

TODAY

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7 **Root of sin**
Romans 5:12-19 **God's free gift**
Matthew 4:1-11 **Where we stand**

Psalm Response:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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.

Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus Christ,
until you come, until you come in glory.

Great Amen:

We sing amen! We sing amen!
All glory and praise be yours, O God.
We sing amen! We sing amen!
With faith and hope and love, we sing amen!

Servers

13 Mar Michelle Davis
20 Mar Jan Roberts

Readers

13 Mar 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp
Intercessions Claire Maguire
2nd Reading Ian Maguire
20 Mar 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Barbara Smith

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Mar Margaret Davis and Jan Roberts
20 Mar Diana Landsberg and Margaret Davis

Children's Liturgy

13 Mar Carroll Family
20 Mar Fiona/Wayne Evans

Counters

13 Mar Barbara and Bill
20 Mar Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

13 Mar Fiona Evans
20 Mar Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith

Church Care

18 Mar Carla Endean
25 Mar Judy Harris and Vicky



1st Sunday of Lent

Lent is a season for us to examine our choices in life. Today's readings put before us the reality of temptation and sin, illustrating its universal experience throughout human history from Adam and Eve to Christ.

Jesus too was tempted to seek the spectacular and abandon the limitations of our human condition. He replied, 'Be off, Satan!' His obedience to his Father will win redemption for us all.

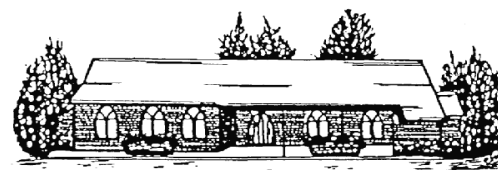
Next Week: **Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.**
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 50:3-6.
12-14, 17. R. see v.3;
Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11



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

Sunday 13th St Roderick, Priest & Martyr (d857)
St Euphrasia, Religious & Virgin (d420)
Monday 14th St Matilda, Queen (c895-968)
Tuesday 15th St Longinus, Soldier & Martyr
St Louise De Marillac, Widow (1591-1660)
Wednesday 16th St Herbert, Bishop (970-1021)
Thursday 17th St Patrick, Bishop (387-461) - Patron of Ireland, Solemnity
Friday 18th St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (315-386), optional
Saturday 19th St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Solemnity

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.

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,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, ph 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	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), Frances Huckstepp (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

CONGRATULATIONS!

The World Day of Prayer held in our Sacred Heart Church on Friday, 4th March, was an outstanding success, with representatives from a number of different Christian denominations as well as a contingent of Buddhists, in total, about forty persons from our local area in attendance. This was our year to host this ecumenical gathering. The four major churches in Blackheath (Catholic, Baptist, Uniting and Anglican) share in running this worldwide event. Our wonderful ladies, not only played host on behalf of all parishioners, but before the prayer meeting tidied up our gardens and the church itself, so as to present us in the best light possible. Huge thanks to all involved from the rest of us!

Our catechists, too, received their commissions last Sunday to the acclamation of all present at the 9.30am Mass. Congratulations to everyone for their generous commitment of time and expertise, voluntarily given to the welfare of our school children. Particular congratulations to Noleen Cliff who has again been commissioned as our Catechist Co-ordinator. Well done, everyone!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CENTENARY

While this day is being celebrated today as part of our Sunday Mass, the actual centenary date for International Women's Day occurred last Tuesday, 8th March. This is a global community celebration whose aim is to make known the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. More in today's homily.

PURCHASE OF PARRAMATTA'S OLD KING'S SCHOOL SITE

Bishop Anthony has advised of the purchase of 12% of this site adjoining Parramatta Cathedral, at a maximum purchase price of \$5.5 million, conditional on the extent of development that can be achieved on that site. The Diocese is developing a master plan for the entire site in collaboration with the government (current owners of the property). The intention is to extend our welfare, educational and spiritual services on that portion of the site we will purchase. The Cathedral will also gain much needed parking space.

Bishop Anthony believes that this is a site with enormous potential for multiple benefits for the Diocese, the people of Parramatta and greater Western Sydney, including the disadvantaged for whom we have a special responsibility.

WORLDWIDE INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Vatican has advised that the number of priests ordained has increased worldwide, while the number of those who have given up the exercise of the priesthood has decreased notably. The most recent official statistics refer to information from 2009. The total number of priests reported at that time was 410,593, of whom 275,542 were members of the diocesan clergy and 135,051 of religious congregations. This increased from a decade ago, when in 1999 the figures were 404,009 priests of whom 265,012 were diocesan and 139,997 religious. Thus, the total number of priests worldwide in 2009, compared to 1999, grew by 1.4% with a 4% increase of the diocesan clergy and a 3.5% decrease of the religious clergy.

God Bless! Fr. Bob



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Kaluram is 33 and lives with his wife and three children in the hot plains of western Nepal. Caritas Australia supports Farmer Field Schools to improve food production and livelihoods for more than 12,000 poor farmers from disadvantaged ethnic groups and castes. Each of us is connected to Kaluram and people like him. Our choices do make a difference. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides people like Kaluram with the opportunity to learn new skills, enables them to move away from dependence and debt and assists them to become self-supporting and independent.



Project Compassion: Thank you to those who bought a pancake or two last Sunday. We took a total of \$142 with the Pancake Feast. Just a reminder that Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available today.

"Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion make a real difference to communities in need. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten envelopes and give generously to the appeal during Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to disadvantaged communities throughout the world." (Caritas)

Our Lenten Theme Song:

HEAL ME, O GOD (Gregory Norbet)

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**Heal me, O God; create a new heart in me,
Save me, O God; with light of your presence.
Heal me, O God; and raise me to new life. You alone are my hope.**

Deep in the night reveal your wisdom,
teach me to live a life that is holy.

Save me, O God, you are my refuge;
put in my heart a faith strong and searching.

Be with me now, lifting each burden;
you are my hope, my strength for the journey.

As you have shown mercy and kindness,
so may I grow in living compassion.

Strengthen my faith, melt my indifference;
set me afire with Spirit's anointing.

Help me extend peace and forgiveness,
knowing so well my failings forgiven.