

*Joshua 5:9-12 God provides
2Corinthians 5:17-21 God reconciled us
Luke 15:1-3,11-32 Merciful father*

Psalm Response

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.**
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven
and against you.

Servers

10 Mar Diane Stewart
17 Mar Bill Grieves

Readers

10 Mar	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Carla Endean
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
17 Mar	1st Reading	Ron Davis
	Intercessions	Lillis Family
	2nd Reading	Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

10 Mar Anthony Gilchrist and Margaret Davis
17 Mar Brian and Monica Bright

Counters

10 Mar Marilyn
17 Mar Laurie

Morning Tea

10 Mar Michelle Funnell
17 Mar Margaret Davis

Church Care

15 Mar Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
22 Mar Julie Hodgkinson

Please pray for the sick: Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; John & Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Cy Schreiber and Roma Ziolkowski.



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
Year C**

10th March 2013

Today's parable tells of a father and his two sons. One is wayward and goes off, later repenting and returning. His father welcomes him without any recriminations. The older son is resentful and angry with his brother and his father. The father seeks him out no less than the other, with love that is totally unconditional. He images God to us. Does our love extend to forgiveness?

In
memoriam
†
Pete Juhas
14th March

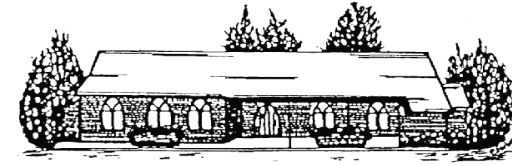
Please keep in
your prayers,
Brian Carey,
who died
recently.

Next Week: **Not condemned**
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125
Philippians 3:8-14;
John 8:1-11

Feast Days of the Week: 10th to 16th March

Sun 10th	St John Ogilvie, Priest & Martyr (1579-1615)
Mon 11th	St Eulogius, Martyr (d859)
Tue 12th	St Seraphina, Virgin (1238-1253)
Wed 13th	St Roderick, Priest & Martyr (d857) St Euphrasia, Religious & Virgin (d420)
Thu 14th	St Matilda, Queen (c895-968)
Fri 15th	St Longinus, Soldier & Martyr St Louise De Marillac, Widow (1591-1660)
Sat 16th	St Herbert, Bishop (970-1021)

SACRED HEART PARISH



**Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley**

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,
the traditional custodians of the Blue Mountains' 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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Wednesday: 9.30am - 1.30pm

Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
Marriages & 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	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturdays	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 worldwide last Friday, 8th March, was International Women's Day, here in the Parramatta Diocese we are celebrating this event today. This is a great opportunity for us to publicly affirm the many ways that women exercise gifts of leadership, service, compassion and competence that brings life to our church and our world. By so doing, we affirm women's human dignity and celebrate that, with the help of our gracious God, a future is possible where women and girls are full participants in setting the direction of their lives and that of their communities and societies. May our prayerful affirmation of the dignity of all people bring encouragement and hope to our community and the whole human family.

BENEDICT XVI - POPE EMERITUS: A final word on our beloved, now retired, Pope. In a final interview with Archbishop Vibes, the Archbishop of Urgell and Episcopal co-prince of Andorra, stated *"I found him very tranquil and very happy after the audience. He had a rather tired look given his age, but peaceful, an inner peace which he radiates. It is the peace of one who is faithful to his conscience, who has found the will of God after reflecting, asking for light and discerning. He wasn't tense, he wasn't nervous. He wasn't in a hurry. In any event, he had time for all of us. We were able to spend more time with him than all the other Heads of State that he received earlier. I also thanked him for his courage and faith, for the documents he has given us, Deus Caritas Est, Spes Salvi, Caritas in Veritate, and he listened attentively. I told him that many people ask for his prayers and he said, 'I shall pray for you.' I added that he has given us a great example of courage and fidelity to the voice of God. I held his hands the whole time and he held mine. He walks slowly with his cane; he walks well but with his cane."*

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: Given that last week's DWF appeal was in practice, a non event, we are taking up this collection today in a more organized way. For those who have already contributed last week, we thank you for your donation. For everyone else, please give generously today as we all benefit from the Diocesan Works Fund.

FAMILY SOCIAL EVENINGS: Another reminder that the sixth film and social evening conducted by Rado Marjanac will continue again from Saturday, 23rd March, commencing at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited at a cost of a gold coin donation for the supper that follows the 30 minute presentation. Please note that there will be no film next Saturday, 16th March, due to a parish event taking place that evening.

MOUNT VICTORIA WEDDING: Yesterday afternoon, two Marrickville residents were married at St Paul's, Mt Victoria. We congratulate Lucy Bradstreet and Stephan Klaunzer on their wedding and wish them well in their future life together.

FINANCES: With thanks to all parishioners, we made another welcome trading profit in February, undoubtedly, due to the success of our garage sale. Financial year to date, we are thankfully, also on the profit side of the ledger. Congratulations everyone for your contributions.
Blessings! Fr Bob

WORKING BEE

Over the next two Friday afternoons and Saturdays, Lindsay, Lance and team will be tidying up the church grounds in preparation for Easter. Some of the work includes mowing, weeding, rubbish removal, hedge trimming, etc. It's disappointing that the "team" numbers are down so we would appreciate any help you can give to Lindsay, Lance and Bob.

MARCH COSMOLOGY MORNING

This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on **Friday, 15th March**, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The morning will include meditation, discussion, morning tea, song and prayer. **The theme of the quiet meditation period will be "Moments of Revelation" Chapter 2 from the new book "Awe-Filled Wonder"** (\$10). All are welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

FR BOB'S 'SURPRISE BIRTHDAY' DINNER: Saturday, 16th March, heralds in this very special occasion. At last count, there are over 60 parishioners, friends and family attending. It would be appreciated if you have RSVP'd that the money be finalised today for those who have yet to pay (\$28 pp). See Patricia after Mass. Thank you.

Caritas AUSTRALIA Fourth Sunday of Lent



Your donations to Caritas Australia's **Project Compassion** help create the just and compassionate world that God desires.

This week we meet Vannak, 17. In 2006, his family and thousands of others were driven from their homes and placed in Andong Village, the largest slum in Cambodia. Battling illness and debt, Vannak's parents relied on him to provide income and food, so he gave up school to work; earning just \$3 a day.

With help from Youth for Peace, Vannak is now receiving an education and learning livelihood skills. Please donate to Project Compassion today so partnerships like this can continue and grow.

MY SON HAS GONE AWAY

Composer: Bob Dufford SJ
(Based on Luke 15:11-32)

My son has gone away,
left me, gone astray.
But I have seen the way he went
and I will bring him back.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
how could you run away?
Jerusalem, how long my son?
I'll wait for you, I'll stay.

Perhaps my son is weary and cold.
Perhaps he's tired and sad.
Tonight I'll go and watch again,
And wait for his return .

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**Happy
Birthday
Fr Bob
80 on 16th
March**

**Happy 46th
Anniversary
Jenny & Lindsay
Inman
for 11th March**

**CATALYST REFLECTION MORNING
Saturday, 16th March, 10am - 1pm.
in the Parish Hall.**

**Sheila Upjohn will lead the morning:
All Shall Be Well - God's answer to
Julian of Norwich.**

All welcome, morning tea provided and no need to book. These mornings are not lectures, but combine input sessions, quiet times for prayer and time for questions/comments. Enquiries: Carmel on 4787 8706.

**CATHOLICISM - The Series
** No screening this Saturday (16/3)**
to allow all to celebrate Fr Bob's Birthday.
Happy Birthday, Fr Bob!**

Episode 6:
*"A Body Both Suffering and
Glorious: The Mystical Union
of Christ and the Church"*
will be screened at the end of the series.

Episode 7:
*"Word Made Flesh, True Bread
of Heaven: The Mystery of the
Church's Sacrament and Worship"*
screens Saturday 23/3/13
as advertised in previous flyers.

**Blackheath CWA invite You to the
Illawarra Machine Knitters'
Fashion Parade ~ Monday, 18th March
10.45am sharp at the Uniting Church
Hall, Govett's Leap Road, Blackheath.
Cash or cheque only. Cost: \$8.
Light lunch served following the parade.
RSVP 13 March for catering purposes.
Contact Pat Sherlock 4787 5380**

Liturgical Ministers' Rosters are now available at the back of the church.
Please collect your copy today.