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*Genesis 9:8-15 Covenant with Noah
1 Peter 3:18-22 Saving water
Mark 1:12-15 Repent*

Responsorial Psalm: **For you are my God (178)**
Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.** (sung)

Servers

5 Mar Jan Roberts
12 Mar Wayne Kelly

Readers

5 Mar 1st Reading Fiona Evans
Ps/Intercessions Elizabeth Giddey
2nd Reading Peter Ticehurst
12 Mar 1st Reading Claire Maguire
Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan
2nd Reading Ian Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

5 Mar Monica and Brian Bright
12 Mar Marion Crowley and Anne Broomfield

Children's Liturgy

5 Mar Susan Kerr
12 Mar Christa Buckley

Counters

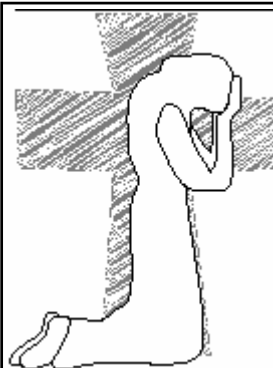
5 Mar Robyn and Adrian Carroll
12 Mar Barbara and Bill Grieves

Morning Tea

5 Mar Cathy Cavanagh
12 Mar Carroll Family

Church Cleaning

10 Mar Pat Waters and Phil Wicks
17 Mar The Gatt Family



**1st Sunday of Lent
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5 March 2006**

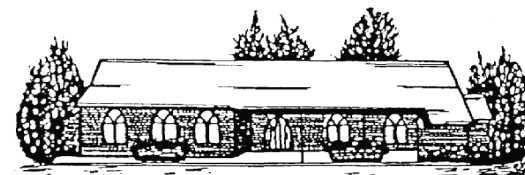
At Jesus' baptism the Spirit descended with the gentleness of the dove. In today's gospel the Spirit drives Jesus out into the wilderness for forty days to be tempted by Satan. Following the arrest of the Baptist, Jesus returned to Galilee to begin his public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom. He proclaims it to us also today and bids us repent that we may believe the Good News.



NEXT WEEK
Listen to my Son
*Genesis 22:1-2
9-13,15-18;
Psalm 115
Romans 8:31-34;
Mark 9:2-10*

GARAGE SALE: In about 3 weeks' time, we will be having our annual Garage Sale. If you have items to contribute (furniture, radios, TVs, crockery—glassware, bric-a-brac, toys, etc.) please contact Michael Cooper, Sue Gracey, Judy Harris or Frank Mackrell. The funds we raise help to support the upkeep and repairs of our Parish.

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,

The main symbol for this Lent is the stark wood of the Cross on the sanctuary. It will be used as our Processional Cross, which replaces our beautiful, carved one for this liturgical season. We usually have only the two crosses in our church at the one time, and I think their placement is most appropriate. Placed on the back wall, the large crucified Christ, is very much 'among us', arms outstretched embracing us in our humanity, our suffering and fragility. We are then drawn to the altar, where we experience the fullness of the mystery of the Cross, by partaking of the heavenly banquet, our taste of eternal life. And this is depicted in our carved processional cross, echoing the acclamation "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again" – as we with Him!

The stark empty wood of the Lenten cross can be a challenge to us, to walk closely with Jesus over these forty days. The Project Compassion theme is "compassion in action". Have we the passion, the enthusiasm of Jesus to make a difference in our hurting and suffering world?

Blessings, Lyn.

Prayer for Social Justice

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end war;

For we know that You have made the world in a way That we must find out paths to peace Within ourselves and with our neighbours.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation;

For You have already given us the resources With which to feed the entire world, If we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out our prejudice;

For You have already given us eyes With which to see the good in others, If we would only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair;

For You have already given us the power To clear away slums and to give hope, If we would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease;

For You have already given us great minds With which to search out cures and healings, If we would only use them constructively.

Therefore, we pray to You instead, O God,

For strength, determination, and willpower, To do instead of just to pray, To become instead of merely to wish, For Your sake and for ours, speedily and soon,

That our land and world may be safe, And that our lives may be blessed.

Prayer by Jack Riemer from Likrat Shabbat

Reflect *The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path.*

(Psalm 24:8-9)



1st Sunday of Lent, March 5

We are challenged to bring new life and hope to others. Caritas Australia's Project Compassion story this week is from Tanzania where Lucia and her community now have access to clean and safe water. Your donation to Project Compassion will bring life-giving water to many more communities throughout the world.

Sacramental Preparation for children will begin soon. If you would like to have your child prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, please contact Sr Lyn before this Friday, 10th March.

Happy Birthday

Kylie Cliff
for 7th March

Pat Leeder
for 7th March

Gerard Nolan
for 8th March

THANK YOU!

~World Day of Prayer~
A huge "thank you" to all who assisted in the planning, preparation and participating in the prayer service and presenting the afternoon tea. You've done us proud!!!

REFLECTION MORNING:

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet reflection and prayer to be held on Saturday, 11 March from 10am to 12noon at their home, 227 The Mall, Leura. **Theme: Living restfully the spirit of our lives.** Enquiries Sr Mary Maguire - 4784 2055

A VOCATION VIEW: Lent: the Springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover your calling.

NOTICE BOARD
Life Explored—Courses available
Dare to Dream In-Services—for those who work with young people, or are involved in guiding young people.
Youth Apostolate Parramatta: an invitation to all who are interested in ministry with young people—"Vision Youth Leadership Breakfast".

On ABC TV tonight at 10pm "COMPASS" will be presenting 'A Parish with no Priest' in Tasmania. Worth a look!

St Patrick's Day Celebration: St Pat's night will be a night to celebrate 'the wearing of the green' - Irish songs and 'sing-a-long' and a bit of trivia for testing your Irish knowledge. Do you have a great Irish story or joke? Bring it along, you may get a chance to share it. We are planning a good fun Irish night. Please put your name on the list on the church porch. Come along, relax and enjoy what will be a great evening on Saturday, 18th March, from 7pm. BYO food and drink. Everyone is very welcome! \$5 single / \$10 Family. All enquiries to: Anne-Marie - 4787 6325