

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 **God sees all**  
 1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 **Be warned**  
 Luke 13:1-9 **Unless you repent**

**Psalm Response**  
 The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;**  
**Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
 Repent, says the Lord;  
 the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Servers**

3 Mar Pat Wicks  
 10 Mar Diane Stewart

**Readers**

3 Mar	1st Reading	David Buckley
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
10 Mar	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Carla Endean
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

3 Mar Diana Landsberg and Bill Grieves  
 10 Mar Anthony Gilchrist and Margaret Davis

**Counters**

3 Mar Barbara and Bill  
 10 Mar Marilyn

**Morning Tea**

3 Mar Carla Endean  
 10 Mar Michelle Funnell

**Church Care**

8 Mar The Gatt Family  
 15 Mar Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Next Week:  
**Merciful father**  
 Joshua 5:9-12;  
 Psalm 33  
 2Corinthians  
 5:17-21;  
 Luke 15:1-3,  
 11-32

☀ **Happy Birthday Pat Leeder for 7th March** ☀

Please pray for those who are ill: **Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Paula Forbes; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; John & Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Cy Schreiber; Martin Steddings; and Roma Ziolkowski.**



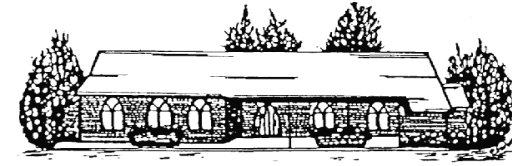
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Year C**  
 3rd March 2013

Today's gospel passage calls us to repentance, warning that we will perish if we fail to repent. Jesus assures us that natural disasters and the consequences of the evil deeds of others are not indicators of God's displeasure. Jesus also teaches that God is patient. The fig tree was granted another year to see if it would yield fruit before being cut down. We must use our opportunities.

**Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th March**  
 Sun 3rd Blessed Katherine Drexel, Virgin & Founder (1858-1955)  
 Mon 4th St Casimir, Prince (1458-82), Patron of Poland  
 Tue 5th St John of the Cross, Priest (1651-1734)  
 Wed 6th St Colette, Virgin (1381-1447)  
 Thu 7th Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs (d203), optional  
 St Teresa Redi, Virgin (1747-70)  
 Fri 8th St John of God, Religious & Founder (1495-1550),  
 Sat 9th St Frances of Rome, Religious (1384-1440), optional

**Sacred Heart Care Group**  
 is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please call Carmel 47878706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.

# 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 Mobile:** 0428 878810 (Emergency only)

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

**e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

**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)

### ON POPE BENEDICT XVI

Given that the Pope's resignation took effect last Friday morning our time, the following information in relation to the Pope's retirement may be of interest to parishioners. In a press briefing at the Vatican, the Director of the Holy See press office, Fr Federico Lombardi, announced that after his resignation, the Holy Father will be known as 'His Holiness Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus or Roman Pontiff Emeritus'. The Holy Father will dress in a simple white cassock without the mozzetta, the elbow length cape worn by popes, and has chosen to wear simple brown shoes which were given to him during his Apostolic Visit to Leon, Mexico, last year. The Pope flew by helicopter to the Apostolic Palace in Castel Gandolfo where he will enter into retreat and remain for the next two months. Afterwards, he will return to the Vatican to live in the Mater Ecclesiae cloistered convent. Fr Lombardi also confirmed that Benedict XVI will no longer use the Fisherman's Ring but instead will use an Episcopal ring. By now, letters would have been sent to all the cardinals summoning them to Rome for the Conclave which will begin preliminary deliberations next week. In a separate press conference, Fr Lombardi indicated that the Pope does not have a serious illness in particular, though it is true that Benedict XVI does have a pacemaker. A few weeks ago, the batteries of his pacemaker were changed. Benedict XVI will not take part in the Conclave to elect his successor and he will not be part of the College of Cardinals. Archbishop Georg Ganswein, will continue as Benedict's private secretary and prefect of his household at the Mater Ecclesiae convent after his retirement. There is no plan for Benedict XVI to meet with the new Pope. Finally, it should be pointed out that Benedict XVI has been living in the Vatican for more than three decades, hence his desire to retire in those precincts.

His Holiness, Benedict XVI now Pope Emeritus, has set a precedent in deciding to resign the Papacy, precedence that will remain in force throughout the future of our Church. We pray for his wellbeing and thank him for his leadership in the life of our Church throughout his career, particularly the last eight years as Pope. Special liturgies including the Mass will apply until the new Pope is elected. That will occur once two-thirds of the Cardinals in the Conclave vote for their chosen Cardinal.

### PRAYER FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

*O God, who in your wondrous providence chose your servant Pope Benedict XVI to preside over your Church, we give you most hearty thanks for the years of his faithful service, praying that, after having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth he may enjoy your abundant blessing in this life and, at life's end, be received by your Son into eternal glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### FAMILY SOCIAL EVENINGS

A gentle reminder that the fifth film and social evening conducted by Rado Marjanac will continue next Saturday night commencing at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited at a cost of gold coin donation for the supper that follows the 30 minute presentation.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

While this day will be celebrated internationally on Friday, 8th March, in this Diocese our celebration will be included in our Sunday Mass on 10th March. International Women's Day has been celebrated for over 100 years and has called our attention to the remarkable political, social and economic accomplishments of women, and encouraged us to work with all people of good will so that the dignity of women may be more fully realised. The Australian theme for 2013 is 'The Gender Agenda: Gaining Momentum'. It is a theme anchored in hope, both realised and for the future, for the wellbeing of the human family.

### CHANGE OF MASS TIME

This coming Wednesday only, our morning Mass will commence at 8am rather than the scheduled 9am Mass, as I will be attending a conference at Marayong later that morning. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

ST PAUL'S MT VICTORIA AND LIVE THEATRE: Another reminder that this live theatre presentation will take place on the evenings of Friday 8th and Saturday 9th March, commencing 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Information regarding the project is available at <http://www.welcomehomelightingstone.net.au> Tickets Adult \$20, Concession \$10, Kids \$5, Family \$45 available by calling 0468 424 000.

### DIOCESAN WORKS FUND

The DWF Appeal is being held in our Parish today and next Sunday, 10th March. Please give generously to this fund as it helps numerous organizations within our Diocese. Our quota for this appeal is \$1502. Some of the ministries that the DWF supports within our Diocese include: Family Support Program, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Relationship Education Program, Catholic Social Services and many more.

*Blessings! Fr Bob*

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



### Third Sunday of Lent

Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to continue development work reflecting the life of Jesus Christ.

This week we meet Salma, 18, her baby daughter, Maya, and her midwife, Pronoti. Before the help of the Safe Motherhood Project, many women in rural Bangladesh lost their babies and in many cases, their own lives, too. Thanks to your support, trained rural midwives has resulted in the births of healthy babies and no maternal deaths. Please donate to Project Compassion so women like Salma can achieve healthy pregnancies and give their unborn babies the best start in life.

### CATHOLICISM - THE SERIES

Saturdays 7.30pm ~ Sacred Heart Hall. Coffee, tea and conversation follow. All welcome. Enquiries: Rado 6355 0261

### Saturday 9 March - Episode 5:

#### "The Indispensable Men:

**Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure"**

*Fr Barron calls Peter and Paul*

*"two indispensable men, the ones without whom the church never would have emerged and survived."*

*Fr Barron shows how the Holy Spirit*

*worked through all the apostles and disciples to build the Church.*

*We follow the trail of these apostles as they proclaim Christ's resurrection from the dead.*

**Episode 6 will screen at Leura on 16 March**

at 3.30pm but not at Blackheath so that all may enjoy Fr Bob's birthday together.

### Ashes

(Tom Conry)

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We rise again from ashes,  
from the good we've failed to do  
We rise again from ashes  
to create ourselves anew.

If all our world is ashes  
then must our lives be true  
an offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.

We offer you our failures,  
we offer you attempts,  
the gifts not fully given  
the dreams not fully dreamt.  
Give our stumblings direction,  
give our visions wider view  
an offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes,  
let healing come to pain,  
though spring has turned to winter,  
and sunshine turned to rain.  
The rain we'll use for growing  
and create the world anew from  
an offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.

### 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.

AFTERNOON CAPERS will be on **Wednesday 6th March at Weber's Nursery Mt Boyce at 12pm.** Enquiries or if you need a life, ph Diane 4787 1357.