where we are able to publicly express our love for another. Despite the Americanisation of this feast, it had its origins in a 3rd century Roman priest named Valentine, who assisted many martyrs during the reign of Claudius II. Apprehended, he himself suffered martyrdom about the year 270AD. The custom of sending valentines on this day is the revival of an ancient pagan practice which consisted in boys drawing the names of girls in honour of their goddess Februata Juno on February 15th. To abolish this practice, names of saints were substituted by Christians on billets drawn upon this day, hence St Valentine's popularity through this practice.

God Bless! Fr Bob



Please remember in your prayers, **Ray O'Brien**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### Roster for Liturgical Ministers

(14 Feb to 4 Apr)  
Copies are available for collection in the Church Foyer.

### LENTEN GROUPS

There will be 3 Lenten groups this year:

Host/Contact	Day/Time	Venue	Commencing
Rosemary / 4787 8214	Tuesday 7.30pm	Blackheath	23 February
Gabrielle / 4787 8999	Wednesday 9.45am	Parish Meeting Room	17 February
Monica / 4757 3943	Thursday 7.30pm	Wentworth Falls	18 February

The group lists will be up on the notice board after mass if you would like to add your name to a group to give the host an indication of who is planning to attend. The program we will be using is from Brisbane "**Remember Me**". The books will be available at first meeting.

### FOR YOUR DIARY:

*On Wednesday 24th March at 7pm the Second Rite of Reconciliation (Community Rite) will be celebrated in our Parish at the Sacred Heart Church.*

Please keep in your prayers **Fr Ron Hickman**, Chaplain at Gilroy Village, Merrylands and retired PP of Enfield, who passed away recently.

Happy Anniversary  
Peter and Kate Grbanac  
~ 17 February ~

Caritas Australia Annual  
Project Compassion Appeal  
'Pancake Cook-Up' ~ Today



**Help Required:** There is a need for volunteers to join the roster to help wash and iron the church linen. If you could help, please see Sue Gracey after mass.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
Friday 5th March at 1.30pm  
Blackheath Baptist Church  
Speaker: Mrs Merrie Gilchrist

### Please pray for those who are ill:

John Duggan; Leslie Dee;  
Bernadette Ellery; James Ford;  
Roger Johnstone; Ray Lee;  
Kenneth Kirkham; Barry Leeder;  
Irene Peacock; Cecily O'Brien;  
Hugo Riggs and Cy Schreiber.

Happy 50th Anniversary  
Ron & Cecily O'Brien for 20 February



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**Jonathon Gilchrist** ~ 18 Today  
**Catherine Beaver** ~ 16 February  
**Clare Carroll** ~ 17 February

If you feel that you would like to try **Christian Meditation**, there is a welcoming group which meets on **Mondays - 10:30am at 227 The Mall, Leura**. Sessions last for an average of an hour which includes listening to a tape of teaching on Meditation, meditation time and some discussion. For those who cannot make the Monday session, there is a session on **Saturdays - 3:00pm at Blackheath**. For more information, please contact Barbara on 4787 6032.