

TODAY

1Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 *God's choice*
Ephesians 5:8-14 *Be children of light*
John 9:1-41 *Light of the world*

Psalm Response: The Lord is my Shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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!

ROSTERS

Servers

3 Apr Ray Wood
10 Apr Diane Stewart

Readers

3 Apr 1st Reading Robyn Burns
Intercessions Kevin Burns
2nd Reading Carmel Vanny
10 Apr 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Ron Davis

Ministers of the Eucharist

3 Apr Michelle Davis and Elizabeth Giddey
10 Apr Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

3 Apr TBA
10 Apr TBA

Counters

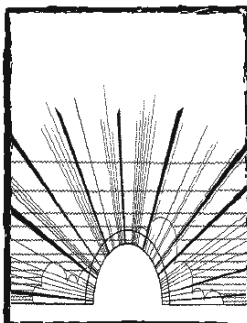
3 Apr Carla and Neil
10 Apr Monica

Morning Tea

3 Apr Ce Jacques
10 Apr Monica Bright

Church Care

8 Apr Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
15 Apr The Gatt Family



**4th Sunday
of Lent - Year A**

3rd April 2011

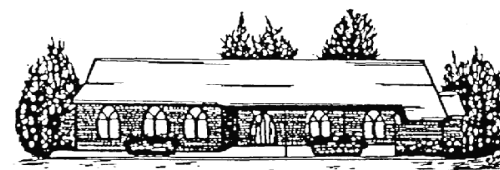
Today's gospel passage reminds us that blindness may not be only a physical disability. Exposure to excessive information can dull our perception of the things that really matter.

The blind man acknowledges that Jesus is from God, yet knowledgeable people are sceptical and disbelieving. Jesus can open the eyes of our minds and hearts if we believe in him and live our lives in the truth.

Next Week:

I am the resurrection
Ezekiel 37:12-14;
Psalm 129
Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45

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	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 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

On the Notice Board

- ◆ Agency Financial Accountant
- ◆ Santa Sabina Senior Scholarships for 2012
- ◆ Holy Land and Rome Pilgrimage
- ◆ Invitation to the young people of the Diocese
- ◆ Catholic Outlook – April issue
- ◆ Theology on Tap with Bishop Anthony Fisher
- ◆ Position Vacant – Housekeeper
- ◆ Share the Dream Conference 15-17 April
- ◆ Music of JS Bach & Sacred Readings on Good Friday
- ◆ Sisterhood Catholic Women’s Conference
- ◆ Divine Mercy
- ◆ Patrician Brothers Blacktown Old Boys’ Reunion
- ◆ Palm Sunday Youth Celebration
- ◆ Good Friday Walk
- ◆ Weekend Retreat 13-15th May
- ◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The 2011 school year's first term ends next week. **Thank you to all the SREs** who have survived the first term and have taught the Word of God to the special children of our Parish.

Thank you to Patricia Dee for typing the bulletin insert. *Kate*

Please note your diary for the **Parish Dinner on 1st July at St Mount’s Trattoria.**

~ The Kindness Project ~

“Just because an animal is large, it doesn't mean he doesn't want kindness however big Tigger seems to be! Remember he wants as much kindness as Roo”. - Winnie the Pooh

There has been so much positive feedback about the launch of the Kindness Project and yet so few names in our 'Kindness Box'!!! So, if you forgot last week, please put your name in to be part of the fun. Tear the acceptance box off this bulletin or put your name on any piece of paper and drop it in.

Remember this whole Project is about showing small kindnesses anonymously. Please don't be daunted by the thought you are committing something enormous. Remember the wisdom of Winnie the Pooh - no matter how big or small, young or old, we can all do with a little more kindness.

Please tear off this section of the Bulletin and place it in the special box.

I hereby promise that I am willing to become involved in the Kindness Project and, as part of this, I promise to be particularly kind to the person assigned to me for a period of one year. At all times, I will do my utmost to remain anonymous.

Please print your name.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



See the dignity, hopes and dreams of people who live with disability and poverty. In this week's story, we meet Bach and his daughter from Vietnam, who lived isolated from their community due to their disabilities until recently. Caritas Australia supports the health, livelihoods and social integration of 750 people with disabilities here including Bach, encouraging them to form Support Groups to gain social and employment skills. Your Project Compassion donation mobilises awareness and solidarity so that people with a disability have opportunities in life equal to all others.

Afternoon Capers is on Tuesday, 5th April, from 12pm to 2pm. This month some of our quilters will be showing their patchwork quilts. Also, there is good company and conversation. If you need a lift or want to know more, please phone Diane on 4787 1357.



Please pray for those who are ill:

**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.**

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.**

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

Happy 53rd Anniversary
Joseph and Matilda Tassangi for 7th April

Happy 28th Anniversary
Adrian and Robyn Carroll for 9th April

In memoriam
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Roma Ward
~ 4th April ~
Bernice Inman
~ 7th April ~
Derrin McGrath
~ 8th April ~

A VOCATION VIEW
If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

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.