

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7 Root of sin
Romans 5:12-19 God's free gift
Matthew 4:1-11 Where we stand

Responsorial Psalm:
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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

Memorial Acclamation:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus Christ,
until you come, until you come in glory.**

Great Amen:
**We sing amen! We sing amen!
All glory and praise be yours, O God.
We sing amen! We sing amen!
With faith and hope and love,
we sing amen!**

Servers

10 Feb Catherine Beaver
17 Feb Pat Wicks

Readers

10 Feb	1st Reading	Carol Drummond
	Ps/Intercessions	Gerard Nolan
	2nd Reading	Wayne Evans
17 Feb	1st Reading	Le Gras Family
	Ps/Intercessions	Le Gras Family
	2nd Reading	Le Gras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

10 Feb Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg
17 Feb Diane Stewart and Sr Lyn

Children's Liturgy

10 Feb Carroll Family
17 Feb To be advised

Counters

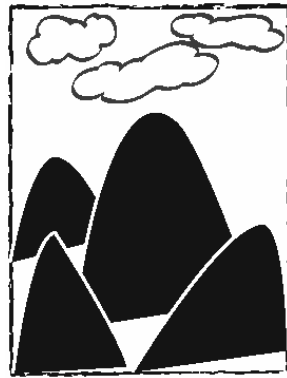
10 Feb Barbara and Bill
17 Feb Christa and David

Morning Tea

10 Feb Robyn Burns
17 Feb Margaret Ridoutt

Church Care

15 Feb Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst
22 Feb Pat and Phil Wicks



First Sunday of Lent Year A

Jesus had been anointed as the Son of God and now he is tempted to use this as a means of furthering the kingdom among his fellow Jews. The devil even quotes scripture to bolster his cause. But Jesus, relying on the primacy of God in scripture and in life, chooses the way of simplicity, humility and love. He will follow this way, even to the cross.

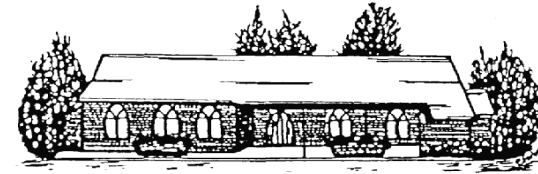
The Commissioning and Blessing of our New Parish Pastoral Council

will take place in our
Eucharist today.

Next Week:

Glimpse of the future
Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32
2 Timothy 1:8-10;
Matthew 17:1-9

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
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday	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

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, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

During this time of Lent, I invite us all to take a little extra time for prayer and reflection. Some parishioners are able to meet in groups to do this. For those who are not able to do this, you may like to take your own space and take some time to read, think and pray about the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Each week in the bulletin I will include an extract from the Lenten program to enable you to do so. There are also some extra books available if you wish to take one home and use it. Blessings, Lyn.

From Journey to the Heart - Our Lenten Reflections:

Week two: Finding the Way.

Every journey needs a destination.

Knowing the destination we can consider the cost involved.

Our destination is our God, revealed in our heart. This week, consider our images of God and our need to let God be God in our pilgrimage.

Read Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration.

"We are invited to move beyond mountain experiences to the very earthiness of sweaty, needy humanity where Jesus leads the disciples following the transfiguration.

It is here through the Spirit that, we will recognise God in dwelling in others and others will recognise God's Spirit shining forth in us."

"If we removed the oil from the Eucalyptus gums producing the blue haze - the mountains would lose their majestic hue."

In what ways can we or our community be tempted to remove what makes us human in the quest to be holy? How can we reclaim the holiness offered in our humanity?

**156 DAYS TO WYD08
Days in the Diocese**

Homestay: If you haven't completed a form and returned it to Marilyn at the parish office, please do so as soon as possible. There will be a Homestay meeting here at Blackheath - date is still to be confirmed. Thank you again for your generosity. We will need to raise funds to give our Lithuanian Pilgrims a bit of Blackheath hospitality.

We are hoping to hold a Pre-Loved Treasure sale on Saturday 5th April ending with a cake stall on Sunday 6th



April. If you want to have a clean out at home and have any trash and treasure items that you would like to give to this sale, please leave them at the office or contact Marilyn on 4787 5276. Please support this fund raiser as it's a great way to have a bit of fun and raise money to support the pilgrims' stay with us during the Days in the Diocese. PLEASE, NO LARGE FURNITURE.

On the morning of Palm Sunday, 16 March the WYD Cross & Icon will be at St Patrick's Cathedral.

At 8.30am there will be a breakfast with Bishop Manning and the JCI team for youth aged 16-35, book early - seats limited tel 8838 3418,

WYDoffice@parra.catholic.org.au Following a Solemn Mass at 11am, the Cross & Icon will be handed over to the Maronite Church.

Dear Sacred Heart Community,

I thank you for the gift you have been to me as I have travelled with you these past eight years and in this time of discernment. A heartfelt thank you from Mum (Rosemary) and I for your prayerful support, kind deeds and thoughtfulness over these past weeks. Michelle Davis.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: **David Ridoutt, Cec O'Brien and Irene Peacock.**

Lenten Groups: Parishioners are meeting at Mount Victoria, Wentworth Falls, Blackheath (evenings) and Wednesday mornings in the Meeting Room. If you wish to join a group, please see the notice board for a contact name and number.

Happy Birthday
Marg Kingston for 11 February
Kenya Burke 6 on 11 February
Jonathon Gilchrist for 14 February
Catherine Beaver for 16 February

Our heartfelt thanks from the Kingston family for all the prayers, phone calls and visits for Travis during a very stressful time.



We really appreciate your help and concern. The latest report is that he is in remission, and does not see the doctor for three months.

LOVE CALLS ME BACK

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Come to my table, taste of my Word,
bring me the life that you've lived.
Bring in the dancing, bring in the pain,
bring me the whole of your journey.

The parts of the story no-one's ever heard,
the times on the road you were scared.
Bring me the gifts no one wanted to share,
let's open the whole of your journey.

There's nothing in you that can't taste my Word.
There's nowhere our spirit can't fly.
I've laughed in the dancing and cried in the pain,
I've loved the whole of your journey.

I've lived in the desert where hearts have run dry,
I've lived in the gaol of your pain,
I live in the poor and I give you my name,
I live the whole of your journey.

Remember my arms open wide on the tree,
Remember the tears in my eyes,
Remember the wonder when death fell away
and love called you back to the journey.

Repeat Verse 1