

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10 God our liberator
Romans 10:8-13 All belong to God
Luke 4:1-13 Jesus is tempted*

Responsorial Psalm: *Be with me Lord when I am in trouble.*

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

ROSTERS

Servers

25 Feb Ray Wood
2 Mar Diane Stewart (Mount Victoria)
4 Mar Pat Leeder

Readers

25 Feb	1st Reading	Christa Buckley
	Ps/Intercessions	Gerard Nolan
	2nd Reading	Pat Waters
2 Mar	1st Reader	Pat Leeder
	2nd Reader	Therese Gatt
4 Mar	1st Reading	LeGras Family
	Ps/Intercessions	LeGras Family
	2nd Reading	Le Gras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

25 Feb Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis
4 Mar Diane Stewart and Anne Broomfield

Children's Liturgy

25 Feb Moira McNair
4 Mar Carol Drummond

Counters

25 Feb Barbara and Bill
4 Mar Christa and David

Morning Tea

25 Feb Jan Roberts
4 Mar Bettina LeGras

Church Care

2 Mar Julie Hodgkinson
9 Mar Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



First Sunday of Lent Year C

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days to be tempted by the devil. At his baptism Jesus was proclaimed Son of God. Now the devil thrice tempts Jesus to renounce the limitations of his humanity by providing miraculous food, by political power, by miraculous protection. Jesus rejects the devil with God's word, but he will return at the appointed time – the Passion.

Next Week: Holy ecstasy

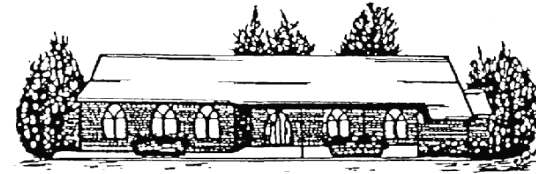
*Genesis 15:5-12,17-18;
Psalm 26 Phillipians 3:17-4:1;
Luke 9:28-36*

Mass at Mt Victoria Friday, 2 March at 7pm.

Are you being called to become a priest? If so, please see the flyer on the noticeboard for information regarding an Inquiry Evening to be held on Thursday, 1st March.

A VOCATION VIEW:
The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

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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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
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday (4787 7098)	7.00 pm
	Friday	4.30 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
Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word	1st Friday of month	9.00 am

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, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email D_P_I@telpacific.com.au

World Youth Day will be launched TODAY during our Liturgy.

Young Christian Workers

YCS and YCW are looking for enthusiastic young adult volunteers for a fantastic hands-on social justice opportunity. Volunteers are needed to staff several learning centres (in Parramatta, Auburn, Colyton, Blacktown and Redfern) which offer local high school students free computer and Internet use and homework assistance. Mentor young people, supervise a learning centre and become a leader. Contact Anne-Marie on 9682 6719 or via email on: Annemarie.eldick@ycw.org.au

YCW Harbour Cruise

You are invited to the Parramatta Diocese YCW Saint Patrick's Day Harbour Cruise. All young adults (18-30yrs) are welcome to come in their best greenery. Enjoy a 4 hour cruise with finger food, DJ and lucky door prizes.

Date: Saturday March 17th 2007.

Cost: \$45/\$40 (concession).

Book by: March 2nd 2007.

Places limited. Proceeds go towards running services to assist young workers, refugees and migrants. Please contact Sharmila on 9682 6719 or 0416 126 005 to book.

~In memoriam~

† **John Williams - 4th March**
† **Geraldine Drake**

Caritas Australia's free e-magazine, OzSpirit, this week looks at "Fair Play Today" the theme for Project Compassion 2007. The feature article explores the meaning of Fair Play and how this may move us to take action during Lent. To learn more about "Fair Play Today", Project Compassion, and social justice issues in Australia and around the world, take a look at OzSpirit. It is available at www.ozspirit.com or through the Caritas Australia website, www.caritas.org.au, where you can subscribe on-line for free.

Happy Birthday
Owen Kelly - 28th February
Bettina Le Gras - 1st March

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Last Sunday we raised \$173 for our start to **Project Compassion**. We wish to thank all who contributed either with donations towards our pancakes, our chefs, and to all who sampled our pancakes. Many hands and hearts were busy behind the scenes and we thank each of you for your generosity of spirit. This Sunday if you are able to contribute weekly, donations received will go to the people from Bangladesh. **Caritas** will assist communities to gain access to food security and provide self-reliance and hope for the future. May our Lenten journey be one nurtured by prayer, personal reflection and a small donation where possible, to provide support for the marginalised in communities. With sincere thanks,
THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP.

Please pray for **William Malcolm Durbin**, aged 3, who is very ill. His brother, Alexander Morad Durbin, will be baptised here on 7th April.

WHO WE ARE: CATHOLICS IN BLACKHEATH

How many Catholics live in our Parish? About 1,000 according to the latest census data. Only about 18% of Blackheathens are Catholic, which is much less than the Australian average (about 26%). It puts us in the lowest fifth of parishes in this diocese and in Australia as a whole. And that is not the only statistic that makes our community unusual. People who identify as Catholic in Blackheath have a high and rapidly increasing median age (39 years in 2001). As implied by this figure, the percentage of Catholics under 14 years is low and decreasing quite quickly (from 27% to 20% between 1996 and 2001). Correspondingly, the percentage of Catholics older than 65 years is high but relatively stable (from 13% to 14%). In all these figures Blackheath departs dramatically from parishes within the diocese and also, though to a slightly lesser extent, parishes within Australia. So we are fairly elderly, becoming more so, and relatively few in number.

Catholics in Blackheath are economically polarised. Median incomes are relatively similar to those of Catholics elsewhere in Australia. This disguises, however, large disparities in income distribution. Blackheath Catholics embrace an unusually high number of university graduates (13%) and people employed in professional and managerial careers (48%). In both cases these percentages increased markedly between 1996 and 2001. Conversely, the percentage of "blue collar" workers declined significantly from already low numbers. In 2001, 10% of Blackheath Catholics were unemployed, much higher than any national average, Catholic or otherwise.

An unusual number of Blackheath Catholics live in non-traditional family circumstances. The numbers of single-parent families, de-facto couples and couples where one partner is not Catholic are all much higher than for the diocese and the nation. In addition, Blackheath Catholics move much more frequently than elsewhere, and the proportion living alone (12%) is very high.

This is a glimpse of who we are. The challenges and opportunities are evident. But within this diversity and polarisation exists a community of extraordinary vitality and cohesiveness.

International Women's Day of Prayer: 1pm on Friday, 2nd March at the Presbyterian Church. All parishioners are welcome and urged to attend this annual liturgy. (Not exclusively for women - men more than welcome!)

CelebrateLoveSeminar

Be the best you can be ... together. Celebrate your love with this two day seminar for couples in loving marriages. Presented in a Catholic context, the seminar is a private experience for couples of any faith. www.celebratelove.com.au or 9662 7272

**505 days
to go until
World Youth Day
Monday 14 July
to Sunday 20 July
Sydney 2008**