

Psalm Response:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

Servers

6 Feb Bill Grieves
13 Feb Diane Stewart

Readers

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| 6 Feb | 1st Reading | Robyn Burns |
| | Intercessions | Barbara Smith |
| | 2nd Reading | Kevin Burns |
| 13 Feb | 1st Reading | Pat Wicks |
| | Intercessions | Marilyn Rowe |
| | 2nd Reading | Ron Davis |

Ministers of the Eucharist

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

Children's Liturgy

6 Feb Fiona/Wayne Evans
13 Feb Frances Huckstep

Counters

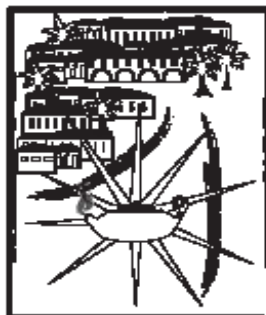
6 Feb Carla and Neil
13 Feb Monica

Morning Tea

6 Feb Robyn Burns
13 Feb Michelle Funnell

Church Care

11 Feb Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
18 Feb The Gatt Family



**Fifth Sunday
Year A**

Jesus proclaims himself 'the light of the world', and also proclaims us, his disciples, as 'the light of the world.' We who are joined to him in baptism truly share in his life, in his light. If we really live this relationship with him, our lives, our attitudes, our good works and our generosity to those in need will show forth the light we share: the glory of God.

Scriptural context - Following blessings

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, 'You must be the change you want to see in the world.' He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance. It's tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus because so much of his approach reflected Jesus' call for justice. The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.

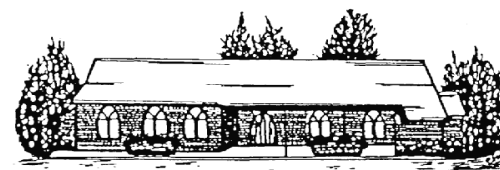
-from Liturgyhelp online

Feast Days for this week! (6th to 12th February)

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| Sunday 6th | Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (d1597), Memorial |
| Monday 7th | St Richard of Lucca, King (d722AD) |
| Tuesday 8th | St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (1868-1947), optional |
| | St Jerome Emiliani, Priest (1481-1537), optional |
| Wednesday 9th | St Apollonia, Virgin & Martyr (d249AD) |
| Thursday 10th | St Scholastica, Virgin (c480-547), Memorial |
| Friday 11th | Our Lady of Lourdes (1858AD), optional |
| Saturday 12th | St Saturninos & Companions, Martyrs (d304AD) |



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

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| 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>

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| 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

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Introduction of the revamped Mass Liturgy is to be implemented from Pentecost Sunday this year. Towards the end of February, the National Liturgical Council of our Church will be launching a website to assist us better to understand the changes that are to take place. For those who are computer literate, the IP address will be www.romanmissalaustralia.org.au or alternatively you will be able to access it from the home page of the ACBC site www.catholic.org.au

The site will provide resources for clergy, liturgical ministers, musicians and, above all, our parishioners. The site will also provide mp3 files of the recommended Mass settings for use in Australia by the Bishops' Conference as well as the ICEL prepared chant. The site, once launched, will be added to as the year progresses and as new phases of the program are introduced.

Through the Diocese and our Blue Mountains Deanery, support will also be provided in the first six months of this year to assist parish communities and, in particular, the ordained and lay liturgical ministers to prepare for the texts we use at Mass.

It is still anticipated that the entire Missal will be published and available at the end of this year. At this time, no date has been fixed by the Bishops' Conference as to when the full Missal is to be used.

OUR NEW THURSDAY MASS

Last Thursday we introduced the earlier 7am Mass for the convenience of those parishioners who wished to attend Mass before leaving for work. I'm pleased to say that on this first occasion attendances were acceptable, including several parishioners who then proceeded to their normal workplace. We will continue to monitor attendances at this Mass at least until the end of Daylight Saving before we further review its continuation at this time.

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH

I'm pleased to say that Fr John Smith has returned from his Spanish sojourn (last Friday) so everything is back to normal for us in this Parish, and our Katoomba visitors can once more enjoy Mass in their own churches. We trust that Fr John's holiday was all that he had hoped it to be.

LENTEN EASTER PROGRAM

Ten parishioners attended last Sunday's special meeting convened to prepare our Lenten/Easter program for this year. After some discussion, it was decided to prepare a list of all activities associated with this period and to enable those present to detail their thoughts for each of these activities for the committee to consider at a soon to be held second meeting. We will keep you informed as to the progress of our planning.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A LENTEN GROUP?

If you are interested in leading or being part of a Lenten Group this year, please contact Monica Bright, Michelle Davis or myself.

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.

SRE'S MEETING: A special meeting of all SRE teachers will be held on **Tuesday, 8 February**, in the meeting room at **10am**. **Veronica Sultana** will attend this meeting with changes and guidelines for the coming year. Hope you can all attend this meeting.

Happy Birthday
Joe Landsberg for 8th February
Freya McNair for 8th February
Mary Kingston for 11th February
Kenya Burke ~ 9 on 11th February
Janice Lang for 12th February

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~ **Hugo Riggs** ~
We pray eternal life for Hugo Riggs who died on Wednesday, 2nd February. May our loving God bring Susan and her girls peace and consolation. Hugo was 6 years old.

Please pray for those who are ill:
Trish Carey
Kim Crawford
Marion Crowley
John Duggan
Barry Finch
James Ford
Virginia Hayward
Miriam Helby
Kenneth Kirkham
Fran Knight
Ray Lee
Barry Leeder
Cecily O'Brien
Irene Peacock
and
Cy Schreiber.

Jesus calls us to save the world.
This does not mean that all people are to enter the church, but that the church has to be salt and light to the world. How well this gospel message connects with the readings of today. In the readings we are given a plan of action to enable us to become this salt and light—share your bread; shelter the homeless; clothe the person... And to prevent us from thinking that we can do these things by ourselves, we have the words of St Paul to instruct us — 'I came among you in great fear and trembling' ... with 'none of the arguments that belong to philosophy, only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit'.
Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in them the fire of your divine love.
(from Daily Prayer Online)

Happy 48th Anniversary
Joe and Diana Landsberg
for 9th February
~♥~♥~
Happy 26th Anniversary
Chris and Bettina LeGras
for 9th February

COFFEE CAPERS 
Our first get-together for the year was last Tuesday on what was a very hot day. Eight parishioners managed to brave the heat for a wonderful lunch and even better company. Thank you to all those who helped with the day and a special thanks to all those who attended.
If you feel like you can help on any given month with the organizing of this great event, please see Marilyn today who has a blank list for the entire year where you can slot your name in when available. Our lunch is always on the first Tuesday of the month from 12pm till 2pm.

Liturgical Ministers' Rosters are available for collection at the back of the church.

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.