

TODAY

*Is 58:7-10 Share with those in need
1 Cor 2:1-5 Faith is a gift from God
Mt 5:13-16 Salt of the earth, light of the world.*

Psalm Response

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

9 Feb Diane Stewart
16 Feb Michelle Davis

Readers

9 Feb 1st Reading Christine Helby
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
16 Feb 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

9 Feb Pat Wicks and Ray Wood
16 Feb Brian and Monica Bright

Counters

9 Feb Marilyn
16 Feb Laurie

Morning Tea

9 Feb Jan Roberts
16 Feb Monica Van Horen

Church Care

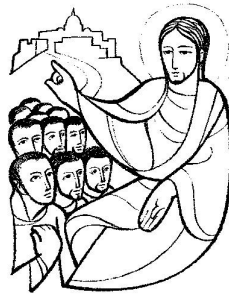
28 Feb Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
14 Mar Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

Please remember in your prayers:

**Madge Boylan; Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans;
Pauline Fallance; James Ford; Virginia Hayward;
Judy Harris; Fr Kevin Hay; Kenneth Kirkham;
Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine
McKelvie; Irene Peacock and Roma Ziolkowski.**

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 9th to Saturday 15th February

9th St Apollonia, Virgin & Martyr (d249AD)
10th St Scholastica, Virgin (c480-547), Memorial
11th Our Lady of Lourdes (1858AD), optional
12th St Saturninos & Companions, Martyrs (d304AD)
13th St Catherine de Ricci, Virgin (1522-1589)
14th St Valentine, Priest & Martyr (d270) Sts Cyril, Monk (826-869)
& Methodius, Bishop (827-883), Memorial
15th St Claude De La Colombiere, Priest (1641-1682)



**5th Sunday in Ordinary
Time - Year A**

9th February 2014

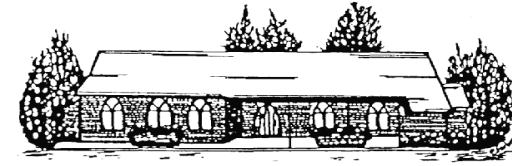
'Salt is a basic and essential item in our diet but it had a particular value in ancient culture. It is a purifier, a seasoning and a preservative. This was especially the case in the days before refrigeration...What Jesus emphasises is its distinctive taste. We often judge food by saying it has too little or too much salt. Christians then, by their Gospel-centred lives, are to give a distinctive taste to society. Those who really have the spirit of the Beatitudes (including non-Christians) will permeate the world, renew it and retard its social and moral decay.'

(<http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OA051/>)



Next Week
Jesus comes to fulfil the law
Eccl 15:15-20
Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

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: 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

GARAGE SALE TODAY (& YESTERDAY): I feel a little like the spruikers of old who used to stand in front of bargain shops, telling us about their great, unrepeatable bargains that we could buy at practically giveaway prices from them alone. Well! I am not one of those people. They could sell a refrigerator to an Eskimo. I couldn't! So here is my effort! Have you seen the extraordinary range of "goodies" available in our parish hall? And the prices! Almost give-aways! I know that I have spent more than I intended to satisfy needs I never knew I had, so why not you? The quality, also, is pretty good! There! How's that? Seriously though, if you haven't yet had a look, now is the time - after Mass! Tomorrow will be too late!

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: Today is also your last opportunity to contribute to this quarter's DWF Scheme. Figures are not yet available for last week's collection. However, we are extremely grateful to everyone who so far has donated to this most worthy of causes, donations that fund activities which have direct benefits for this parish as well as people in desperate need within our wider Parramatta Diocese. Envelopes are once again on every pew as per last week, and these should be placed on the second collection, again the same as last week.

MEETINGS - Parish Pastoral Council: Held last Sunday after Mass, this was the first meeting of the full Council with its new Chairperson (Diana Landsberg) and newly elected members. A number of issues and proposed projects were discussed and their further progress delegated to various Councillors to lead investigations. Our Chairperson will undoubtedly report on the progress of these as and when needed. Should you wish to speak to any Councillor, they are: **Diana Landsberg (Chairperson), Colette Lillis (Secretary), David Buckley (Deputy Chairperson), Norma Longmuir, Julie O'Keeffe, Carmen Beard, Dennis Doherty, Brian Bright, Anthony Gilchrist.** Ex-officio member **Jonathon Gilchrist** will report to the Council on youth affairs.

Blue Mountains Priests' Deanery Meeting: Held last Tuesday at Glenbrook, discussions centred around a special presentation by Sr Linda Ferrington rsc, a Sister of Charity, who offered her services on a voluntary basis to assist parishes establish an adult formation group in the Blue Mountains. However, due to the imminent tabling of the Parramatta Diocese's "**Faith in our Future**" five-year plan by 22nd of this month, this offer has been held over until all details of the new plan are known.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CATECHISTS: Again at Glenbrook's St Finbar's Church, this time last Monday morning (as mentioned in last week's Bulletin), for the first time ever, a regional Mass for our Catechists was celebrated by Rev. Father Wim Hoekstra (Glenbrook PP), with concelebrants Rev. Fathers Robert Anderson (Emu Plains PP), Paul Slyney (Springwood PP) and myself. Without counting heads, a good representation of Catechists from all Blue Mountains Parishes was present. The Blackheath contingent was led by our co-ordinator, Mrs Claire Maguire. A range of educational and service certificates was presented to a number of people including three presented by me to our Jennifer Milani, Rado Marjanac and Greg Chapman. Congratulations to each of you on both my own behalf and those of every parishioner. You each should be very proud of your achievement on this occasion. **God Bless! Fr Bob**

Our **PARISH DINNER** will be held on **Saturday, 5th July**. A spit roast with all the trimmings plus sweets as well as entertainment provided by our own Pat Drummond. Mark your diary, more information will follow.

Happy 51st Anniversary
Joë & Diana Landsberg
for 9th February

Happy Birthday
~ **Mary Kingston** ~
11th February
~ **Kenga Burke** ~
12 on 11th February
~ **Jonathon Gilchrist** ~
22 on 14th February

Liturgical Ministers'
Rosters are available at
the back of the church.

In memoriam
~ **Sarah Frazer** ~
15th February
*Please pray for all those
who are recently
deceased, especially,
Fr Peter Collins SSS
who died on Saturday,
1st February, (dear friend
of Pat Drummond).*

Who am I that my light should burn brightly? Who are we that we should not? We are children of God. As a baptised people it is our basic calling to share the love of God in the world. From Isaiah to Corinthians to Matthew, the call is to give to those around us - give materially, give the Gospel message, give God's love and light. This is sometimes a bigger ask than we are prepared for. As we approach the season of Lent, it is an appropriate time to begin to reflect upon how each of us might live our baptism more fully, and what this might look like, so that the world will be filled with the light of God. *- Daily Prayer online*

YOU HAVE SET US FREE
2014 Adult Lent Program
BOOKLET - Lenten Reflections
for Individuals and Groups

The Gospels for Lent in 2014 engage our minds and our hearts with vivid stories:

- The Samaritan woman at the well
- The man Jesus cures of blindness and the Pharisees who refuse to 'see'
- Martha by the tomb of Lazarus

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we have been set free from the chains of death - in all its forms. Our baptism commits us to be people of Good News in the here and now. The six sessions of **You Have Set Us Free** will provide opening prayers, Sunday gospels, gospel reflections, discussion questions, closing prayers, suggestions for mission in daily life. The season of Lent calls us to deepen that journey as we walk with Jesus from the temptations in the wilderness to the glory of the cross.

DVD/CD Set - DVD
with the six Gospel Reflections.

2 audio CDs complement the book with: audio recordings of hymns for prayers; Gospel readings; Gospel reflections; Ignatian guided meditations; and personal stories. Some sections, eg stories and meditations, are not in the book. The Good News People stories cover a range of mission in daily life experiences.

If you would like to join a group, add your name and contact number to the list on the noticeboard or speak to **Brian or Monica Bright (4757 3943)**. If you would like to buy a copy of the program for your own private reflection, the booklet and DVD/CDs are also available from Brian or Monica Bright if you put in your request by Wednesday, 12 February.

Price: BOOKLET \$7.70 CD/DVD SET \$17.60