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*Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Lepers banished*  
*1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Whatever you do*  
*Mark 1:40-45 Jesus touched him*

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)  
**In time of trouble I turn to you, O Lord.**  
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! (sung)

**Servers**

12 Feb Pat Leeder  
19 Feb Ray Wood

**Readers**

12 Feb 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp  
Ps/Intercessions David Riddout  
2nd Reading Mary Duggan  
19 Feb 1st Reading Wayne Evans  
Ps/Intercessions Terry Beaver  
2nd Reading Catherine Beaver

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

12 Feb Bill Grieves and Marion Crowley  
19 Feb Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg

**Children's Liturgy**

12 Feb Anne Broomfield  
19 Feb Bettina Le Gras

**Counters**

12 Feb Monica Van Horen  
19 Feb Judith and Frank Mackrell

**Morning Tea**

12 Feb Jan Roberts  
19 Feb Bettina Le Gras

**Church Cleaning**

17 Feb Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston  
24 Feb Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**The joy of salvation**

The Lord granted me, Brother Francis, to begin to do penance in this way: While I was in sin, it seemed very bitter to me to see lepers. And the Lord Himself led me among them and I had mercy upon them. And when I left them that which seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness of soul and body...

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

*Be cured!*



**Sixth Sunday  
Year B  
12 February 2006**

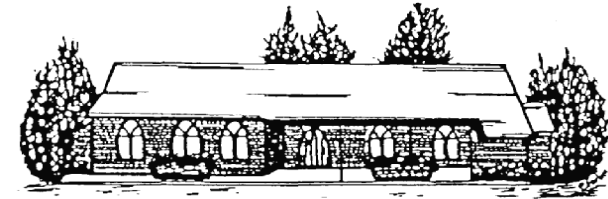
**'Of course I want to!'  
Jesus considers it unthinkable that he could do other than will our good, even our greatest good. Do we have this image of him? Whatever our 'leprosy' or need we should have confidence that he will stretch out his hand to touch us. We must then give testimony to his power, goodness and compassion as the leper in today's Gospel did.**

**Next Week: Sins forgiven**

*Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22  
24-25; Psalm 40  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22;  
Mark 2:1-12*

# 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.*

**Sister Lyn Eastmure O.P. - Pastoral Director**

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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,

From Pope Benedict XVI's message for the 14<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick, celebrated in Adelaide, yesterday: "I too, dear brothers and sisters, would like to be spiritually present on the World Day of the Sick, to pause in order to reflect, ... on the situation of the mentally ill in the world and to call for the commitment of Ecclesial Communities to bear witness to the tender mercy of God towards them. ... May the Holy Virgin comfort those who are afflicted by illness and support those who, like the Good Samaritan, soothe their physical and spiritual wounds. I assure each of you that you will be remembered in my prayer, as I willingly impart my Blessing upon you all.  
**Blessings, Lyn.**

#### A Joyous Family Affair....

On Sunday 19th February our parish family has the joy of welcoming **Christine Burke** into full communion with the church. Next Sunday Christine will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and become a full member of our parish community. It is a double celebration for the Burke family and our community as their baby son, **Oliver, will be baptised** during the same Sunday Eucharist.

We met Christine formally during the Rite of Welcome. Christine was baptised an Anglican, however, she received her schooling in a Catholic boarding school in Kenya - so is very familiar with the Catholic faith tradition. Christine and her husband, Dominic, and their growing family have been attending our Sunday Eucharist for over two years. Christine has been journeying through the R.C.I.A. process since last year. **With joyful hearts we welcome Christine and Oliver.** After Mass there will be a Cuppa and cake - please stay to continue the celebration.

**CATECHISTS' NEWS:** There will be a meeting for all catechists at 2.00pm, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb in the Meeting Room. Our new Regional Co-ordinator, Veronica Sultana, will attend. A big 'welcome back' to all our wonderful workers, who take the message of Jesus to the children in our public schools. There is a position vacant for the kindergarten class at Blackheath. This is a commitment of half an hour each Thursday morning 9.30 - 10.00. We would also welcome helpers to assist the catechists and anyone available for our emergency list. Please contact Noeleen on 4787 8172 or Sr Lyn if you are interested.

**GARAGE SALE:** In about six weeks' time, we will be having our annual Garage Sale. If you have any goods such as furniture, radios, TVs, crockery—glassware, bric-a-brac, toys, etc. and would like to contribute, please contact Michael Cooper, Sue Gracey, Judy Harris or Frank Mackrell. Remember, the funds we raise help to support the upkeep and repairs of our parish.

**PRAYER SERVICE—25 Feb:** This will be the first of a regular ecumenical prayer service to be held on the fourth Saturday of each month (Feb–Nov) at 2pm. All welcome.

**NEW VESTMENTS – Green for Ordinary Time:** Norma Longmuir, with input from parishioners, has designed and stitched this beautiful chasuble and stole.

*"The green represents the pockets of tropical bush, the flashes of colour, the orange escarpment, the purple mountains, the black storms and the multi-coloured earth. The Wollemi Pine was discovered in our mountains by David Noble, "our Olive's" son! I have tried to depict this graceful pine onto material with the escarpment behind. The pine represents the stability of our faith, hidden and quiet, but waiting to be discovered. The Wattle is a bright and new birth, a sign of hope for nature after a lean winter, a lovely sight in the bush. A patch of promise, like the wonder on a new communicant's face".*


**February Cosmology Morning:** Our gathering will be on Friday 17th Feb from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls. The theme of the meditation will be 'Blessings of Summer'. The new book for discussion is Fr Thomas Berry's 'Dream of the Earth'. Copies are available at \$5 each. Our gathering includes a leisurely morning tea. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

If you would 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 today. **"Do not look the other way ... the world hungers for action, not words."** (Nelson Mandela)

#### NOTICE BOARD

- ☆ Positions are available for a Parish Secretary at St Patrick's, Guilford;
- ☆ Pastoral Associate at Quakers Hill - Schofields; and
- ☆ Emmaus disabled persons Catholic Services require casual workers.
- ☆ Catholic Institute of Sydney - Classes commence on Monday 20th February 2006. See notice board for Classes and times or visit [www.cis.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cis.catholic.edu.au)

*Happy Birthday*   
**Jonathon Gilchrist**  
for 14th February  
**Catherine Beaver**  
for 16th February  
**Clare Carroll**  
for 17th February

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
**Peter and Kate**  
**Grbanac**  
for 17th February



Please pray for those who have died especially Maureen Tulk's father. The funeral will be held in Springwood at 10.30am this Wednesday.