

TODAY

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Confession of faith
Romans 10:8-13 All belong to God
Luke 4:1-13 Led by the Spirit*

Response to the Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
*No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.*
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Servers

21 Feb Bill Grieves
28 Feb Jan Roberts

Readers

21 Feb 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson
2nd Reading Rosemary McArdle
28 Feb 1st Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Ian Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

21 Feb Carla Endean and Anthony Gilchrist
28 Feb Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

21 Feb Anne Broomfield
28 Feb Fiona and Wayne Evans

Counters

21 Feb Julie and Lance
28 Feb Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

21 Feb Monica Bright
28 Feb Jan Roberts

Church Care

26 Feb Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
5 Mar Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean

Feast Days for this week! (21st to 27th February 2010)

Sunday 21st St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor (1007-1072AD), optional feast
Monday 22nd Chair of St Peter, Apostle – Feast
St Margaret of Cortona (1247-1297AD)
Tuesday 23rd St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (C69-C156), optional feast
Wednesday 24th St Ethelbert, King (d616)
Thursday 25th St Walburga, Virgin & Abbess (710-779AD)
Friday 26th St Porphyrius, Bishop (349-420AD)
St Nestor of Magydos, Bishop & Martyr, 3rd Century
Saturday 27th St Leander of Seville, Bishop (565-600AD)
St Anne Line, martyr (1565-1601AD)

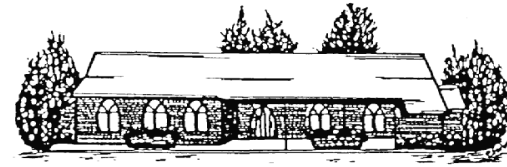


First Sunday of Lent

After Jesus is baptised, he is led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where he experiences our human temptations to usurp God's place in our lives. He feels the allure of being self-serving; of gaining worldly power over others; and of playing God. But Jesus displays true greatness by being attentive to God's word in scripture and confessing his faith that God has first place in his life.

Next week: They saw his glory
*Genesis 15:5-12.17-18; Psalm 26
Philippians 3:17-4:1;
Luke 9:28-36*

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

Lent – A Time of Prayer

While Lent and prayer go together, prayer – our link with God – is, or should be, an essential part of our everyday Christian living. Many of us develop our own personal prayers through which we speak to God on a regular, perhaps even daily basis. This certainly applies to me. So I have decided to share with you, two prayers I use on a daily basis; the first is a morning prayer that I use with Our Lord in front of a crucifix; the second is a pre-Mass prayer that I invoke to prepare me immediately prior to the celebration of Mass. Please feel free to use them as you see fit, or perhaps not to use them at all. Your choice! Your decision!

Morning Prayer

“Jesus, once more this day I place myself in your outstretched hands on my cross which you have made your own personal crucifix. For I have taken your human life from you, and now offer you my entire life so that you may continue your work of salvation through me. Let your will be done to me and through me to all who I meet, so that I may be one of your many messengers in this life when you say – ‘I ask your help as a beggar asks alms, will you help me!’ – and you know I will. Let not your invitation be wasted on me, and I make this prayer in your Love. Amen!”

Pre-Mass Prayer

“Lord! Thank you for inviting us to share this meal with you, in you, of you. For you and I meet on my cross which you have made your own personal crucifix, and on which you died such a terrible death in order to demonstrate to each of us the depth of God’s love for us, and to open the gates of heaven to us. For great love has no man but that you should lay down your life for us. All loving, all giving, all forgiving Jesus; most faithful, most vulnerable, most Sacred Heart of Jesus supported as always by the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Mother and mine. So, let us go forward together to share in this greatest of all prayers, the sacrifice and celebration of your Eucharist. Amen!”

Baptisms

Following today’s Mass, we have three children to be baptised – too many to include within the mass. They are **Elijah Robert Campbell, Jeremy Ivor Porter and Jayden Ivor Porter.**

We congratulate all three babies/toddlers and their parents in taking this first sacramental step in their lives, and we welcome them into our Christian family.

Pancake Sunday

More than a great social event and diet-breaker, this was a very successful fund raiser for Caritas Australia. My understanding is that over \$160 was garnered by our community for the benefit of others far less fortunate than us. Congratulations to everyone for your hard work, superb cooking (I love pancakes!), friendship and money made. What a wonderful start to our Lenten programme!

God Bless! Fr Bob

RCIA Journey: Next Sunday, 28th February, during Mass **Josephine Pretorius** will take another step on her journey towards full reception into the Catholic Church on Easter Saturday Night by having a Rite of Reception of Names. Josephine will be introduced to the Parish and put in to writing her desire to be received into the Church this Easter.

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.

Centacare Catholic Social Services (Parramatta Diocese)

invites you to a special event:

“Reconnecting with Life, Love and Laughter”

presented by Robyn Moore, an inspirational, funny and very engaging public speaker who will give very timely and positive messages for us all about our relationships, family, community, vocation, job and our vision and values.

When: Tuesday 23rd February from 6:00pm til 9:30pm

Where: St Patrick’s Parish Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

Entry cost is gold coin donation at the door. Tea and coffee served.
Limited places. Bookings essential on 9933 0222.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Jangt Lamgrton
for 23 February



Working Bee
Saturday,
27 February

7.00 - 7.30am start.
All welcome!

In Memoriam
Rick Frazer ~ 22 February

Catholic Institute of Sydney
(for Theology and Ministry)

Reading the Classics:

“St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross”

Four Wednesdays, Wednesday 3rd March to
Wednesday 24th March 7.00pm - 9.00pm
(see noticeboard for further details)

Reading the Classics:

“The Music of Philosophy”

Six Wednesdays, Wednesday 28th April to
Wednesday 2nd June, 7.00pm - 9.00pm
(see noticeboard for further details)

Please pray for those who are ill: Sharon Bann; Trish Carey; Leslie Dee;
John Duggan; Bernadette Ellery; James Ford; Roger Johnstone;
Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Cecily O’Brien; Irene Peacock;
Hugo Riggs and Cy Schreiber.

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP ~ Installation Mass

On Thursday, 4 March, Bishop Anthony will be installed as the 3rd Bishop of Parramatta in St Patrick’s Cathedral. The Mass will commence at 7.30pm and be streamed live over the web at www.xt3.com