

TODAY

2 Chron 36:14-16.19-23 **Infidelity and mercy**  
Ephesians 2:4-10 **God's love and mercy**  
John 3:14-21 **Son sent to save**

Psalm Response: **Let my tongue be silenced,  
if ever I forget you.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
*God loved the world so much, he gave us his  
only Son, that all who believe in him might  
have eternal life. Praise and honour...*

**Servers**

15 Mar Pat Wicks  
22 Mar Michelle Davis

**Readers**

15 Mar 1st Reading Lillis Family  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
22 Mar 2nd Reading Lillis Family  
1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

15 Mar Monica and Brian Bright  
22 Mar Jan Roberts and Elizabeth Doolan

**Counters**

15 Mar Pamela and John  
22 Mar Robyn and Adrian

**Morning Tea**

15 Mar George Commens  
22 Mar Christine Burke

**Church Care**

27 Mar Angie and Michelle Leman



Fourth  
Sunday  
in Lent

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15th  
March  
2015

God's love is constantly  
being given to us, even  
when we are not being  
attentive to it.

Major catastrophes and  
exciting happenings all  
have the potential to  
draw us to God.

We often need to be  
reminded that God  
has come into our world  
precisely to enliven our  
faith and enkindle our  
love. On the cross, Jesus  
will be the ultimate sign  
that God loves us.



Next Week  
**The hour has come**  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 50 Heb 5:7-9  
John 12:20-30

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

**This Week's Feast Days**

**Sunday 15th - Saturday 21st March**

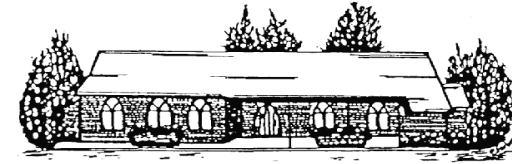
15th St Longinus, Soldier & Martyr  
16th St Herbert, Bishop (970-1021)  
17th St Patrick, Bishop (387-461) - Patron of Ireland, Solemnity  
18th St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (315-386), optional  
19th St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Solemnity  
20th St Maria Josefa Sancho de Guerra, Founder of the  
Institute of the Servants of Jesus (1842-1912)  
21st St Birillus, Bishop ordained by St Peter, Apostle (d90)



**In memoriam**

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**Mary Potts**  
17th March  
**Tom Boylan**  
19th March  
**Andrew Greve**  
20th March

# 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>

<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, 3rd and 5th 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 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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**LAETARE SUNDAY:** Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is one of the two occasions in our Church year when the priest is entitled to wear pink vestments. I might add that this is an optional choice which is just as well as I don't possess vestments of that hue. The word "Laetare" is taken from the first word of today's Entrance Antiphon whose English translation from the original Latin means "Rejoice with Jerusalem!". I remind you that the other Sunday for pink vestments is "Gaudete" Sunday that occurs on the Third Sunday of Advent. From this Sunday forward, our attention will particularly focus on Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection.

**SAINTS OF THIS WEEK:** This is a great week for two great Feast Days of two great saints - **St Patrick (Tuesday 17/3)** and **St Joseph (Thursday 19/3)**. Mass times for each will be as normal, **6.30pm for St Patrick** and **8.00am for St Joseph**. There are no other special celebrations planned by us this year for either/both saints.

**OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:** Last Friday, at the beautiful Lutanda Retreat Centre at Mt Victoria, we shared the Annual Retreat Mass for the 200+ senior St Ives' Brigidine College students. They're the students who, along with the rest of their college, raised \$792 for our bushfire-affected people. At last, this week, arrangements have been made to pass that money to the Shipley Rural Fire Service. More on this subject once the funds have changed hands.

Second: Last night at St Joseph's Megalong Valley's Vigil Mass, the "house full" sign went up with a large social group of eastern Upper Mountains residents in attendance. This is a twice-yearly event that is followed by a BBQ. They are a great bunch, and they can cook!

**FINANCES:** Thanks to all parishioners and the wider community, we made another welcome trading profit in February (details yet to be presented to the Parish Council). This was undoubtedly due to the success of our garage sale. Financial year-to-date, we are thankfully also profitable. Congratulations everyone for your wonderful contribution to this result!

**ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO'S SAINTHOOD CAUSE:** Many years ago, I adopted the cause of two great departed Catholics whom, I would like to think, eventually will be elevated to full sainthood. One was the Australian **Eileen Rosalind O'Connor**, founder of "Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor", alias "the Brown Nurses", whose mother house, even today, is at 35 Dudley Street, Coogee. The other was **Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Goldamez**, born in the mountains of El Salvador in 1917. His family was not keen on him entering the priesthood but he went ahead anyway. He was ordained in 1942 and returned to El Salvador in 1944 as a country priest. In 1966 he was made secretary to the El Salvador Episcopal Conference, a position he held for 23 years. He became Auxiliary Bishop in El Salvador in 1970, Bishop of Santiago de Maria in 1974 and Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. He spoke out fearlessly against the social injustice of the peasant economy despite government attempts to silence him. Archbishop Oscar Romero was killed by an assassin's bullet as he celebrated Mass on 24 March, 1980. He is buried in the Cathedral of San Salvador. The Vatican has now promulgated his martyrdom and his cause that, prayerfully, will lead to full sainthood for him in our lifetime.

**God Bless! Father Bob**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PROJECT COMPASSION**



*This week we meet Sarita who was struggling to grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot in Nepal.*

*In 2007, with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish-raising business with 11 others.*

*Now, they have a life-long source of food and income.*

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help people in rural Nepal create a life-long source of food and income to benefit entire communities.**

**[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) 1800 024 413**

**Blackheath Reflection Morning**  
**Saturday 21st March, 10am - 1pm**  
in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

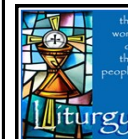
**David Patterson** will lead the morning:

**'The Return of the Prodigal Son':**  
**A Story of Homecoming, Affirmation**  
**and Reconciliation.**

Based on Henri Nouwen's book by the same title. All welcome, no need to book, morning tea provided, entry by donation.

Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Fr Bob Shridan** for 16th March  
**Norma Carlon** for 20th March



**An invitation to explore our Liturgies and Ministries**

All parishioners are invited to take part in this important workshop being facilitated by Sister Mary Louise Walsh **TODAY** in the Parish Hall - commencing at 11.00am and ending no later than 12:15pm.

Arising from the meeting, Father Bob and your Parish Pastoral Council are hoping to achieve -

- an increase in the number of parishioners involved in our various Lay Ministries;
- a greater understanding of the importance and purpose of each of our Lay Ministries;
- exploring possible ways where we all may broaden our involvement; and
- we are hoping to come away with the basis of a multi-ministry Liturgy Committee to help steer our ongoing development.

**To continue the conversation, please feel free to linger a while over a light lunch together!**

**Cosmology Spirituality Morning**  
*The next Cosmology Spirituality Morning will be held at the*

**Good Samaritan Community House,**  
**3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls**  
**on 20th March, 10 am till noon.**

*Chapters 1 & 2 in The Cosmic Mystique will be the subject of discussion. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. All are welcome.*

*Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290*

**The Blackheath CWA of NSW**  
*invites you to attend the*  
**Illawarra Machine Knitters'**  
**Fashion Parade**



**Monday 23rd March at 10.30am**

*Blackheath Uniting Church Hall (heated)*  
*Govett's Leap Road. \$8 pp - Light lunch will be served following the parade. Cash/cheque only (no credit card facilities). **RSVP by 16th March.***

*For catering purposes, please contact Pat on 4787 5380. Goods for sale on the day - orders taken with deposit. 10% of sales on the day will be donated to the Blackheath CSW for onward allocation to worthy causes.*