

Exodus 17:3-7 Water will flow
Romans 5:1-2,5-8 State of grace
John 4:5-42 Living water

Responsorial Psalm:
**If today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts.**

Gospel Acclamation:
**Glory to you, O Word of God!
 Lord Jesus Christ!**

Memorial Acclamation:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus Christ,
 until you come, until you come in glory.**

Great Amen:
**We sing amen! We sing amen!
 All glory and praise be yours, O God.
 We sing amen! We sing amen!
 With faith and hope and love,
 we sing amen!**

Servers

24 Feb Wayne Kelly
 2 Mar Michelle Davis

Readers

24 Feb	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	Ps/Intercessions	Brian Bright
	2nd Reading	Jane Nolan
2 Mar	1st Reading	Ron Davis
	Ps/Intercessions	Christa Buckley
	2nd Reading	David Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

24 Feb Anthony Gilchrist and Julie Hodgkinson
 2 Mar Pat Leeder and Jan Roberts

Children's Liturgy

24 Feb Bettina Le Gras
 2 Mar Sr Lyn

Counters

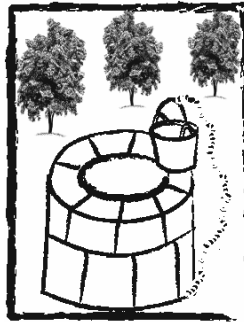
24 Feb Robyn and Kevin
 2 Mar Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

24 Feb Jan Roberts
 2 Mar Bettina Le Gras

Church Care

29 Feb Gatt Family
 7 Mar Noeline and Kevin Phelps



**Third Sunday
 of Lent
 Year A
 24 February 2008**

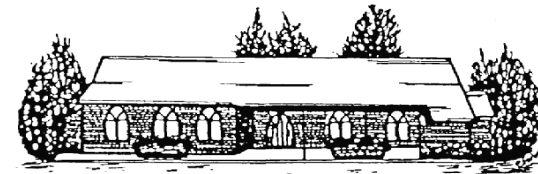
Jesus bypasses Jewish customs in asking the Samaritan woman for a drink.

The ensuing conversation prompts the woman to run and tell everybody in the town about Jesus. Her openness and willingness to listen with her heart gives her an inkling that this man could be the Messiah. An unexpected encounter can also transform our lives if we always seek Jesus and the living water he offers us.

Next Week:

Light of the world
1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13;
Psalm 22
Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
 Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
 Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

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.

**All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriage and sick calls
 to the Parish House.**

~ Pastoral Director ~ Sister Lyn Eastmure O.P. ~

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 Parish Office 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com

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

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday	7.00 pm
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

In the early hours of this morning a woman rang in on radio talk-back to say that each year, between Pancake Tuesday and Easter Sunday, she gives up chocolate (which she just loves!) and puts those couple of dollars each week into one of the charity containers in the local shops. She is not Catholic ... but feels it is a good thing to do this and think of other people who are in need. What a great attitude! I find this encouraging. "May this Lenten discipline which we undertake with love turn our minds to things above."
Blessings, Lyn.

**Lenten Journey Reflection
Journey to the Heart
For Week 4:
'Signposts and Waterholes'**

Theme: The journey towards new life is full of struggle and hardship. We can feel very much in the dark. This week we reflect on what signposts and waterholes may assist us on our pilgrimage.

Read: Gospel of John 9:1-41

Reflect: The story of the man born blind is particularly poignant because those who should have rejoiced in his cure eventually ostracise him from their society. ... The journey to the heart can be a lonely one. Our pilgrimage may be an intensely personal one so even well-meaning people cannot walk the road with us. ... we too may feel God's absence as we strike out on an unfamiliar road. Signposts can be found in our sacramental life, in our faith community, in the scriptures and our prayer.

** What are we failing to recognise in our own faith journey? Have our eyes been open to Christ in our life so that we are now alert to the movement of his Spirit throughout the day?*

** What prevented the people in the Gospel from seeing the good news? What blind spots do we or our community possess? How might we overcome them?*

**142 DAYS
TO
WYD08**



**HOMESTAY
HOSTS**

A meeting for all hosting pilgrims during the Days in the Diocese will be held on Wednesday, 5th March at 7pm in the Parish Hall with Anne Hines, World Youth Day Co-ordinator. Anne will be there to answer any questions you might have and to guide us through the next step in the home-stay program.

Remember to look around your house for your pre-loved treasures for our Stall. *Put out the trash for the Council pickup and bring the rest to us!*

Keep Saturday 5th April free. Contact Marilyn on 47875276.

**Happy Birthday
Owen Kelly**

for 28th February
Bettina & Gras
for 1st March



**echoes
from
the
past**

Jesus' thirst for us

Jesus has no need of our works, only of our love... he isn't ashamed to beg a drop of water from the Samaritan woman. He was thirsty. But in saying, 'Give me something to drink', the Creator of the universe was asking for his poor creature's love.

He was thirsty for love. Oh, I know, now Jesus is thirstier than ever; among the world's disciples all he meets is ingratitude and indifference, and among his own disciples he finds, alas, few hearts to give themselves unreservedly to him, few to understand the full extent of his infinite love. **St Therese (1873-1897)**

**Sacred Heart
Care Group**

This morning as you leave the Church you will be given a Parish Care Brochure (one per family). Extras will be available in the foyer of the Church. Have a read and you might like to keep it handy in case you are in need of the services offered. Please do not hesitate to call if you or a family member needs assistance. I thank all those who have generously offered their support and assistance.



My family and I thank you sincerely for the prayers, cards and visits during my stay in hospital. I continue to improve daily.
Monica Van Horen

**REFLECTION
MORNING**

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held at their home, 227 The Mall, Leura, on Saturday, 8th March from 10am to 12 noon. Theme '...the log in your own eye.' Enquiries: Sister Mary 4784 2055.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

**Marjory
Cowell**
(Michelle Funnell's mother)
**David Ridoutt,
Cec O'Brien
and Irene
Peacock.**

**Celtic Spirituality:
Insights for Australia**

An evening with the Rev. Ray Simpson 7.30 pm, Wednesday, 19th March at Leura Uniting Church Corner Grose & Megalong Streets, Leura.

Rev. Ray Simpson is an Anglican priest and the Founder and Guardian of the Community of Aidan and Hilda. He lives as a post-modern monk on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne where the Community has a retreat house and office. He has written many books and lectures widely on contemporary religion and the relevance of Celtic spirituality for today's church and world.

Cost: \$10 (\$5 conc) Enquiries: 4758 8104

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Chrism Mass: Parish musicians are invited to participate in a combined Diocesan Choir to sing at the annual Chrism Mass on Wednesday, 19 March in St Patrick's Cathedral. A music rehearsal will be conducted at the Cathedral on Sunday, 9 March, 2.30-4pm. Inquiries/RSVP to Bernard Kirkpatrick tel (02) 8839 8433, music@stpatscathedral.com.au