

TODAY

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 **Infidelity and mercy**
Ephesians 2:4-10 **God's love and mercy**
John 3:14-21 **Son sent to save**

Psalm Response

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you.

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!



**4th Sunday of Lent
Year B**

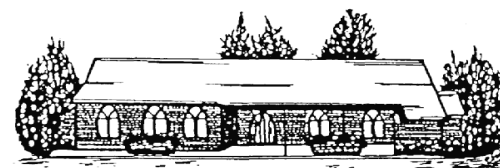
18th March 2012

'God loved the world
so much that he
gave his only Son.'
How precious in
God's sight is his Son,
his very image!
How precious is the
world, the whole
of his creation and
man and woman!
It is for our salvation,
not our condemnation,
that God gave his Son to
be lifted up on the Cross.
Through faith in Jesus,
crucified and risen,
we have eternal life.

Next Week: **The hour has come**
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30



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.

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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

Servers

18 Mar Bill Grieves
25 Mar Jan Roberts

Readers

18 Mar	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Barbara Smith
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
25 Mar	1st Reading	Ron Davis
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Carla Endean

Ministers of the Eucharist

18 Mar Margaret Davis and Christa Buckley
25 Mar Michelle Davis and Bill Grieves

Children's Liturgy

18 Mar TBA
25 Mar TBA

Counters

18 Mar Judith and Frank
25 Mar Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

18 Mar Barbara Grieves
25 Mar Christine Burke

Church Care

23 Mar Carla Endean and Gail Shepherd
30 Mar Judy Harris and Vicky

*Please pray for Iris Austin; John Duggan; Neal Evans; James Ford;
Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird;
Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock;
Lee Piercy and his mother, Kellie; Jean Pye and Cy Schreiber.*

Feast Days for this week: 18th - 24th March

Sun 18th	St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (315-386), optional
Mon 19th	St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Solemnity
Tue 20th	St Wulfran, Bishop (d720)
Wed 21st	St Nicholas of Elur, Hermit (Patron of Switzerland), 1417-1487
Thu 22nd	St Lea of Rome, Widow (d384)
Fri 23rd	St Richard of Chichester, Bishop (1197-1253)
Sat 24th	Archbishop Oscar Romero, Martyr (1197-1253)

WHAT A WEEK!

Trivia Night: Were you present? Did you have a great night? Everyone else did! And we are all in recovery mode this morning. Huge thanks again to all involved in the conduct of this great source of entertainment. St Patrick would have been proud of us. Particular thanks to the Social Committee who made it all possible, and to Paul Rowe for all those impossible trivia questions. Better start planning for next year.

Mount Victoria Retreat: Friday just past, our parish was invited to, and conducted, a Celebratory Mass for 130 students of Bathurst Diocese's MacKillop College, Perthville at Mount Victoria's Retreat Centre 'Lutanda' - a truly magnificent facility, about which I had no knowledge whatever until this invitation came our way. I was welcomed with the warmest greetings by the very friendly teachers and students. Someone, who shall remain nameless, dobbed me in with regard to my birthday being on this day and so what followed was a most memorable event from which I am still recovering.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ACTIVITIES

The executive and a special committee of our Parish Council has been meeting to organise the Sacramental and Liturgical Program for both Holy Week and Easter. Fr Paul Hanna has agreed to join us in the conduct of this Program, details of which will be advised next week. I do know, however, that volunteers are still being sought for some of the Liturgies during Holy Week. If you have not already committed and wish to participate in these events, please note your name on the list on the notice board.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is one of the two occasions in our church year when the priest is entitled to wear pink vestments, I might add that this is an optional choice which is just as well, as I don't possess any pink vestments, about which I have spoken on previous occasions. Laetare is taken from the Latin, whose meaning is "rejoice with Jerusalem", the other Sunday for pink vestments is Gaudete Sunday which falls on the Third Sunday of Advent for those interested. From this Sunday forward, our attention will particularly focus on Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

On May 5th, 2000, Pope John Paul II, decreed that the 2nd Sunday of Easter be also called Divine Mercy Sunday as the Gospel and Readings of this day recall the merciful gifts Our Lord has bestowed on us. On June 13th, 2000, the Pope granted plenary indulgences attached to this day under the usual conditions, i.e. sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, being those of the Our Father, the Creed and a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (i.e. Merciful Jesus, I Trust in You).

To further honour this Feast Day, a special celebration will be held at St Bonaventure's Church, Leura, commencing at 2.45pm Sunday, April 15th. Further information will be published closer to that date. For enquiries, contact Bill Grieves at 4787 6687.

God bless! Fr Bob



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to work through right relationships to bring freedom and lasting positive change for some of our world's most vulnerable communities. In this week's story, we meet Bae Lisa from the Philippines, one of over 300 indigenous leaders engaged by Caritas Australia's partner to work together towards peace and authentic human development in Mindanao's fractured communities, where over two million people have been displaced since the 1970's. Bae Lisa works to deepen understanding of the conflict and build a peace process owned by conflict-affected communities. Please donate to Project Compassion today to provide humanitarian relief and encourage participation in the peace process by those most marginalised by conflict.



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.

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.

Happy Birthday

Norma Carlon ~ 82 on 20th March
Bill Grieves ~ 80 on 20th March
Oliver Burke ~ 7 on 23rd March

*Happy 56th Anniversary
Ken & Sheila Kirkham
for 24th March*

In memoriam



Tom Boylan ~ 19th March
Andrew Greve ~ 20th March

Working Bee

**Friday 30th March 4pm to 5.30pm
and Saturday 31st March
7.30am to 9.30am**

This is the week before Easter and we need to have our Parish grounds looking more loved than usual. Any help will be most welcome on either day or both.

Tasks:

**mowing, weeding, whipper
snipping, driveway cleanup,
drain clearance, etc.**

Many thanks! *Lindsay & Lance.*