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Genesis 9:8-15 Covenant with Noah
1 Peter 3:18-22 Saving water
Mark 1:12-15 Repent

Psalm Response

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

Servers

22 Feb Pat Wicks
1 Mar Jan Roberts

Readers

22 Feb 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Robert Forbes
2nd Reading Brian Bright
1 Mar 1st Reading David Buckley
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves

Ministers of the Eucharist

22 Feb Christa and David Buckley
1 Mar Margaret Davis and Robert Forbes

Counters

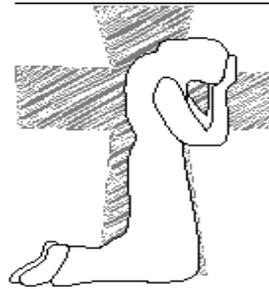
22 Feb Laurie
1 Mar Carla and Neil

Morning Tea

22 Feb Mary Woodward
1 Mar Pamela Nash

Church Care

27 Feb Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



**First Sunday in Lent
Year B**

22nd February 2015

At Jesus' baptism the Spirit descended with the gentleness of the dove.

In today's gospel the Spirit drives Jesus out into the wilderness for forty days to be tempted by Satan.

Following the arrest of the Baptist, Jesus returned to Galilee to begin his public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom.

He proclaims it to us also today and bids us repent that we may believe the Good News.

Next Week: **Listen to my Son** Gn 22:1-29-13,15-18; Ps 115 Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

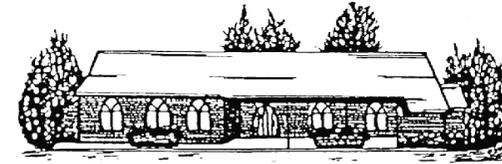
Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and also their carers:
Siobhan Atkin; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford; Anthony Gilchrist; Kenneth Kirkham; Lorraine McKelvie; Junko Odawa, Frances Slater, Marion Walker and Nicole Warner.

This week's Feast Days: Sunday 22nd to Saturday 28th February 2015

22nd The Chair of St Peter, Apostle, Feast; St Margaret of Cortona (1247-1297)
23rd St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (c69-c156), optional
24th St Ethelbert, King (d616)
25th St Walburga, Virgin & Abbess (710-779)
26th St Porphyrius, Bishop (349-420); St Nestor of Magydos, Bishop & Martyr, 3rd
27th St Leander of Seville, Bishop (565-500); St Anne Line, Martyr (1565-1601)
28th St Hillary, Pope (d1468); Blessed Carlo Gnocchi (1902-1956)



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, 3rd and 5th 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: Despite Ash Wednesday's early arrival this year, by now we should be progressing in our Lenten endeavours in what is for most of us our major penitential effort for this year. Over the next 36 days, we will have many opportunities, many invitations to join Lenten Programmes that will help us form an ever-closer relationship with God and each other - a time when we seek to revise, renew and reset our priorities in this life. Lent is that special time in the year when our liturgies are specially framed to support us as we carefully self-analyse where we are at, where we want to be, and how best to reach that goal. So, please, don't waste this valuable period in our year! A reminder also that all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat, except for Good Friday which is both a day of fast and abstinence for those to whom it applies. I, again, remind you that every Catholic is obliged to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday which this year falls on 31st May. Finally, during Lent the "Alleluia" is omitted in Mass, even when celebrating Solemnities and Feasts. The "Gloria" is not said during this time, its next use being the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, 4th April.

CARITAS: Caritas is our key charity and fundraiser for this year with donations being received throughout the Lenten/Easter period. Through Project Compassion, you and I have a unique opportunity to help Caritas Australia support those far less favoured than us by helping to reduce their poverty, promote justice for them and uphold the dignity that is the right of every living human being. All the Caritas literature, including Project Compassion boxes are to be found dispersed around the church today. Please take one home now, fill it with your spare coins, and return same to us at Easter. By so doing, you will be helping more than you could imagine to support those severely deprived, dispossessed and suffering people/families in many countries around the world. Thank you for caring! Thank you for your generosity!

GARAGE SALE: This is our major parish fundraiser for the year. I am conscious of the huge investment of time, effort and expertise committed over many, many months by a whole team of volunteers, all organised so ably by Marilyn/Patricia with results this year that, for me, are simply staggering! The final count has been declared at \$5,333.85. What an extraordinary achievement - quite beyond anyone's expectations! Take a bow, everyone! This was truly a community event of some considerable dimension in which everyone participated. Thank you for your commitment! Could I conclude by revealing that the benefits are not limited to our parish, as the surplus merchandise has been distributed to, and been gratefully received by a number of other charities.

LENTEN GROUPS: Co-ordinated by Parish Councillor Brian Bright, there are two established evening groups this Lent - every Tuesday and Wednesday evening. While Brian/Mon are leading one group, Carmen Beard is leading the other. However, Carmen advises the formation of a Friday morning day group with a 10am starting time in the Parish Committee room. Interested persons should see either Brian or Carmen after Mass today.

Teresa of Avila for Beginners: An introduction to the life, writings and spirituality of this teacher of prayer.
 Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD. When: 27th February to 1st March
 Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville, NSW Cost: \$220 (concessions available)
 Enquiries: 02 8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The Bahamas are featured this year with the programme prepared by that country's WDP Committee. We are the host church this time around with the service to start at 1.30pm, Friday 6th March. All welcome!
God bless! Father Bob



This week we meet married couple Eric and Ma in Fiji who had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they received training supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life. *Please donate to Project Compassion today and help people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to grow food for life.*
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Catalyst Reflection Mornings: Reflection Mornings for 2015 re-commence on **Saturday 21st March**. Our first presenter will be David Patterson, Adult Education Coordinator for the Broken Bay Diocese. The year's program is on the table at the entrance to the church. Enquiries to Carmel 4787 8706.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANET LAMERTON FOR 23RD FEBRUARY

**"STEPPING BEYOND"
 SUPPORT FOR THOSE
 SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**
 CCSS Solo Parent Services
 Monthly Support Group,
 "Stepping Beyond" will be held again on the last Tuesday of the month for those who are separated or divorced.
Venue: CCSS Centre
51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown.
Tuesday 24th February
7.30pm- 9.30pm Cost: \$5.00
 Registration: Eileen/Rita
 Ph: 99330205 or
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au
 See Flyer on Parish Notice Board.

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

Living the Gospel - Change of heart
Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God.
This is a challenge to be counter-cultural - to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season. (from Liturgyhelp)

In memoriam
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Rick Frazer ~ 22nd February
Sharon Bann ~ 25th February