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2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 Infidelity and mercy
Ephesians 2:4-10 God's love and mercy
John 3:14-21 Son sent to save

Responsorial Psalm: **Let my tongue be silenced,
if ever I forget you.** (sung)
Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Word of
God, Lord Jesus Christ.** (sung)

ROSTERS

Servers

26 Mar Bill Grieves
2 Apr Pat Leeder

Readers

26 Mar 1st Reading Gerard Nolan
Ps/Intercessions Pat Waters
2nd Reading Jennifer Ticehurst
2 Apr 1st Reading Le Gras Family
Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family
2nd Reading Le Gras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

26 Mar Ray Wood and Pat Leeder
2 Apr Diane Stewart and Michelle Davis

Children's Liturgy

26 Mar Frances Huckstepp
2 Apr Sr Lyn

Counters

26 Mar Robyn and Kevin Burns
2 Apr Louise and Laurie Noyes

Morning Tea

26 Mar Barbara Grieves
2 Apr Monica Van Horen

Church Cleaning

31 Mar Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen
7 Apr Julie Hodgkinson



4th Sunday of Lent
Year B
26 March 2006

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' How precious in God's sight is his Son, his very image! How precious is the world, the whole of his creation and man and woman! It is for our salvation, not our condemnation, that God gave his Son to be lifted up on the Cross. Through faith in Jesus, crucified and risen, we have eternal life.

NEXT WEEK

The hour has come

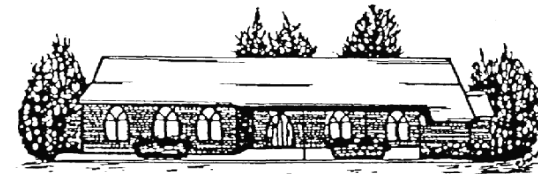
*Jeremiah
31:31-34;
Psalm 50
Hebrews 5:7-9;
John 12:20-30*

A VOCATION VIEW: When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Mother Teresa, Humanitarian (1910-1997)

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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Blackheath

Mass Sunday 9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service Wednesday 9.00 am
Praying the Gospel Wednesday 9.30 am
Prayer of the Church Friday 9.00 am
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music 4th Saturday of month 2.00 pm

Mount Victoria

Christian Meditation (one hour) Every Wednesday 7.00 am
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

Dear Friends,

During this time of Lent, as we look more closely at our own lives and our relationship to Jesus, I thought the following is worth reflecting upon: *The image of Peter denying Jesus following his arrest and trial teaches us that we are loved sinners, all of us. Our sincerity and good hearts don't keep us from sinning. We still betray, break our word, and too easily give in to temptation. What's shown by the story of Peter's betrayal is that, despite our sins, God looks at us with understanding and continues to hold us solidly in love and blessing. (Fr Ron Rolheiser)* **Blessings, Lyn.**

Commissioning of our Catechists

This morning we recognize and bless our Catechists who teach the Catholic children of our parish at the State Primary Schools of Blackheath, Megalong Valley and Mt Victoria. We are very grateful for their dedicated and important ministry on our behalf.

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Leone Ward wrote to thank us for the welcome they received at Mass, and being included in the homily, on the Sunday of their Family Reunion... **“the weather was kind and the people so friendly.”**

TOWARDS A PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

At the next PPC meeting **all parishioners** are invited to participate in preparing a Parish Pastoral Plan using the wonderful material gathered at the pastoral planning session held on 12th March. We look forward to your attendance and ideas on **Wednesday, 29th March from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. This is a parish challenge – not just for the PPC.**



Please pray for Pat Leeder, who had a mild stroke last Friday. She is in Manly Hospital having tests - hoping to be out soon!

REFLECT It is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art. *(Ephesians 2:8-10)*



Out into the light An East Timorese told me the story of the death of his father during the militia rampage in 1999. The militia came to his house and demanded that his mother call all the males outside. His father went out and asked what they wanted. They asked him whether he supported integration with Indonesia or independence. The father said he was not interested in politics, only in food for his family. They shot him in cold blood. His mother hid her son, now a novice in our community, under a pile of clothes when they heard the gun shot. The militia stormed into their house, saw no males there, and then set it alight. These Timorese lost everything but their faith. (PK)



4th Sunday of Lent

The presence of a loving God can be difficult to comprehend in a world where extreme poverty and hunger exist, yet God's love for our world is great. This week Project Compassion focuses on Bolivia, where Caritas Australia is providing children like Alex with an education in a safe environment. Your Project Compassion donation will enable Caritas Australia to continue providing healthcare and practical skills to children in Bolivia.

REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet reflection and prayer to be held on Saturday, 8th April, from 10am to 12 noon at 227 The Mall, Leura, Phone 4784 2055. Theme: “We are loved sinners, all of us.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Maria Cora for Today

Ray Wood for 28 March



~ Dates to remember ~

- 1. CWA Fashion Parade - Monday 27th March** (please see notice board.)
- 2. Men's Breakfast - Saturday 1st April** from 8am to 10am. Good company and good tucker.
- 3. Garage Sale - The weekend of 8th and 9th April.** The Hall will be open for one hour after mass for goods you wish to contribute.
- 4. Cake Stall - Easter Sunday (16th April).** All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be most welcome.

To those who entertained us; the wonderful people who came to our Saint Patrick's night celebration; and those quiet helpers who washed up and cleaned up - **Thank you!**

Your support, generosity and courage created a delightful evening which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We raised \$344.20 which is an excellent and very rewarding result. *From a most grateful Social Committee.*

Happy Golden Anniversary Ken and Sheilagh Kirkham. Congratulations on 50 years of wedded bliss for 24th March

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week
✠ **Norman Bland** - 1st April
✠ **Ken Cullen** - 1st April

Easter Retreat at the Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Canisius College, Pymble from 10th—15th April, 2006. Retreatants may live at the Centre or attend on a daily basis, 9.30am to 3.30pm. The title of the retreat is "Easter Mysteries". This is an opportunity to participate prayerfully in the Holy Week journey to Easter. The cost of the retreat is \$300.00 (live out) or \$500.00 live in. Ph Cathy Schulz on 9488 4500 for further details.