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Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46 Outcast
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 For God's glory
Mark 1:40-45 Outcast no longer

Psalm Response

In time of trouble I turn to you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

15 Feb Diane Stewart
22 Feb Pat Wicks

Readers

15 Feb 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Patricia Dee
22 Feb 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Robert Forbes
2nd Reading Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

15 Feb Diana Landsberg and Elizabeth Doolan
22 Feb Christa and David Buckley

Counters

15 Feb Marilyn
22 Feb Laurie

Morning Tea

15 Feb Dave Harris
22 Feb Mary Woodward

Church Care

27 Feb Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

NEXT WEEK: **SINS FORGIVEN** ISAIAH 43:18-19,21-22,24-25
PSALM 40; 2CORINTHIANS 1:18-22; MARK 2:1-12

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and also their carers:
**Siobhan Atkin; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford;
Anthony Gilchrist; Kenneth Kirkham; Lorraine McKelvie; Junko Odawa,
Frances Slater, Marion Walker and Nicole Warner.**

This week's Feast Days: Sunday 15th to Saturday 21st February 2015

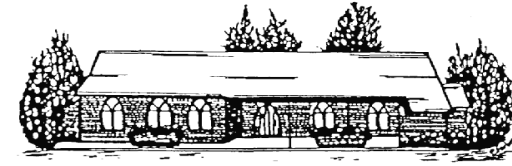
15th St Claude De La Colombiere, Priest (1641-1682)
16th St Onesimus, Martyr (d 1st Century AD)
17th Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, 13th Century, Optional
18th Ash Wednesday; St Marie Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879)
19th St Mansuetus, Bishop (d685)
20th Bl Francisco & Jacinta Manto, (1908-1919), Fatima's children
21st St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor (1007-1072AD), optional



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B
15th February 2015**

A leper appeals to Jesus' compassion: 'If you want to...'. Indeed, Jesus does want to cure him, and not only him, but everyone who asks. In his joy, the man could not keep the cure to himself, but proclaimed the good news everywhere. We, too, can proclaim the Kingdom of God by our joy and enthusiasm in being followers of Christ, because we also have been healed many times.

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:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm
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 Dennis Doherty (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

LENT: Wednesday next, 18th February, is **Ash Wednesday**, which introduces the 40 day period of Lent for this year. Easter Sunday will be celebrated on 5th April, that being the first full moon after the year's March Autumnal Equinox. Lent is THE most significant annual time of repentance for us – a time for each of us to review, revise and where necessary, change our way-of-life to better live our lives God's way. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both FAST and ABSTINENCE. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence (from meat) binds all who have completed their 14th year. Catholics are also obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once per year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. We are also obliged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within this same period. During Lent you will note that the 'Alleluia' is omitted at Mass, even in celebration of solemnities and feasts. Please note that Ashes will be distributed during the two Masses to be held on Ash Wednesday – the times being 9.00am and 7.30pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION "SAUSAGE SIZZLE" SUNDAY: Due to the Garage Sale being held today, we've abandoned the sale of pancakes for this year but will have available a sausage sizzle instead. The sausage sizzle will be after Mass during our social get-together at the Parish Hall. (The coffee and tea are free.) All funds raised will be given to **Caritas**, our major fund-raising charity this Lenten-Easter period.

SANCTUS STALL: Manned (is that the right word?) by Collette Lillis, we have entered into an arrangement with Marjorie Brown from Sanctus in a joint venture to have available to you here at our church, religious items of interest, including cards, et cetera. Marjorie has invested a lot of time, effort and funds into this venture primarily for our benefit. While this stall cannot be available every week, we are testing the market to see what the demand is. So, please, this service is here for you to use and I invite you to do just that!

THE WEEK THAT WAS/IS: Garage Sale: What a week, and it is not over until the sale ends this afternoon. At time of penning this report, we are still organising and pricing all the goods that have been donated to us. All goods have yet to be displayed. What a job that will be! Huge thanks to everyone involved, the donors, all the volunteer workers and, of course, Marilyn (plus Paul) and Patricia for organising and conducting this massive parish money-making venture.

Baptism: Tiny little (3 months) **Josephine Alice Blaxland** was baptised without a hitch last Sunday after Mass. We congratulate her parents, **Felicity and Mark**, on their parenthood, their gorgeous daughter and their other well-behaved children. Welcome into our parish family, Josephine, on this momentous occasion.


World Day of the Sick: Celebrated earlier this morning as part of our 9.00am Mass, about 25 people attended and almost all received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in addition to their receipt of the Eucharist. The Parramatta Diocesan Mass is to be held this evening (Wednesday) at St Patrick's Blacktown.

Catechists' Blue Mountains Deanery Annual Mass: Held at St Finbar's Parish Church Glenbrook yesterday, we were well represented among all who attended. Well organised by Co-ordinator Veronica Sultana, all 'Mountains' Catechists had an opportunity to socialize, which they did in style. Four priests attended including yours truly and Rev. Father Mick O'Callaghan (newly appointed PP at Emu Plains).

Teresa of Avila for Beginners
An introduction to the life, writings and spirituality of this teacher of prayer.
Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD.
Cost: \$220
(concessions available)
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
Inquiries: 02 8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com or www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Cosmology Spirituality Morning
The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday, 20th February, 10am till noon. The new book, **The Cosmic Mystique** (\$30), is available. A keynote presentation on "Encountering God in Creation" will be a special feature. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program.
Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

Visit our Garage Sale in the Parish Hall TODAY. Grab yourself a 'Sausage Sizzle' for Caritas. Bargain after Mass.



Sacred Heart Care Ministry offers support for those in our community requiring assistance. Please contact Michelle on 4757 2638.

In memoriam
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Sarah Frazer ~ 15th February

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when your young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. Thank you for making the effort of bringing these littles with you to Mass.

LIVING THE GOSPEL ~ Who is your leper?
There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man, too, was a child of God, and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, "Who is your leper?"
Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!"

Happy Anniversary
Peter & Kate Grbanae ~ 17th February

Happy Birthday
Jonathan Gilchrist ~ 25 yesterday
Monica Bright ~ 16th February