

TODAY

Exodus 3:1-8.13-15 God's name revealed
1Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12 A lesson for us
Luke 13:1-9 Unless you repent

Response to the Psalm:
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Servers

7 Mar Diane Stewart
14 Mar Colette Lillis

Readers

7 Mar 1st Reading Robyn Burns
Intercessions Jane Nolan
2nd Reading Kevin Burns
14 Mar 1st Reading Margaret Cody
Intercessions LeGras Family
2nd Reading Gerard Nolan

Ministers of the Eucharist

7 Mar Ray Wood and Elizabeth Giddey
14 Mar Anthony Gilchrist and Julie Hodgkinson

Children's Liturgy

7 Mar Frances Huckstepp
14 Mar Carroll Family

Counters

7 Mar Barbara and Bill
14 Mar Christa and David

Morning Tea

7 Mar Carla Endean
14 Mar Ce Jacques

Church Care

12 Mar Judy Harris and Vicky
19 Mar Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



Third Sunday of Lent

Natural disasters happen.
No one is to blame for them. People suffer and die in violent crimes and accidents. Such tragedies and sudden deaths can be a 'wake up' call for us. Where is God in all this? How do we live our lives? God is well aware of our sufferings, and gives us opportunities to make a new start, to grow in love and good works.

Next week: Merciful father

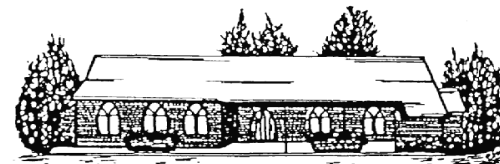
Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33
2Corinthians 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Feast Days for this week! (7th to 13th March 2010)

Sunday 7th Sts Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs (d203), optional Feast
St Teresa Redi, Virgin (1774-1770)
Monday 8th St John of God, Religious & Founder (1495-1550), optional Feast
Tuesday 9th St Frances of Rome, Religious (1384-1440), optional Feast
Wednesday 10th St John Ogilvie, Priest & martyr (1579-1615)
Thursday 11th St Eulogius, Martyr (d859)
Friday 12th St Seraphina, Virgin (1238-1253)
Saturday 13th St Roderick, priest & Martyr (d857);
St Euphrasia, Religious & Virgin (d420)



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

Many Thanks!

I find it impossible to adequately thank Fr. Paul Maloney OSA for standing-in for me in today's Mass, given all the circumstances that have befallen the Greystanes' Augustinian Fathers during the past week. I refer, of course, to the unexpected grave illness of Fr. John McCall last Thursday week that has very nearly cost him his life. Fr. John, whom most of you would know as one of our regular 'supply' priests in the years before my arrival here, had arranged with me to celebrate this Mass in my absence today. Yet now, he is fighting for his life in the Intensive Care unit at Westmead Hospital. (Fr.) John is a quiet, reserved, friendly, holy man filled with a great love of God and us. I am indeed privileged to have him as a very special member of my 'family', and I ask your prayers for his speedy recovery so that he might continue God's work to the greater good of all who he meets - that is, you and me.

Fr. Paul not only has a gravely ill "brother" to contend with, but as well, has double the workload. Would that I could change my commitments so that I could be here for this Mass. Sadly, that is not possible! However, I am comforted by the knowledge that you will take good care of (Fr.) Paul via our famous Blackheath hospitality. Once again, (Fr.) Paul, huge thanks from me and all our parishioners!

Mount Tabor

Remember last week's Transfiguration of Jesus that took place at the top of a high mountain? Well, we believe that mountain to have been Mount Tabor (880 metres above the Galilean countryside). The geography of the area gives us a better understanding of the Transfiguration event. Near the base of Mount Tabor are two villages - Dabboriyeh and Nain. Luke (ch.7) tells us that Jesus raised from the dead the widow's son in the little village of Nain. Immediately after Luke's account of the Transfiguration, Jesus and the disciples descend to a little town at the foot of the mountain, these days called Dabboriyeh in Arabic, after the legendary prophetess and judge in the Old Testament, Deborah. Near the village, a man ran forth seeking relief for his epileptic son. Jesus healed him! What a lesson that was for Jesus' disciples. First, Jesus' Divinity made visible to them, then his use of that same Divinity to heal a suffering human being - God in action through Jesus! That completes the story of the Transfiguration for both the disciples, and us.

Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP

The Parish of Blackheath congratulates Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, recently installed as the Third Bishop of Parramatta on 4th March, 2010. We welcome you and wish you well for your new Ministry and offer you all our support.

God Bless! Fr Bob

Palm Sunday Youth Mass and BBQ: Bishop Anthony invites the youth of the Diocese to St Patrick's Cathedral for a Youth Mass followed by a Q&A session and BBQ on Sunday 28 March. Gather in Prince Alfred Park opposite the Cathedral at 5.45pm for a blessing and procession leading into the Mass.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pat Leeder for Today

Gerard Nolan ~ 54 on 8th March

Paul Cosgrave ~ 60 on 8th March

Bern McPherson for 10th March

Kevin Burns for 12th March

Patrick McArdle ~ 68 on 12th 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, 13 March from 10am to 12 noon. Theme: 'Let Love In!' All welcome.

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

Thank you to all for your prayers for my brother, John. He has had a good result following his treatment.

Mary Ellen Duggan

Annual Parish Dinner has been pencilled in for **Saturday, 19 June at the Manor House at Mt Victoria.** More details to follow.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL KOGARAH

'Back to St Joseph's' Cocktail Evening ~ For all former students and staff of St Joseph's Catholic Girls' High School, Kogarah. Friday 19 March, 7.00-9.00pm, Bethany College, 2 Croydon Rd, Hurstville. Tickets \$20, available from Bethany College Office, Ph 8566 0711, info@bethanyhurstville.catholic.edu.au or josephmarybethany@gmail.com

A gallery of **photos** taken during **Rev Mr John Watkin's ordination** on Friday can be viewed at: www.321photography.com.au
Click on **Shelter** (top right) Click on **Catholic Outlook Jobs** Password: catholicoutlook

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

The De La Salle Brothers are offering young men (20-35yrs) an incredible volunteer opportunity in the remote indigenous community of Balgo Hills in WA. Spend two weeks (15-29 May) learning about the Brothers' life and work whilst helping young people in need. Applications close 29 March. Details please visit www.delasallebrothers.com