

TODAY

Exodus 20:1-17 Ten Commandments
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 God's wisdom
John 2:13-25 Zeal for God's house

Psalm Response

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Servers

11 Mar Michelle Davis
18 Mar Bill Grieves

Readers

11 Mar 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Brian Bright
18 Mar 1st Reading Ian Maguire
Intercessions Barbara Smith
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

11 Mar Jan Roberts and Pat Wicks
18 Mar Margaret Davis and Christa Buckley

Children's Liturgy

11 Mar Robert and Kate Forbes
18 Mar TBA

Counters

11 Mar Monica
18 Mar Judith and Frank

Morning Tea

11 Mar Claire Maguire
18 Mar Barbara Grieves

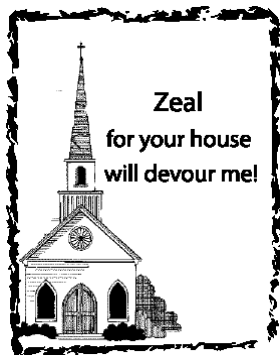
Church Care

16 Mar Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
23 Mar Carla Endean and Gail Shepherd

NEXT WEEK: **SON SENT TO SAVE** 2 CHR 36: 14-16, 19-23; PS 136 EPH 2: 4-10; JOHN 3: 14-21

Feast Days for this week: 11th to 17th March 2012

Sun 11th St Eulogius, Martyr (d859)
Mon 12th St Seraphina, Virgin (1238-1253)
Tue 13th St Roderick, Priest & Martyr (d857)
St Euphrasia, Religious & Virgin (d420)
Wed 14th St Matilda, Queen (c895-968)
Thu 15th St Longinus, Soldier & Martyr
St Louise De Marillac, Widow (1591-1660)
Fri 16th St Herbert, Bishop (970-1021)
Sat 17th St Patrick, Bishop (387-461) - Patron of Ireland, Solemnity



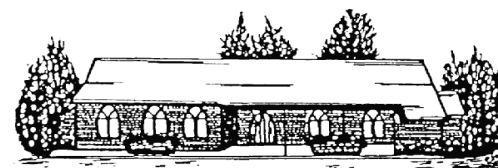
Zeal
for your house
will devour me!

**3RD SUNDAY OF
LENT - YEAR B**

11th March 2012

Jesus' prophetic action of cleansing the Temple, driving out the traders and the moneychangers, foreshadows the approaching end of the Temple worship with its animal sacrifices. There is to be a new Temple, the Body of the Risen Christ. He is to be the sacrifice perpetuated in his Church, his Body. We are members of that Body, partaking of that sacrifice.

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 Mobile: 0428 878 810 (Emergency only)

Parish Office: 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143

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Parish Office hours:

Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Thursday: 10.00am - 1.00pm

All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Blackheath/153850768029631>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	22nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
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 4th Sunday of each month (after 9.30am mass).
If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Frances
Huckstepp (Chair), Diana Landsberg (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or 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

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

While we introduced International Women's Day last Sunday, the actual date for the celebration of this global community event is 8th March. The aim is to make known the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present and future. Since 1911, this day has been set aside to enable women around the world to join together and to inspire their full potential. For us, this day is an opportunity to reflect on the dignity and role of all women; in the family, society and the church. As part of Sacred Heart's recognition of women's contribution to our parish, there will be a special blessing for women at the conclusion of today's Mass.

THE POPE'S LENTEN MESSAGE

Penned on 19th February this year, Pope Benedict XVI's 2012 Lenten Message is based on the Letter to the Hebrews: "Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works." The Pope makes three points:

- (1) *"Let us be concerned for each other": responsibility towards our brothers and sisters. This first aspect is an invitation to be 'concerned'. The verb which introduces our exhortation tells us to look at others, first of all at Jesus, to be concerned for one another, and not to remain isolated and indifferent to the fate of our brothers and sisters.*
- (2) *"Being concerned for each other": the gift of reciprocity. The Lord's disciples, united with Him through the Eucharist, live in a fellowship that binds them one to another as members of a single body. This means that the other is part of me, and that his or her life, his or her salvation, concern my own life and salvation.*
- (3) *"To stir a response in love and good works": walking together in holiness. The time granted us in this life is precious for discerning and performing good works in the love of God. In this way the Church herself continuously grows towards the full maturity of Christ. Our exhortation to encourage one another to attain the fullness of love and good works is situated in this dynamic prospect of growth."*

FREE E BOOKS

Further to last week's item relating to Fr Ted Tyler's free e-book publication, it can be downloaded (free) to your computer or e-reader using this URL: <http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/>

SUNDRY ITEMS

Do you have any spare palms or know of someone who has? We are on the lookout for palms for Palm Sunday. Please let the office know.

Last week's wedding between **Chantelle and Christopher Smith** was a spectacular affair for the 75 who attended. This despite the inclement weather at that time.

Last Friday's funeral for retired priest's housekeeper, **Anne Smith**, was well attended and appreciated by the large congregation at St Bonaventure's.

God bless! Fr Bob

Congratulations to Paula and Cy Schreiber

On 15th March, Paula and Cy will be married 71 years. Our heartfelt congratulations and prayers go to this wonderful couple who live in Mt Victoria.

DWF Collections

Our February collections raised \$779. Thank you to all parishioners and visitors who contributed to this fund.



St Pat's Trivia Night

You will need to book your tables very soon as our competitors from last year have shown interest in booking early for this year.

Tables will consist of NO more than 8 people. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 for a family. Coffee and Cake will be provided. BYO nibbles & drinks.

There will be a prize for the winning table and a prize for the best St Patrick's hat! Come along and share your knowledge.

The event will be held in the Parish Hall commencing at 7pm.



March Cosmology Morning

The theme of the March meditation will be "Savouring" for our gathering on **Friday 16th March, at 10am till noon** at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The discussion will centre on the first 32 pages of our new book, "From the Stars to the Streets" by James Conlon. Prayer for the sick and other needs, as well as morning tea, will be included in the morning's gathering. New guests are always welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290



EASTER SUNDAY CAKE & CRAFT STALL ~ 8TH APRIL

The Fund Raising Committee will be holding a cake stall and craft table after mass on Easter Sunday, 8th April. All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: all food items need to have a list of ingredients attached and it would be appreciated if all items are wrapped and priced ready for sale.

~ FREE ~
**9 DRAWER CHEST
OF DRAWERS**
If interested, ring
the Parish Office
on 4787 8540.

Happy 79th Birthday
Fr Bob Sheridan for 16th March

Happy 45th Anniversary
Jenny and Lindsay Inman for Today

In memoriam
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Pete Juhas
14th March
Mary Potts
17th March

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning

Saturday 24th March 10am to 1pm. On this occasion, **Bishop Anthony Fisher** will be leading us in a **reflection on St Catherine of Siena.**

The morning consists of two half-hour sessions of input from our invited presenter, with two forty minute breaks for quiet time of prayer or going for a walk. The morning concludes with a half hour session for questions and comments. So, you are not required to sit and listen for three hours! Morning Tea is available throughout the time. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.