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Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Promise to Abram Philippians 3:17-4:1 Our true home Luke 9:28-36 Holy ecstasy

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Do not be afraid, I am with you.

I have called you by your name, you are mine. I have called you by your name, you are mine.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Servers

4 Mar Pat Leeder 11 Mar Wayne Kelly

**Readers** 

11 Mar

4 Mar 1st Reading LeGras Family Ps/Intercessions LeGras Family

2nd Reading LeGras Family
1st Reading Monica Bright

Ps/Intercessions Brian Bright
2nd Reading Dominic Gilchrist

Ministers of the Eucharist

4 Mar Diane Stewart and Anne Broomfield 11 Mar Anthony Gilchrist and Jan Roberts

Children's Lituray

4 Mar Carol Drummond 11 Mar Anne Broomfield

Counters

4 Mar Christa and David 11 Mar Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

4 Mar Bettina LeGras 11 Mar Anne-Marie Bland

**Church Care** 

9 Mar Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons16 Mar Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



### Second Sunday of Lent Year C

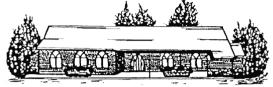
Last Sunday we saw the humanity of Jesus in his temptations, today his divinity. Today he takes Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray. In Jesus' converse with his Father his divinity shines through, transfiguring his human appearance. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus, speaking of his impending Passion. If we enter into converse with our Father, we. too, will be transfigured, living by Jesus' values.

#### Next Week: Unless you repent

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; Psalm 102 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9

The Daughters of St Paul invite you to sample their Australian spirituality magazine *Terra Spiritus*! Available online at www.Terraspiritus.com.au *Terra Spiritus* is a new Australia Catholic website that provides a rare space for engagement with the Spirit in our lives, inspiring its readers to a renewed and refreshed experience of Christian spirituality. Drawing on specialist writers from across Australia, *Terra Spiritus* offers a range of articles on spirituality, reflections on prayer and relationships, meditations on Scripture, and even an online chapel. Come, visit us today! A subscription to *Terra Spiritus* also makes an ideal gift.

# SACREDHEARTPARISH



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 Liturgy of the Word	Sunday	9.30 am
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
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
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - 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



## 2nd Sunday of Lent

God calls us to have courage during the iourney of our life. This week Project Compassion focuses on Luisa, an East Timorese woman who has become a counsellor in her community. Your donation to **Project Compassion** will allow Caritas Australia to continue to provide support for the people of East Timor as they continue rebuilding their lives.

~In Memoriam~ **† John Williams**4th March

### **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely though reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

from Liturgyhelp.online

### Day 3 Digital Conference: Giving the Gospel a Digital Future Friday 16 March at Mary MacKillop Conference Centre, 7-11 Mount St, North Sydney

The Day 3 Digital Conference is for Australians seeking to engage those who are using the Web and modern communications methods to help people live in modern communities and embrace the Gospel in a Catholic context. The Conference seeks to assist ministers of the Gospel living in an Information Society by seizing the new opportunities new media presents and proceeding afresh and with confidence. The conference will include presentations from skilled practitioners, opportunities for discussion, the addressing of key questions from the floor and the sharing of resources.

Cost: \$85 (inc. GST). Further inquiries: daythree@zapgroups.net www.day3digital.org

# PROJECT COMPASSION : 2nd Sunday of Lent

Money this Sunday will go to support our East Timorese people. Caritas has provided training in trauma counselling to support survivors of violence and sexual assault. Caritas has built a 'safe room' at Dili National Hospital where survivors of violence can be supported in privacy. Brochures are printed by Caritas to promote the service in the local language. Our sincere thanks for your generosity where you feel able. THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

#### Inside the March issue of Catholic Outlook

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- \* Catholic Schools Week (11-17 March): Learning in Action
- \* Rural crisis: pray for stewards of the land
- \* Upcoming elections: Bishop's Pastoral Letter on civic responsibility
- \* Questions Bishops are asked: does a Catholic marriage have to take place in a Catholic church?
- \* Jack Pickering Australia Day honour for Vinnies' veteran
- \* Bro Michael Morrow SDB a vocation fulfilled
- \* Nanette & Brian D'Arcy-building bridges for 50 yrs

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will meet this Tuesday, 6th March at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

During today's liturgy we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance of **Chelsey Laird** and **Ethan Petra** who are preparing for their first Reconciliation. During this time of preparation we are asked to keep Chelsey and Ethan and their families in our prayers. Please keep **Anita Tyson** in your prayers. Anita will be received into the church community on Easter Saturday night.

Please remember those who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially, Barry Leeder.

#### **Happy Birthday**

Kylie Cliff for 7th March Pat Leeder for 7th March Gerard Nolan for 8th March Bern McPhee for 10th March Caritas Australia's free e-magazine, OzSpirit, this week focuses on "Building Peace in East Timor". To read about East Timor and other social justice issues in Australia and the world, take a look at OzSpirit. Visit www.ozspirit.com where you can subscribe on-line free.

**REFLECTION MORNING:** The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held on Saturday, 10th March, at their home at 227 The Mall, Leura, from 10am to 12 noon. Theme: *Caring for our hearts - the struggle to trust.* Further enquiries: Sr Mary - ph 4784 2055.

Somewhere, out there...millions of dollars worth of 1c and 2c coins are hiding in the dark... and they could all be at your place. If you have any of these coins and you don't know what to do with them, please consider donating them to Project Compassion. Ray Lee is happy to count them. Even though they are no longer considered as currency they are still legal tender. These coins may not seem like much...but they are worth every cent.