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Dt 11:18. 26-28. 32 I set before you today a blessing and a curse.  
Rom 3:21-25, 28 You are justified by faith, not by law.  
Mt 7:21-27 A wise person builds his house on rock,  
not on sand.

**Psalm Response:**  
Lord, be my rock of safety.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)  
I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord;  
those who live in me, and I in them,  
will bear much fruit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

**Servers**

6 Mar Ray Wood  
13 Mar Michelle Davis

**Readers**

6 Mar 1st Reading Carmel Vanny  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Pat Wicks  
13 Mar 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp  
Intercessions Claire Maguire  
2nd Reading Ian Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6 Mar Diana Landsberg and Heather Carroll  
13 Mar Margaret Davis and Jan Roberts

**Children's Liturgy**

6 Mar Frances Huckstepp  
13 Mar Carroll Family

**Counters**

6 Mar Robyn and Adrian  
13 Mar Barbara and Bill

**Morning Tea**

6 Mar Christine Burke  
13 Mar Fiona Evans

**Church Care**

11 Mar Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons  
18 Mar Carla Edean

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! (6th March to 12th March 2011)**

Sunday 6th St Colette, Virgin (1381-1447)  
Monday 7th Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs (d203), optional  
St Teresa Redi, Virgin (1747-1770)  
Tuesday 8th St John of God, Religious & Founder (1495-1550), optional  
Wednesday 9th **Lent begins - Ash Wednesday**  
St Frances of Rome, Religious (1384-1440), optional  
Thursday 10th St John Ogilvie, Priest & Martyr (1579-1615)  
Friday 11th St Eulogius, Martyr (d859)  
Saturday 12th St Seraphina, Virgin (1238-1253)

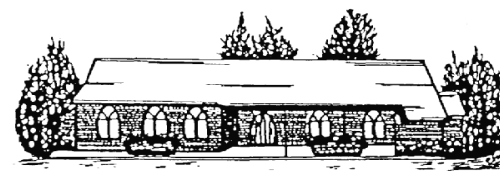


**Ninth Sunday  
Year A**

Jesus tells his disciples that it is not those who say to him, 'Lord, Lord' who will be enter the kingdom of heaven but those who actually do the will of God. What Jesus is saying is that there's no good simply paying lip service to your faith! You can't say you're a follower and not live it out in the day to day. Being a Christian in name only is like the foolish man who built his house on sand - there's no substance and no foundation to rely on. We have to dig down a bit below the surface and find the solid rock to build our lives upon.

-from Liturgyhelp online

# 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,  
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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

### LENT IS HERE!

Tuesday next is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), so named because it commemorates preparation for Lent by confession where the faithful were 'shriven', that is, absolved from their sins. I will be celebrating this day with my fellow priests at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

The next day is **Ash Wednesday** when our 40 day Lenten Program begins. The word 'lent' has its origin in an old English word for spring, the season in which lent occurs in the northern hemisphere. The practice of penance comes from Jesus himself, who preached repentance to all. Many changes have been made to the lent through the centuries, resulting eventually in the 1966 proclamation of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as the only days of fast and abstinence in our church year. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence (from meat) binds those who have completed their 14th year, also, Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Implicit in this is our receipt of the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to us receiving Holy Communion. During Lent, you will know that the Alleluia is omitted in Mass even in celebration of solemnities and feasts.

### COMMISSIONING OF CATECHISTS

Today, our 2011 Catechists and Co-ordinator, Noeleen Cliff, will be commissioned in their roles following the homily. You are invited to actively participate in that commissioning.

### PANCAKES GALORE!

Again, today following Mass, join us for freshly cooked pancakes - as many as you can handle! (for a small fee). As this event only occurs once a year, make the most of it!

### BEHIND THE SCENE

One of our stalwart volunteers, Gabrielle Byrne, for the first time in many a long year, is taking a short break from her role in the production of our Bulletin. Many thanks Gabrielle, on behalf of all of us, for your valuable contribution to our spiritual welfare and we look forward to your health improving in the months ahead.

### EMAIL FROM SISTER LYN

Received on Tuesday, 1st March, Sister Lyn advised that her mother passed away last Sunday morning, 27th February. A condolence card will be circulated after today's Mass for all to sign. So, let us pray for the safe repose of Mrs Eastmure's soul and Mass will be offered up at the 9am Mass on Friday, 11th March.

### LENTEN GROUPS

Have you noted your name on the list on the Notice Board? If you are interested in leading or being part of a Lenten Group this year, please contact Monica Bright, Michelle Davis or myself. So far, two groups have committed, with a third group at Mt Victoria interested.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be the usual 9.00am Mass and a special Mass for workers to be celebrated at 7.30pm.

### CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

Page 17 of the March edition of Catholic Outlook contains a full page comparison of the important changes to our Mass liturgy for those who are interested in better preparing themselves to the changes that are about to be introduced.

**God Bless! Fr. Bob**

### From Sr Lyn:

Just wanted to let you know that Mum passed away last Sunday morning. She had not been well and an ultrasound revealed cancer in the liver. We are all so grateful that she is now at peace. She really had lost the will to live after Dad died so there would have been a grand reunion!!!!

I ask for your prayers. At the end of last year, I decided I would come back to Melbourne to be near the family so I arrived to stay at the end of January. I am now at Siena, 12 Compton St, Canterbury 3126 Ph 03 9836 0253.

With many blessings, Lyn.



### **St Patrick's Get Together Trivia Night & Sausage Sizzle**

**Friday, 18th March, in the Parish Hall.**

Come dressed in green or dressed like the Irish. As well as being green for St Patrick's Day, there will be a sausage sizzle starting at 7pm, and at 7.30pm, the Trivia will start. Big things are planned for the evening, including prizes! BYO Nibbles and drinks for your table.

**Entry: \$5 per person or \$10 per family  
Gather in family and friends  
to make up tables of 8. All welcome!  
TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER MASS TODAY.**

See Patricia or Diane.



*The Parish Dinner has been booked for Friday, 1st July, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This year's venue is St Mount's Trattoria, 194 Great Western Highway, Blackheath, commencing at 6.30pm.*

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTER**

The Liturgical Ministers' Rosters for the period 20th March to 8th May are now available at the back of the church.

### HOME MASSES

To date we have only had one parishioner prepared to commit themselves to a Home Mass, however, there have been several other expressions of interest from other parishioners who have yet to confirm that interest and to provide suggested Mass dates. Should you and your family wish to host one of the 'once a month' Home Masses, please note your name on the notice board.