

TODAY

*Genesis 12:1-4 God's promise
2Timothy 1:8-10 Called to be holy
Matthew 17:1-9 Glimpse of the future*

Psalm Response: *Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Gospel Acclamation:

*Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.*

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. *Praise...*

Servers

16 Mar Ray Wood
23 Mar Bill Grieves

Readers

16 Mar 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Lillis Family
23 Mar 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

16 Mar Diana Landsberg and Elizabeth Doolan
23 Mar Christa and David Buckley

Counters

16 Mar Robyn and Adrian
23 Mar Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

16 Mar Carla Endean
23 Mar Michelle Funnell

Church Care

14 Mar Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
28 Mar Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Please remember in your prayers: Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans; Pauline Fallance; James Ford; Karen Galiazzo; Jim Grainger (dear friend of Fr Paul Hanna); Virginia Hayward; Fr Kevin Hay; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock and Roma Ziolkowski.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 16th - Saturday 22nd March

16th St Herbert, Bishop (970-1021)
17th St Patrick, Bishop (387-461) - Patron of Ireland, Solemnity
18th St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (315-386), optional
19th St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Solemnity
20th St Maria Josefa Sancho de Guerra, Founder of the Institute of the Servants of Jesus (1842-1912)
21st St Birillus, Bishop ordained by St Peter, Apostle (d90)
22nd St Lea of Rome, Widow (d384)



**2nd Sunday of Lent
Year A
16th March 2014**

As happened at his Baptism, Jesus is again proclaimed beloved Son of God at his transfiguration.

Peter, James and John are stunned by this announcement and by the glory they witness. Jesus alone embodies the Law and the Prophets.

With their courage strengthened, Jesus leads them down the mountain to continue their journey, ultimately to Jerusalem where he will suffer, die and rise from the dead.

Next Week

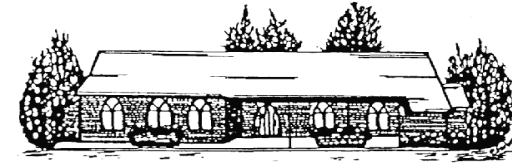
Living water

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 94
Rom 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42



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 **Office hours: Wed:** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Parish House: 4787 8811 **Thu:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 0428 878810 (Emergency only) **Fri:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms, e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com 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	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 Diana Landsberg (Chair); David Buckley (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: 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

EMERITUS POPE BENEDICT XVI: A little over 12 months ago, Pope Benedict XVI did what no other pope had done in 600 years – he resigned his position as leader of our Catholic Church close of business 28th February 2013. He had been the spiritual leader of over 1.2 billion members of our Universal Church for about 8 years, dating from 2005. Pope Benedict was 85 years of age when he retired very tired to a contemplative life, a life that he continues to practise today in his permanent residence in the Vatican's monastery "Mater Ecclesiae," which lies just west of St Peter's Basilica.

Pope Francis has recently asked the world to join him in prayer for the former pope. *"Today I invite you to pray together with me for His Holiness Benedict XVI, a man of great courage and humility,"* the Pope said. What better time could you and I have than Lent to include our beloved Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI in our prayers and liturgies. He may be out of sight but he is never out of our minds.

JESUS - OFFICIALLY NUMBER 1: Thought you might be interested in a scientific project recently undertaken by two well-qualified Americans, Professor Steven Skiena and Google engineer, Charles Ward. Together they wrote a book titled *"Who's Bigger?: Where Historical Figures Really Rank"*. In this publication, they included a list of the top 10 figures in human history. These included the ancients, Aristotle and Mohammed; the emperors, Alexander the Great, Napoleon and Hitler; the statesmen, Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln; and the playwright, Shakespeare. Coming in at No.1, however, is Jesus. It should not surprise us that Jesus of Nazareth is the "biggest name in human history". Not just because the Bible is by far the most published, distributed, read and influential book in history; not just because the Christian religion is the most widely spread and populous in human history; but more fundamentally for this reason: we believe that Jesus, the only Son of God incarnate, is the new "Adam" to whom the whole of humanity is tied. There can be no bigger name in human history because He is the Alpha and Omega of all history. There is, however, a "sting in the tail" for us. Christianity's influence is declining. In the hundred years between 1911 and 2011 (our most recent census) those in Australia who identified as "no religion" rose from 1 in 250 in 1911 to more than 1 in 5 in 2011. That makes "no religion" second only to Catholics in Australia today. Let's pray that our "New Evangelisation" Programme substantially reverses this trend!

THIS PAST WEEK: During this week just ended, extraordinary activities (that is, those outside our normal things) include last night's superb Trivia Night; yesterday's Catalyst for Renewal; Friday's special Retreat Mass at Mt Victoria for the 200+ St Ives Brigidine College students (they're the ones who raised \$792 for us to distribute to last year's bushfire victims in our Parish - in return we have presented to them a special "Thank You" certificate following the Mass); Thursday's funeral for Judith Harris, and Wednesday's funeral for Robert Menzies. Following today's Mass, little Jack Commons is to be baptised. Thank you everyone involved for your support in enabling us to successfully complete these tasks.

God Bless! Father Bob



Second Sunday of Lent



Your donation to Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia pursue justice and assist those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. This week we meet Deng and his family in South Sudan. During the civil war Deng, who is blind, and his family fled their village. Returning many years later, they are rebuilding their lives with the help of a food security program.

With your support, families like Deng's can be confident of a more secure future and can rebuild their lives.

Please donate to Project Compassion today.

Vocations prayer intention for the 2nd week of Lent

For all members of this parish, those called to Single Life, Marriage, Consecrated Life or the Priesthood: that - like Peter, James and John - each of us may spend time alone with Jesus so that he may reveal himself to us and provide us with insights which will strengthen us in our mission. Lord hear us.

Happy Birthday Fr Bob Sherridan
~ 81 years young today ~

Taize Retreat – 'Wellspring of Hope'
April 11-13 weekend retreat.

Preparing for Easter with prayer and the music of Taize led by Trisha Watts.

Cost: \$250.

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre,
247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Enquiries: Carla Walker on 8795 3400

retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmelite.com

Change to office hours

Due to leave commitments, the office hours will change for the following two weeks.

This week the office hours will be:

Tuesday 18 March ~1pm-4pm

Thursday 20 March ~ 9am-12pm

Next week

Thursday 27 March ~10am-3pm

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Marilyn



Please remember in your prayers, Judy Harris, who died on 8th March. May David and family find peace and comfort in the memory of her love and may the Good Shepherd guide Judy safely home to enjoy the vision of God's glory forever. R.I.P. Judy.

March Cosmology Gathering

This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on Friday, 21st March, at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls from 10am till noon. The prayerful meditation will centre on *"The Breath of the Spirit in Autumn"* and the discussion will be on *"My world of Mystery"* in our new book, **Rainbow of Mysteries** by Norman Habel. Please feel free to bring a friend or two. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290.

In memoriam

Mary Potts ~ 17th March

Tom Boylan ~ 19th March

Andrew Greve ~ 20th March

Iris Austin whose anniversary occurs at this time.