

**Isaiah 43:16-21** A new deed  
**Philippians 3:8-14** Christ my prize  
**John 8:1-11** Not condemned

**Psalm Response:** The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;**  
**Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
 With all your heart turn to me,  
 for I am tender and compassionate.

**Servers**

17 Mar Bill Grieves  
 24 Mar Michelle Davis

**Readers**

17 Mar	1st Reading	Ron Davis
	Intercessions	Lillis Family
	2nd Reading	Frances Huckstepp
24 Mar	1st Reading	Barbara Grieves
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
	2nd Reading	Michelle Davis

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

17 Mar Brian and Monica Bright  
 24 Mar Anthony and Jonathon Gilchrist

**Counters**

17 Mar Laurie  
 24 Mar Carla and Neil

**Morning Tea**

17 Mar Margaret Davis  
 24 Mar Claire Maguire

**Church Care**

22 Mar Julie Hodgkinson  
 29 Mar Angie and Michelle Leman

**Next Week:**

*Father, forgive them*  
 Is 50:4-7; Ps 21  
 Phil 2:6-11;  
 Luke 22:14-23:56

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.



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
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 17th March 2013

Today's gospel contrasts the legalism and mercilessness of the scribes and Pharisees with the mercy and delicacy of Jesus towards the sinful woman. Jesus does not enter into their game of shaming and condemning her. He remains bent down, writing in the sand, and does not even look up at her until her accusers have departed, themselves shamed. Today's society continually demands harsher punishments. Does this reflect Jesus' attitudes?

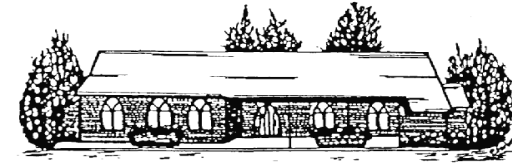
*In memoriam*  
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**Mary Potts**  
 17th March  
**Tom Boylan**  
 19th March  
**Andrew Greve**  
 20th March  
 and **Iris Austin**  
 whose anniversary occurs at this time.



**Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 17th to Saturday 23rd March**

Sun 17th	St Patrick, Bishop (387-461) - Patron of Ireland, Solemnity
Mon 18th	St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (315-386), optional
Tue 19th	St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Solemnity
Wed 20th	St Maria Josefa Sancho de Guerra, Founder of the Institute of the Servants of Jesus (1842-1912)
Thu 21st	St Birillus, Bishop ordained by St Peter, Apostle (d90)
Fri 22nd	St Lea of Rome, Widow (d384)
Sat 23rd	St Richard of Chichester, Bishop (1197-1253)

# 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.

**Parish Priest:** Father Bob Sheridan

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**Parish Office hours:**

**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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<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 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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**PASSION/PALM SUNDAY:** Sunday next, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, is Passion (Palm) Sunday at which palms will be distributed to each parishioner. This will follow an entry procession and blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass. Proclamation of Our Lord's Passion will also be part of this Mass. Holy Week commences with Passion Sunday and will continue through the last days of Lent and the Easter Triduum. Fr Paul Hanna will be the celebrant for both Passion/Palm Sunday at Blackheath and the normal Saturday Vigil Mass at Mount Victoria.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES:** Below are listed all Holy Week and Easter Services/Masses applicable to our parish dating from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

<b>HOLY THURSDAY ~ 28th March</b>		
Mass of The Lord's Supper	Blackheath	7.30pm
<b>GOOD FRIDAY ~ 29th March</b>		
Stations of the Cross	Blackheath	10.00am
Ecumenical Church Service*	St Joseph's	10.00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Blackheath	3.00pm
<b>HOLY SATURDAY ~ 30th March</b>		
Easter Vigil	Blackheath	7.30pm
<b>EASTER SUNDAY ~ 31st March</b>		
Masses	Blackheath	9.30am
	St Paul's	7.00am
	St Joseph's	9.30am

Fr Paul Hanna and I will be sharing these Liturgies and Masses, while the special Good Friday Ecumenical Liturgy Service at St Joseph's Church, (Megalong Valley) has been arranged by local catechist, Norma Carlon. Please note that following this Service\*, a social get together will take place at the church.

**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND:** Collections received for this essential Diocesan program, last week totalled \$545.00, for which we thank all who have to date contributed to this amount. Today the final collection for DWF will be taken. Envelopes should be placed in the second collection. At this time, we have a shortfall of about \$1,000.00 in these collections which will have to be provided from Parish general funds.

**FAMILY SOCIAL EVENINGS:** Another reminder that the seventh film and social evening conducted by Rado Marjanac will continue again from Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, commencing at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited at a cost of a gold coin donation for the supper that follows the 50 minute presentation.

**IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:** Given that today is the 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day, and this feast cannot be celebrated on a Lenten Sunday, the celebration of the life of St Patrick has been transferred to the following day - 18<sup>th</sup> March. However, I strongly suspect that after Mass, many people will seize the opportunity to celebrate this feast today anyway.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, is the Solemnity Feast of St Joseph. The normal mass time of 6.30pm will apply. I invite every parishioner to make that extra effort on this day to honour St Joseph in some special way, particularly if possible, your attendance at Mass. We should always remember that St Joseph was the foster father of Jesus himself, and was also leader of the Holy Family. A very special saint and a very special day.

**PAPAL ELECTION:** As we pen this edition of the bulletin (13/3/13), the 115 Cardinals, who make up the Conclave for the election of a new Pope, have yet to elect a replacement for Benedict XVI by the required two thirds majority. So, let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the guidance of those charged with the responsibility for electing a new Pope to ensure that the best possible choice is made for the future Church and us.

**Blessings! Fr Bob**

## Caritas Fifth Sunday of Lent




Your Project Compassion donations allow Caritas Australia to partner with communities to enhance their human dignity.

This week we meet Aboriginal man, Bernard. With the help of a Caritas Australia partner, he has reconciled with his father and is now a father himself; dedicated to providing a safe and bright future for his baby daughter. Your support ensures that together, we are walking alongside Indigenous Peoples in Australia and around the world.

### Happy 8th Birthday Olivzr Burke for 23rd March

**EASTER CAKE & CRAFT STALL**  
Sue and Judy's annual cake and craft stall event will be held on Easter Sunday (31st March). We are looking for donations of cakes, craft, pickles, jams and chutneys to sell. We know there are a lot of master chefs in the parish. Don't forget to put your list of ingredients on the items for sale.

**St Patrick's Day  
blessings upon you all  
and all and all!** 

**WORKING BEE**  
Next Friday afternoon and Saturday, 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. Please help.

**CATHOLICISM - The Series**  
Episode 7: *"Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Church's Sacrament and Worship"*  
screens Saturday, 23 March, at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, welcomed the news of the election of Pope Francis as Bishop of Rome and Universal Pastor of the Catholic Church.

**"Habemus papam - we have a Pope!**  
*The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta cheers with the rest of humanity at the happy news," Bishop Anthony said on Thursday, 14 March.*

**Pope Francis, formerly Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio SJ, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, is the first Jesuit Pope. He is also the first Pope to come from Latin America.**  
*"He is a deeply spiritual man who is highly respected as a theologian and an intellectual. He is a humble man and a great defender of the poor. In his first words as Pope, Pope Francis spoke of building fraternity, love and trust," Bishop Anthony said.*  
*"In July this year, I will lead a group of 250 young people from the Diocese of Parramatta to Rio de Janeiro where we will meet Pope Francis at World Youth Day. More than two million people were already expected to participate and, with a new Pope from Latin America, I am sure many millions more will be coming.*  
*"Please offer your prayers for Pope Francis, today, in the days ahead and throughout his pontificate."*

### CHRIST BE NEAR

Text: Adapted by Hugh Sharpe, cfc  
(from the Breastplate of St Patrick) Music: Colin Smith, cfc  
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Christ be near at either hand,  
Christ behind, before me stand;  
Christ with me where e'er I go,  
Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my heart and mind,  
Christ within my soul enshrined.  
Christ my strength and shield in strife,  
Christ defender of my life.

Christ my guide along the way,  
Christ my light at close of day.  
Christ be my unchanging friend,  
Christ my shepherd to the end.

Christ my comfort when I rest,  
Christ belov'd and welcome guest;  
Christ abide and ne'er depart,  
Christ live always in my heart.