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*Job 7:1-4,6-7 Restless fretting
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul's responsibility
Mark 1:29-39 Why I came*

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)
Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! (sung)

Servers

5 Feb Michelle Davis
12 Feb Pat Leeder

Readers

5 Feb 1st Reading David Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Carol Drummond
2nd Reading Christa Buckley
12 Feb 1st Reading David Riddout
Ps/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reading Mary Duggan

Ministers of the Eucharist

5 Feb Heather Carroll and Pat Leeder
12 Feb Bill Grieves and Marion Crowley

Children's Liturgy

5 Feb Sr Lyn
12 Feb Anne Broomfield

Counters

5 Feb Barbara and Charles Hodgkinson
12 Feb Monica Van Horen

Morning Tea

5 Feb Dulcie Davis
12 Feb Jan Roberts

Church Cleaning

10 Feb Betty Zeman and Jan Barnier
17 Feb Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



**Fifth Sunday
Year B
5 February 2006**

Today's Gospel shows Jesus very actively engaged in his public ministry of teaching, healing and casting out devils. First he heals Peter's mother-in-law.

Later that day he heals many sick and possessed. In all this, Jesus has no interest in his own reputation, but remains focused on seeking God's will in prayer. He moves on to proclaim the Good News, because 'that is why I came.'

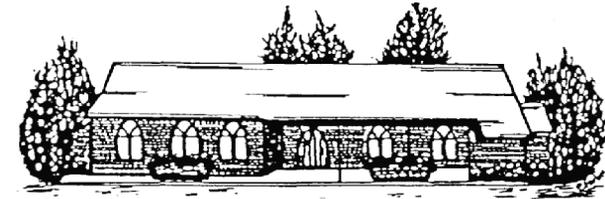


Our responsibility, our blessing - Christian! Recognise the great worth of the wisdom that is yours. Recognise too the discipline you must exercise, and the great prize you are called to. Mercy demands that you be merciful, righteousness that you be righteous, so that the Creator may be shown forth in the creature and that, in the mirror of man's heart as in the lines of a portrait, the image of God may be reflected. The faith of those who do good is untroubled. The things you desire, you will obtain; the things you love, you will possess eternally. *Pope St Leo the Great (c.400-461)*

NEXT WEEK - Jesus touched him
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 31 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

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.

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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

Mount Victoria

Christian Meditation for 1 hour Every Wednesday 7.00 am
Mass First Friday of month 7.00 pm

Megalong Valley

Liturgy of the Word Last Friday of month 9.00 am

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you have an issue you would like discussed please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

Dear Friends,

During this week Pope Benedict's first encyclical, *DEUS CARITAS EST*, was published. I shall share this from the introduction with you.

"We have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. ... In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message is both timely and significant. For this reason, I wish in my first Encyclical to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others."

You can download the document from www.vatican.va or see me.

Blessings, Lyn.

We give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Lillis and congratulate Sean, Collette, Connor and John Paul on their baby son and brother.

Happy Birthday

Mary Cater
for Today
Gerard Gilchrist
for 6th February
Megan Cliff (Pickworth)
for 6th February
Mary Kingston
for 11th February
Kenga Burke
4 on 11th February



Happy Anniversary
Chris and Bettina Le Gros
for 9th February



We remember those who have died recently:

Lena (Angelina) de Fort who died early January in Sydney. Her sisters, Maria, Janice and Helen and their families, would like very much to join in prayer with our community for Lena, so our Eucharist, next Sunday, 12 February, will be especially offered for her.

We continue to remember: **Kirsty Hume, Arthur Finneran and Helen Commens**. May they and all our loved ones delight in God's loving embrace.

BE STILL MY FRIENDS

(USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

Composer: Frank Andersen, M.S.C.

I ask you my friends to be still and know that I am here with you.
The longing in your heart I will fill, for I now make my home in you.

(1) The mountains, the valleys,
the oceans deep,
sing praises and glory to you.
And all of creation
joins in song,
but we find you within.

(2) The crowds on the hillsides
need your bread,
the lame need your healing hand.
The blind and the dumb
cry out for you,
when will we understand.



Caritas Australia

7-8/11 CARROLL DRIVE, BIRKENHEAD, AUSTRALIA

Project Compassion 2006
Compassion in Action

If you like to be part of a Team to help co-ordinate our Project Compassion Program this year, please come to a meeting in the Church after Mass next Sunday.

"Do not look the other way ... the world hungers for action, not words."
(Nelson Mandela)

Saturday 11 February, is the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**. It is **World Day of Prayer for the Sick**. You might like to take a prayer card and pray for all who are sick. On Sunday, we will have a special blessing for all Health Care Workers and all Caregivers. This includes all those who care for the sick in health care facilities or at home: physicians, nurses, chaplains, pharmacists, therapists, housekeepers, maintenance workers – each has an opportunity to touch those who are sick with the hands of Christ. It especially includes all who care for loved ones at home, in hospice, or in long-term care facilities.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY
AT 8AM IN THE HALL.

To help with catering please let Christa Buckley know if you are coming – either after Mass today or by 'phone by Thursday – 4787 5105.

Liturgical Ministry Roster is available from the Church porch. The new roster begins next Sunday, so please take your copy this morning. Thank you

Come and Pray for "The Rainbow Nation." World Day of Prayer is on Friday, March 3rd and it is our turn to host the event. Church women of South Africa have prepared the Service for 2006. There will be an initial meeting in the Parish Meeting Room this coming Tuesday at 2.30pm. Please come and share your ideas or listen to others. If you can't make the meeting, Sr Lyn will be very open to hear your ideas.

Position Vacant: Auditor – Internal

The Diocese of Parramatta wishes to appoint a suitably qualified person to fill the new role of Diocesan Internal Auditor. Essential: appropriate qualifications in a recognized accounting degree; membership of the Institute of Internal Auditors or equivalent; experience in a large organisation. Contact: Maureen Sewell to obtain an information package Ph 8838 3400, msewell@parra.catholic.org.au. Applications close Friday 24 February.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask God's healing power for **John Humphries** (Jeanette Boyd's father), who is being treated for lymphoma. Also, **John Walker** (Marion's father), **Yvonne Thomas** and **Roma Ziolkowski**.