

TODAY

Isaiah 43:16-21 A new deed
Philippians 3:8-14 Christ my prize
John 8:1-11 Not condemned

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

**With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.**

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Servers

21 Mar Ray Wood
28 Mar Wayne Kelly

Readers

21 Mar 1st Reading Mary Duggan
Intercessions Carol Drummond
2nd Reading Anne Broomfield
28 Mar 1st Reading Wayne Evans
Intercessions David Buckley
2nd Reading Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

21 Mar Monica and Brian Bright
28 Mar Diana Landsberg and Patricia Dee

Children's Liturgy

21 Mar Sarah Greene
28 Mar Carol Drummond

Counters

21 Mar Robyn and Kevin
28 Mar Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

21 Mar Carroll Family
28 Mar Christine Burke

Church Care

26 Mar Phil and Pat Wicks
2 Apr Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



Who will
cast the
first
stone?

**Fifth Sunday of
Lent**

There are many sinners
in today's parable.
The scribes and
Pharisees act with malice
towards Jesus, hoping
to condemn him, while
the woman caught in
adultery provides
a convenient pretext.
Jesus sees through their
hypocrisy and doesn't
play their game. When
pressed, he challenges
them to look at
themselves. Confronted
with their own
sinfulness, they slink
away. Jesus condemns
nobody, but asks that we
don't sin anymore.

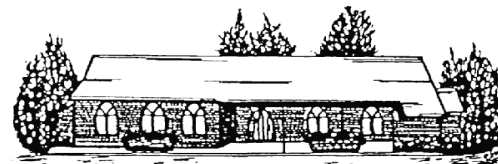
Next week: **Father, forgive them**
Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21 Philippians
2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56



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

Sunday 21st St Nicholas of Flue, hermit (Patron of Switzerland 1417-1487)
Monday 22nd St Lea of Rome, Widow (d384)
Tuesday 23rd St Richard of Chichester, Bishop (1197-1253)
Wednesday 24th Archbishop Oscar Romero, Martyr (1917-1980)
Thursday 25th The Annunciation of The Lord, Solemnity
St Dismas, Crucified Good Thief (d33)
Friday 26th Blessed Francesco Face Di Bruno, Priest (1825-1888)
Saturday 27th St Rupert of Salzburg, Bishop (d718)

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

PROJECT COMPASSION & COMMISSIONING OUR CATECHISTS

Today marks the beginning of the last two weeks of Lent. During this morning's Mass, we will be hearing from **Evan Ellis** in relation to Project Compassion. We will also be commissioning our 2010 Catechists during the same Mass.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Arrangements have been finalised for interested parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation via the Second Rite on Wednesday next, 24th March, commencing at 7.00pm. We are reminded that the decision taken at the Fourth Lateran Council in the year 1215, that every Catholic should receive this Sacrament at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. As this will be the only opportunity for you to receive the Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten/Paschal season, it could be a good time for you to fulfil this obligation.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Sunday next, the Sixth Sunday of Lent is Passion (Palm) Sunday, at which, of course, palms will be distributed to each attending parishioner. This will follow an entry procession and blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass. Proclamation of Our Lord's Passion will also be part of this Mass.

Those attending weekday Masses will note that from tomorrow (Monday 26th March), we begin the lead-in to Our Lord's Passion via the introduction of the Preface of The Passion of Our Lord. Holy Week will commence with Passion Sunday and will continue through the last days of Lent and the Easter Triduum.

CHILD PROTECTION

Last Tuesday, 16th March I attended a compulsory (for Diocesan Priests) lecture on recent changes made to the Child Protection Act. These changes were found to be necessary as a consequence of the finding of a little boy's body in a suitcase in a lake, and the starvation death of a little seven year old girl. Justice Woodward investigated the background to these two tragic events resulting in these changes. Generally, all who have contact with children now have additional responsibilities to take action in relation to any observed abnormal behaviour or appearance of any child, whether or not the observer has direct responsibility for that child. Thus the responsibility base for those who come in contact with children has been considerably broadened. Our Catechists, Child Liturgists and others who have formal regular or periodic contact with children will shortly be invited to attend a special briefing in this matter. What a sad reflection this is on our society that such legal protection has been found necessary to protect our children!

God Bless! Fr Bob

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday 28 March:	9.30am	Mass
Holy Thursday 1 April:	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 2 April:	10.00am 10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Prayer & Reflection at St Joseph's, Megalong Valley Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday 3 April:	7.30pm	Easter Vigil & Mass
Easter Sunday 4 April:	7.00am 9.30am 12.00pm	Mass at St Paul's Mt Victoria Mass at Sacred Heart Mass at St Joseph's Megalong Valley

First Reconciliation will be celebrated in the church on **Friday, 26th March, at 7.30pm.** **Annabel Pettit** will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation that evening. All are welcome to join Annabel and her family for the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. The liturgy will focus on young children and families.



Parish Working Bee ~ Saturday 27 March from 8am

Jobs to be done: lawn mowing, weeding, pruning and removal of branches near the footpath. Come along and lend a hand to ready the grounds for our Easter celebrations. If you are unable to help us on the Saturday, you are very welcome to attend to any of these jobs during the week.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Trish Carey; Bernadette Ellery;
James Ford; Paul Hinds; Roger Johnstone;
Travis Kingston; Kenneth Kirkham;
Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Cecily O'Brien;
Irene Peacock; Hugo Riggs & Cy Schreiber.

Happy Birthday
Oliver Burke ~ 5 on 23 April
Maria Cora ~ 26 April

Happy Anniversary
~ Ken & Sheilagh Kirkham ~
54 years on 24th March

Blackheath Phoenix Choir
presents
'Olivet to Calvary' ~ A Sacred Cantata
by J.H. Maunder
Good Friday, 2 April, 3.00pm at St Alban's
Anglican Church, 137 Megalong St, Leura

Donation \$10 includes afternoon tea.

Proceeds go to the

Ibulanku Health Centre Uganda

Contact: Elizabeth ~ 4787 6198



Sacred Heart Care Group

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact our Care Group if you think we can help. Call Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.