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*Exodus 20:1-17 Ten Commandments*  
*1 Corinthians 1:22-25 God's wisdom*  
*John 2:13-25 Zeal for God's house*

Psalm Response  
**You have the words of everlasting life.**

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**

8 Mar Michelle Davis  
15 Mar Pat Wicks

**Readers**

8 Mar 1st Reading Christine Helby  
Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire  
15 Mar 1st Reading Lillis Family  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2nd Reading Lillis Family

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

8 Mar Michelle Davis and Diana Landsberg  
15 Mar Monica and Brian Bright

**Counters**

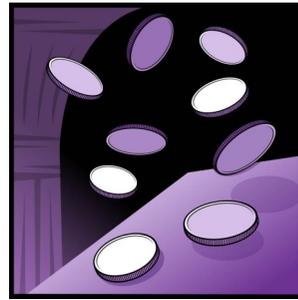
8 Mar Julie and Lance  
15 Mar Pamela and John

**Morning Tea**

8 Mar Michelle Funnell  
15 Mar George Commens

**Church Care**

13 Mar Julie Hodgkinson



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Year B**

**8th March 2015**

Jesus' prophetic action of cleansing the Temple, driving out the traders and the moneychangers, foreshadows the approaching end of the Temple worship with its animal sacrifices.

There is to be a new Temple, the Body of the Risen Christ. He is to be the sacrifice perpetuated in his Church, his Body.

We are members of that Body, partaking of that sacrifice.

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 8th - Saturday 14th March**

8th St John of God, Religious & Founder (1495-1550)  
9th St Frances of Rome, Religious (1384-1440), optional  
10th St John Ogilvie, Priest & Martyr (1579-1615)  
11th St Eulogius, Martyr (d859)  
12th St Seraphina, Virgin (1238-53)  
13th St Roderick, Priest & Martyr (d857)  
St Euphrasia, Religious & Virgin (d420)  
14th St Matilda, Queen (c895-968)

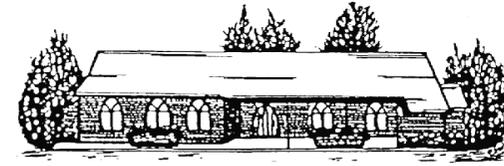


**Next Week**

**Son sent to save**  
2 Chr 36:14-16,  
19-23. Ps 136  
Eph 2: 4-10;  
John  
3:14-21



# 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, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.  
**e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

**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)

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:** Today, 8th March, is not only the third Sunday of Lent, it is also **International Women's Day for 2015**. This is a very special day, a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

This year's theme, *"Equality for women is progress for all"* emphasises how gender equality, empowerment of women, women's full enjoyment of human rights, the eradication of poverty and the elimination of violence against women and their children are essential to economic and social development. It also stresses the vital role of women as agents of development.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** A couple of days ago (Friday) this parish played host to an ecumenical Christian Service for all Blackheath and surrounding area residents. The theme for the *"World Day of Prayer"* this year was, *"Do you know what I have done to you?"*. Those who attended this special prayer service certainly appreciated its preparation by the women of the Bahamas and shared with them, each other and the whole global Christian community this most rewarding unique world experience. Huge thanks are due to all those who contributed to the preparation and conduct of this service, including particularly those women from our own Sacred Heart Parish who led these celebrations. Huge thanks to everyone involved.

Amazingly, Friday (6th March) was also the **Autumn Ember Day**, that day set aside at the beginning of each quarter in the year for special Lenten penitential attention. Hope you remembered!

**TODAY'S FORECAST:** *"God reigns and the Son shines!"*

**ANTHONY GILCHRIST - A FINAL FAREWELL:** Last Thursday we came together as a parish family to bid a sorrowful farewell to another of our longstanding, most valued members, this time, Anthony Gilchrist. We fondly remember his wonderful singing voice, his membership of our Pastoral Parish Council and the work entailed in that position, his friendship and ready support always available to us. Anthony, I also recall the steps you had already taken to qualify as a Permanent Deacon - so tragically cut short by the illness that eventually took your life. You will be sorely missed by every one of us - your extended family.

Our deepest sympathy is also given to Marjanna and every other member of the Gilchrist family. You should know that we feel so deeply for you at this time! Finally, Anthony, may you rest eternally in God's Love and God's Peace. Amen!

**NO MASS NEXT WEDNESDAY:** Given that I have to attend a one-day seminar at Parramatta's St Patrick's Cathedral Hall from 10.00am this coming Wednesday, there will be no 9.00am Mass that morning. Sorry about that!

**God Bless! Father Bob**

*Remembering your "Goodbye Day" ~ 8th March 2014 ~ Judy Harris  
We love you and miss you! From all your family.*



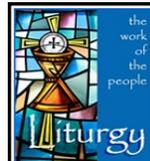
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PROJECT COMPASSION**



*This week we meet Karen, a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many, she can't always afford or access healthy food. At Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes, supported by Caritas Australia, Karen gained the skills she needed to provide healthier food for her family. Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help First Australians in remote communities gain the skills to make healthier food choices, building a better future for their families.*

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



~ 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 on **Sunday 15 March** in the Parish hall - commencing at 11am 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 'bring a plate' so we can enjoy a light lunch together!**

**Blackheath Reflection Morning**

To be held on **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**  
**Joe Blansjaar**  
for 10th March

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Jenny & Lindsay Inman**  
for 11th March

Please keep **Christa Buckley** in your prayers. She will be undergoing surgery tomorrow for a bilateral knee replacement.

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We remember in our prayers, **Gladys Gronlund**, (Mother of Carol Drummond), who died on 16th February. May Carol, Pat and family find peace and comfort in the memory of her love and may Gladys enjoy the vision of God's glory forever. *R.I.P.*

In memoriam: † **Judy Harris** ~ 8th March † **Pete Juhas** ~ 14th March