



*Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Confession of faith  
Romans 10:8-13 All belong to God  
Luke 4:1-13 Led by the Spirit*

**Psalm Response**

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word  
that comes from the mouth of God. Praise...

**Servers**

14 Feb Diane Stewart  
21 Feb Michelle Davis

**Readers**

14 Feb	1st Reading	Brian Bright
	2nd Reading	Monica Bright
	Intercessions	Robert Forbes
21 Feb	1st Reading	Christine Helby
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

14 Feb Elizabeth Doolan and Pat Wicks  
21 Feb Ray Wood and Diana Landsberg

**Counters**

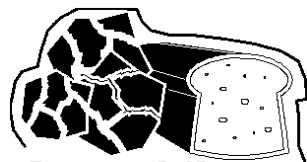
14 Feb Pamela and John  
21 Feb Robyn and Adrian

**Morning Tea**

14 Feb Mary Woodward  
21 Feb Monica Bright

**Church Care**

19 Feb Julie Hodgkinson



**Command these  
Stones**

**1st Sunday of Lent  
Year C**

**14th February 2016**

After Jesus is baptised, he is led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where he experiences our human temptations to usurp God's place in our lives. He feels the allure of being self-serving; of gaining worldly power over others; and of playing God. But Jesus displays true greatness by being attentive to God's word in scripture and confessing his faith that God has first place in his life.

**Divine  
Mercy  
Lenten  
Reflection  
9am-4pm  
Sat 20 Feb  
Saint**

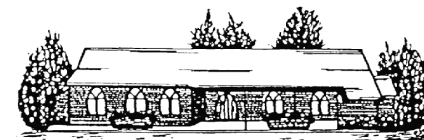
*Bonaventure  
Parish Hall  
Leura  
Talk:  
Rev.  
Brendan  
Murphy  
See notice  
board*

**Feast Days for this week!  
Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th February**

14th	St Valentine, Priest & Martyr (d270)
15th	St Claude la Colombiere, Priest (1641-82AD)
16th	St Onesimus, Martyr (d first century AD) Seven Servite Founders - 13th Century
18th	St Marie Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879)
20th	Bl Francisco & Jacinta Manto (1908-1919) (Fatima children)

Next week  
Led by the  
Spirit  
Deuteronomy  
26:4-10  
Psalm 90  
Romans  
10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13

# 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 land of the Blue Mountains.

**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.**

<b>Parish Priest:</b> Father Bob Sheridan	<b>Office hours:</b> Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
<b>Parish House:</b> 02 4787 8811	Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
<b>Parish Mobile:</b> 04 2887 8810	Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm
(Emergency only)	For Baptisms, Marriages, & sick calls
<b>Parish Office:</b> 02 4787 8540	contact Parish House.
<b>Facsimile:</b> 02 4787 6143	<b>e-mail:</b> shbheath2@bigpond.com

<b>Parish House:</b>	18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
<b>Sacred Heart Church:</b>	167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

**Website:** <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

<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 Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or David Buckley (Chair); Adrienne Kitching (Deputy Chair) or Carmen Beard (Secretary).

**Sacred Heart Care Group:** Monica Bright 4757 3943

**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)

**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 to join Lenten activities 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 of 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 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 both Reconciliation and Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday that this year falls on 22 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 Holy Thursday, 24 March.

**CARITAS:** As ever, 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. If you haven't already done so, please take one home with you, 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 those severely deprived, dispossessed and suffering people/families in many countries around the world. Thank you for caring! Thank you for your generosity!

By-the-way, David Buckley may have a verbal report for us this morning in relation to last Sunday's pancake sales, so ably cooked by a very experienced 'team' on our brand new BBQ. Yes! The old one has finally gone to its "Valhalla" after several years of struggle to keep it working.

**GARAGE SALE:** This, our major fundraiser for 2016, has raised the amount of \$5,680.00. What a phenomenal effort by many parishioners and others who have given so freely of their time, expertise and effort over the past many months to achieve this great result. Organised by Marilyn and Patricia, this has been a remarkable achievement by any standard – quite beyond anyone's expectations! Certainly mine! Take a bow, everyone! The whole parish is in your debt for every improvement in our parish that will flow from these funds for our individual and collective benefit in time to come. Incidentally, our 'take' this year is about \$245 more than was earned last year!

**God Bless! Fr. Bob**

**World Day of Prayer Meeting** to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 4pm at Uniting Church Hall. All welcome. (Bring ideas on "Cuba".)

**CAKE STALL** – Held on Easter Sunday, this year we will be having a CAKE and PLANT stall. We are asking our wonderful parishioners to support us and bring along a cake and/or a plant to sell. Mark you diary!



## First Sunday of Lent



Like many families in her remote village, Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat. But with the support of Caritas Australia and local partner CADECOM, the people of Doney's community have learned to harness their strengths. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

The next **Cosmology Spirituality morning** will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on Friday 19th Feb 10am till noon. The chapters 17 & 18 in the book 'The Cosmic Mystique' will be discussed. 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

**Catalyst Reflection Mornings:** The first Catalyst Reflection Morning for 2016 will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 19th March** 10am - 1pm.  
**Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ ~ Pope Francis' Encyclical – Laudato Si'.**  
**On Care for our Common Home.** All welcome.  
Programs available in the church foyer. Enquiries to Carmel: 0417 474 850

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Joe & Diana Landsberg** ~ 9 February  
**Peter & Kate Grbanac** ~ 17 February

**Happy Birthday**  
**Joë Landsberg** ~ 8 February  
**Mary Kingston** ~ 11 February  
**Kenga Burke** ~ 11 February  
**Jonathon Gilchrist** ~ 14 February  
**Monica Bright** ~ 16 February

**"One who knows more, loves more."**  
*(St Catherine of Siena)*  
We can't love what we don't know  
as love follows knowledge.  
So, make a commitment today to get  
to know the Lord better this Lent.

**Liturgical Ministers' Rosters** are  
available at the back on the Church.  
Please collect your copy today.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: **Sharon Booth; Nancy Edcell; Frank Farsaci; Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Rita Jenner.**  
To add someone's name to the list for 'Prayers for the sick', please email the Parish Office: [shbheath2@bigpond.com](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

We remember in our prayers, Pat's father, **Trevor Drummond**, who died on 31st January. May all the Drummond family find peace and comfort in the memory of his love and may Trevor enjoy the vision of God's glory forever.

In memoriam: **Sarah Frazer** ~ 15 February; **Gladys Gronlund** ~ 16 February