

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 I am with you 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Love: supreme gift Luke 4:21-30 God of all

Psalm Response

I will sing of your salvation, O my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

3 Feb Bill Grieves 10 Feb Michelle Davis

Readers

10 Feb

3 Feb 1st Reading Ian Maguire

Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
1st Reading Frances Huckstepp

Intercessions Carla Endean 2nd Reading Ron Davis

Ministers of the Eucharist

3 Feb Bill Grieves and Margaret Davis 10 Feb David and Christa Buckley

Children's Liturgy

3 Feb TBA 10 Feb TBA

Counters

3 Feb Carla and Neil 10 Feb Monica

Morning Tea

3 Feb Jan Roberts 10 Feb Christine Burke

Church Care

8 Feb Carla Endean

15 Feb Judy Harris and Vicky



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C 3rd February 2013

Jesus, prophet of the New Covenant, experienced the same opposition and rejection as the prophets of old. We too are God's Prophets taking his word to our world today. God's word challenges us and sometimes rebukes us. We can expect no greater popularity than Jesus and the earlier prophets had. Ultimately though, God's truth will prevail.

God's truth is unfailing

love, as Paul tells us.

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.

Next week: **Co-workers with Jesus** Is 6:1-8; Ps 137 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th February

Sun 3rd St Blaise - Bishop & Martyr (d316), Patron of Throat Diseases - optional

Mon 4th St Veronica (Stations of the Cross)

Tue 5th St Agatha - Virgin & Martyr (d251), Memorial

Wed 6th Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (d1597), Memorial

Thu 7th St Richard of Lucca, King (d722AD)

Fri 8th St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (1868-1947), optional St Jerome Emiliani, Priest (1481-1537), optional Sat 9th St Apollornia, Virgin & Martyr (d249AD)



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 Parish Office hours:

Parish House:4787 8811Wednesday:9.30am - 1.30pmParish Mobile:0428 878810 (Emergency only)Thursday:9.30am - 12.30pmParish Office:4787 8540Fax:4787 6143All enquiries regarding Baptisms,e-mail:shbheath2@bigpond.comMarriages & 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 - MassSunday9.30amEvening MassTuesday6.30pmMorning MassWednesday, Friday and Saturday9.00amThursday8.00am

Benediction 2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass Exposition All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass

ReconciliationSaturdays9.30amHealing Mass1st Saturday of the month9.00amMount Victoria - Vigil Mass1st and 3rd Saturdays6.00pmMegalong Valley - Vigil Mass2nd and 4th Saturdays6.00pm

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**

CHILD PROTECTION - PROGRESS REPORT

The need for extra Child Protection, which has emerged out of the increased reporting of child abuse is, and will thankfully remain, in my opinion, a priority issue for our Church and society for many years to come until, hopefully, this terrible blight is finally removed from our midst. As I write this Wednesday evening, tomorrow (Thursday) I will be attending a specially-convened seminar at Parramatta to learn of more stringent regulations being introduced by our Church and State to better protect our precious children from the unwanted attention of those few adults who would cause them untold harm. I will verbally report to you today on the action to be taken, now and in the future, once I have that knowledge to hand.

GARAGE SALE TODAY (& YESTERDAY)

Have you seen the extraordinary range of "goodies" available in our parish hall? And the prices! Practically, give-aways! I have spent more than I intended to satisfy needs I never knew I had, so why not you? The quality is superb! Seriously though, if you haven't yet had a look, now is the time – after Mass!

"VINNIE'S" SUMMER FUNDRAISER (continued)

Should you, for whatever reason, have not so far contributed to Vinnie's Summer Fundraiser, today is the last opportunity you have to do so. Simply take an envelope from the pew in front of you, place your offering in it, and put it in either collection plate when it is passed around. Your donation will be used directly to assist those struggling families and individuals who live in our district. So, please, help where you can.

AUDIO VISUAL ELECTRONICS UPDATE

A group of parishioners has come together to prepare a submission for the Parish Council to consider at its 17th February meeting. We thank them for the time, effort and expertise they are investing in this project on our behalf. Should anyone else wish to make a contribution to this proposal, please hurry it along as the meeting date draws near.

FAMILY SOCIAL EVENINGS (continued)

Yet again, I draw your attention to the series of 10 social evenings for parishioners and friends, to be held weekly of a Saturday evening from 7.30pm, commencing 9th February in our parish hall. There are still some flyers left if you have not yet taken one from the pews. For more details, speak to Rado Marjanac after Mass today.

FROM THE DIOCESAN MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Rev. Fr Andrew Bass advises that all parishioners are invited to join in celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of St Pedro Calungsod. Bishop Anthony Fisher will be the main celebrant at a Mass to be held on Sunday, 10th February, at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Blessings! Fr Bob

CATECHIST CORNER

We hope that some of our parishioners are still thinking about becoming a catechist. There is a flyer on each seat to remind you of our **need** for **at least one catechist and one helper this year**. Please DO phone me on 4787 7635 if you would like to find out more. Thank you! *Claire Maguire*.

Following on from
our blue tongue lizard
which made a home
for itself in the
church, its now relocated outside
of the parish hall, still sunning
itself, and giving one staff
member an awful fright!

THE CATHOLICISM SERIES Episode 1:

'Amazed and Afraid' 7.30pm Saturday, 9 February at Sacred Heart Hall.

Journey with Fr Barron as he visits the land of Israel. From ancient Caesarea Philippi, to Galilee, to Jerusalem and finally to Rome, Fr Barron will use his pilgrimage to explain the Catholic faith's belief that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and God dwelling among us.

A free 50 minute documentary All welcome – men, women, youth, elders, Catholics, non-Catholics. Tea, coffee and conversation follow. Enquiries: Rado 6355 0261

message from Frank Portelli: About I week ago, my daughter gave birth to twin daughters. They were born premature (7 weeks early) and remain in hospital after "Mum" went home. The girls are tiny and require 24 hour care. Please include them in your prayers for a safe and healthy recovery. Many thanks.

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Afternoon Capers: Tuesday, 5th Feb, 12pm at the Hotel Imperial, Mt Vic. Enquires or if you need a lift, phone Diane on 4787 1357. All welcome.

Happy Golden Anniversary Piana and Joe Landsberg 50 years on 9th February

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

Composer: Bernadette Farrell

O God, you search me and you know me, All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me: Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising, You discern my purpose from afar. And with love everlasting you besiege me: In every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning
through and through,
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me, Still I search for shelter from your light. There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me, Gave me life within my mother's womb. For the wonder of who I am I praise you: Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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CATALYST REFLECTION MORNINGS

Our first Reflection Morning for 2013 will be held in the Parish hall on Saturday, 16th March from 10am to 1pm. 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 a question/comment time. Programs will be available soon. Enquiries: contact Carmel on 4787 8706.

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY JOE LANDSBERG FOR 8TH FEBRUARY

Special Diary Date: Fr Bob's 80th Birthday ~ Saturday, 16th March, 7.15pm at Blackheath Golf Club ~ Dinner ~ choice of Sirloin Steak, Grilled Barramundi or Chicken Parmigiana with Dessert ~ Chocolate Mousse or Strawberries and Cointreau. Closer to the date, a list will be on the noticeboard for those who would like to celebrate with Fr Bob this very special day.