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Eccl 15:15-20 *He never commanded anyone to be godless.*
1 Cor 2:6-10 *God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*
Mt 5:17-37 *Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Psalm Response:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

Servers

13 Feb Diane Stewart
20 Feb Pat Wicks

Readers

13 Feb	1st Reading	Pat Wicks
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Ron Davis
20 Feb	1st Reading	Robyn Burns
	Intercessions	Ron Davis
	2nd Reading	Kevin Burns

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Feb Monica and Brian Bright
20 Feb Elizabeth Giddey and Michelle Davis

Children's Liturgy

13 Feb Frances Huckstepp
20 Feb Carroll Family

Counters

13 Feb Monica
20 Feb Judith and Frank

Morning Tea

13 Feb Michelle Funnell
20 Feb Claire Maguire

Church Care

18 Feb The Gatt Family
25 Feb Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



Sixth Sunday Year A

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking.

When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible.

This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

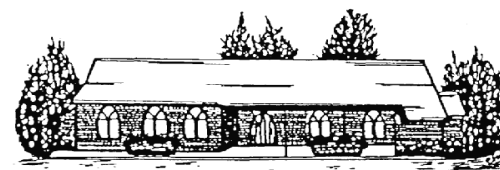
-from Liturgyhelp online

Next Week: **Love your enemies** Lv 19:1-2. 17-18; Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8; 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Feast Days for this week! (13th to 19th February 2011)

Sunday 13th St Catherine de Ricci, Virgin (1522-1589)
St Erminguild, Queen & Widow, Abbess (d703AD)
Monday 14th St Valentine, Priest & Martyr (d270) Sts Cyril, Monk (826-869) & Methodius, Bishop (827-883), Memorial
Tuesday 15th St Claude De La Colombiere, Priest (1641-1682)
Wednesday 16th St Onesimus, Martyr (d 1st Century AD)
Thursday 17th Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, 13th Century, Optional
Friday 18th St Marie Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879)

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We wish to acknowledge the Dharug 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.

Parish Priest: Father Bob Sheridan

Parish House:	4787 8811	Parish Office hours:
Parish Mobile: (24 hrs/7 days)	0428 878 810	Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish Office:	4787 8540	Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Fax:	4787 6143	All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, ph 4787 8811.
email:	shbheath2@bigpond.com	

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	7.00am
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 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 the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

FROM AWASSA: Our parish has received a letter dated 11/1/11 from the Missionaries of Charity in Awassa, Ethiopia, for whom we raise funds on a regular basis. The letter reads:

"Lissa and all our friends in Blackheath Church in Australia - First of all we wish you A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND GRACEFILLED NEW YEAR 2011!"

Lissa and Mecdes visit us today here in Awassa. They also saw our babies and other inmates, and our children from slum school. We were happy to see Mecdes grown up beautiful and health. May God bless her parents and family. Lissa told us that you have not received any acknowledgement yet for the donations you sent to us through the bank. We could not make out through the bank papers and could not respond to you. Twice we received money. Thank you very much. Next time kindly send for us may be by post your address and the information so that we can communicate with you in time.

Thanking you very much. God bless you and all your family and friends. Sincerely, Sr. Gisele"

PS. Sr Gisele obviously experienced difficulties in penning this letter. I am advised that it took the best part of a day to pen. No wonder accurate interpretation of its content is a little difficult. The original letter may be found on the notice board.

MORE ON THE MASS CHANGES: Last Wednesday we received advance copies of a new Daily Missal that incorporates all the Mass changes to take effect from Pentecost Sunday (12th June). We have ordered 100 copies of this Missal for use by parishioners at each Mass. The parish is paying the \$250 purchase price for ongoing use by those attending Mass.

(ST) VALENTINE'S DAY: Tomorrow (14th February) is Valentine's Day. Very much Americanized, this feast is directed to the heart-filled among us. The real Saint Valentine, however, was a Roman priest and martyr who assisted other martyrs who suffered during the reign of Claudius II in the third century. Once caught, he was sent to Rome where he was beaten by clubs, and afterwards, beheaded. He suffered martyrdom about the year 270.

The custom of sending valentines on this day is the revival of an ancient pagan practice which consisted of boys drawing the names of girls in honour of their goddess, Februata Juno on February 15th. Christians, to abolish this practice, substituted names of saints on billets drawn on this day.

LENTEN GROUPS: Ash Wednesday this year falls on 9th March. Prior to this day, we hope to form several Lenten Groups with your support, either as host families or participants. If interested, kindly contact Monica Bright on 4757 3943 as soon as practicable please.

God Bless! Fr. Bob

HOME MASSES: If enough people are interested, we will introduce a program of monthly home Masses to be held for the rest of this year. Should you be interested, please note your name on the list on the notice board.

St Patrick's Get Together Trivia Night & Sausage Sizzle

**Friday 18th March
in the Parish Hall
7pm: Sausage Sizzle
(\$1 per sausage)
7:30pm: Trivia Starts**

**Entry: \$5 per person
or \$10 per family**
BYO Nibbles and drinks
for your table.

**Gather in family and
friends to make up
tables of 8.**

Come dressed in Green
or dressed like the Irish.

Winning Table will
receive prizes!

Tickets on
sale from
Sunday,
27th February.



On the Notice Board

- *Timely preparation for Lent
- *Interfaith Seminar
- *Lalor Park Golden Jubilee
- *Southern Wonders Tour
- *2011 Lenten Resources
- *Positions Vacant
- *Blackheath Reflection Mornings

CatholicCare Social Services

Parramatta CatholicCare
Social Services are
organizing an appeal to
assist those in need as a
result of Cyclone Yasi.
Envelopes will be
available next week.

PARISH DINNER

*It has been suggested that
the Parish Dinner for 2011
be held on Friday, 1st July,
which is the actual
Feast of the Sacred Heart.
The venue will be in
Blackheath so we expect to
see all you Blackheathens
present! More to follow.
Mark your diary!*

February Cosmology Morning

The theme of the
meditation will be
"Longings of the Heart"
for our gathering on
Friday, 18 February, at
10am till noon at the
Good Samaritan
Community House,
3 Valley Road, Wentworth
Falls. The discussion will
centre on Chapter 2 of
"Fields of Compassion"
by Judy Cannato.

There will be a time of
silence, prayers for the
sick and other needs,
as well as morning tea
included in the morning's
gathering. New guests are
always welcome. Enquiries:
Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year we are the hosts for World Day of Prayer to be held on **Friday, 4 March, at 1pm** in our **Sacred Heart Church**. The focus country will be Chile. The Prayer service will be followed by afternoon tea in the parish hall.

Church Care Roster

*We would welcome a few more volunteers to clean
our church. If you are able to give a little of your
time, once every 8 weeks or so, please contact
Mary Kingston on 6352 1706.*

Happy Birthday

Jonathon Gilechrist
19 on 14 February

Catherine Beaver
for 16 February

Clare Carroll
for 17 February

Please pray for
those who are ill:

Trish Carey
Kim Crawford
Marion Crowley
John Duggan
Barry Finch
Fr Frank Fletcher
James Ford
Virginia Hayward
Miriam Helby
Kenneth Kirkham
Fran Knight
Ray Lee
Barry Leeder
Cecily O'Brien
Irene Peacock
and
Cy Schreiber.

**Happy
Anniversary
Peter and Kate
Grbanac
for 17th February**