

TODAY

Joshua 5:9-12 God provides
2Corinthians 5:17-21 Reconciliation
Luke 15:1-3.11-32 Merciful father

Response to the Psalm: Taste and see,
taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (repeat)

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven
and against you.
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Servers

14 Mar Colette Lillis
21 Mar Ray Wood

Readers

14 Mar 1st Reading Margaret Cody
Intercessions LeGras Family
2nd Reading Gerard Nolan
21 Mar 1st Reading Mary Duggan
Intercessions Carol Drummond
2nd Reading Anne Broomfield

Ministers of the Eucharist

14 Mar Anthony Gilchrist and Julie Hodgkinson
21 Mar Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

14 Mar Carroll Family
21 Mar Sarah Greene

Counters

14 Mar Christa and David
21 Mar Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

14 Mar Ce Jacques
21 Mar Carroll Family

Church Care

19 Mar Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
26 Mar Phil and Pat Wicks



Fourth Sunday of Lent

There are many people today who seem to give no heed to God. Their lives are full of ephemeral things. The younger son in today's parable is a prime example. Yet, after he has tasted the riches, and then the dregs, of society, he comes to his senses. He returns to his father, who welcomes him home joyfully. It is never too late to come back to God.

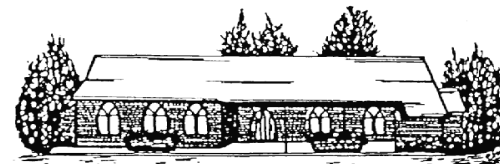
Next week: **Not condemned**
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125
Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



Feast Days for this week! (14th to 20th March 2010)

Sunday 14th St Mathilda, Queen (c895-968)
Monday 15th St Longinus, Soldier & Martyr;
St Louise De Marillac – Widow (1591-1660)
Tuesday 16th St Herbert, Bishop (970-1021)
Wednesday 17th St Patrick, Bishop (387-461); Patron of Ireland – Solemnity
Thursday 18th St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (315-386), optional feast
Friday 19th St Joseph, husband of Mary, Solemnity
Saturday 20th St Wulfran, Bishop (d720)

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>

Blackheath - 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
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - 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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We have to date only one candidate for our Sacramental Program, which will conclude on Sunday, 19th September, with both Confirmation and First Communion. We urgently seek other eligible children to join the study program leading to their receipt of these sacraments. As we draw most candidates through our schools, I invite our Catechists to make an extra effort to promote these sacraments to the children in their classes. Should you need any special assistance (i.e. contact with parents) to progress this matter, would you please contact Noeleen Cliff or myself?

Should any parishioner be aware of any Catholic child or children aged above 7 years who have not yet received the Sacraments of Initiation, particularly Penance, Confirmation and Communion, could you also give their names to either Noeleen or myself for us to take follow up action?

MORE ON FR JOHN McCALL

I visited Fr John in Westmead's intensive care unit on Monday last, 8th March. He has regained consciousness but was unable to speak. However, he seems to be on the mend, although at a very slow rate. The infection which caused him to almost lose his life by closing down his organs, has moderated to the point where only his kidneys have failed to respond to treatment. Having spoken to his nurse, the feeling is that he will be transferred to that hospital's high dependency unit by the end of this week. He is, however, still a very, very sick priest who needs all the prayers that we can muster on his behalf, so please keep him in your prayers.

To all who attended last Sunday's Mass, it would be obvious that there is a close personal relationship between Fr John and Fr Paul who so graciously stood in for me. Thank you everyone for your heart-warming hospitality extended to Fr Paul on this occasion.

OTHER MATTERS

The last two weeks have been a time of great activity for the Diocese, rather than our parish. We now have 8 Deacons - 7 permanent and 1 transitional - the transitional Deacon being Rev Mr John Watkins, whom I have already mentioned as progressing towards priesthood.

Our new Bishop, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP DD was overwhelmed by the warmth of our welcome at his installation Mass on 4th March.

Having never met him before his appointment to the Parramatta Diocese, I found him to be an easy going, friendly Bishop and a great homilist. No doubt we will all experience the effects of his presence in the near future. So please would you also keep him in your prayers?

As to our newly retired Bishop Kevin Manning, he has taken up permanent residence in his own home at 4 Woodville Road, Glenbrook. We wish him good health, happiness and holiness in his new role. I am told that he has made himself available as a supply priest to our parishes. (Please see letter from Bishop Manning on Notice Board).

God Bless! Fr Bob

Commissioning of Catechists will take place during mass on **Sunday, 21 March**. It would be appreciated if all our catechists could be present.

March Cosmology Morning: Our gathering on Friday 19th March at 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls, will be a little different this month. It will begin with a symposium on "To Cherish the Whole of Creation", featuring a Powerpoint production. All are asked to bring pen and paper. The discussion will centre on a review of all Chapters of our book for study - 'Radical Amazement' by Judy Cannato. Prayer for the sick and other needs, as well as morning tea, will be included in the morning's gathering. New guests are always welcome. Enquiries: Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290.



On Saturday 20th March at 7pm

in the Parish Hall, there will be a

St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

'Bring Your Own Everything Picnic Supper!'

You can book a table of 8 (or we will put you on a table)

There will be a prize for the best decorated table and entertainment, too.

All this for \$15pp (please pay before next Saturday).

Tickets available after Mass today or ring Anne-Marie 4787 6325 early in the week.

We hope to see you there in your green glad rags!



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kathleen LeGras for 15 March

Fr Bob Sheridan ~ 77 on 16 March

Happy 2nd Anniversary

Gerard and Elizabeth Gilchrist

for 15th March

Please pray for those who are ill: Trish Carey; Bernadette Ellery; James Ford; Paul Hinds; Roger Johnstone; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Cecily O'Brien; Irene Peacock; Hugo Riggs and Cy Schreiber.

MEMO TO ALL CATECHISTS: You are invited to come along to an in-service provided by the CCD to help SRE's Teachers find new ways to engage the children they teach; and to better understand the life of Jesus, the stories he told and other stores in the Bible in a more exciting and hands-on manner. Please see Noticeboard for more information.

✠ In Memoriam ✠

Pete Juhas ~ 14 March

Mary Potts ~ 17 March

Francis Kerr ~ 18 March

Tom Boylan ~ 19 March

Andrew Greve ~ 20 March

Chrism Mass: Wednesday 31 March at 7.30pm

Bishop Anthony will preside at this year's Chrism Mass where the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. During the Mass, Bishop Anthony and the priests will renew their commitment to priestly service. Everyone is welcome.