

*Genesis 12:1-4* God's promise  
*2Timothy 1:8-10* Called to be holy  
*Matthew 17:1-9* Glimpse of the future

Responsorial Psalm:  
**Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
 as we place our trust in you.**

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

17 Feb Pat Wicks  
 24 Feb Wayne Kelly

#### Readers

17 Feb 1st Reading Le Gras Family  
 Ps/Intercessions Le Gras Family  
 2nd Reading Le Gras Family  
 24 Feb 1st Reading Monica Bright  
 Ps/Intercessions Brian Bright  
 2nd Reading Jane Nolan

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

17 Feb Diane Stewart and Sr Lyn  
 24 Feb Anthony Gilchrist and Julie Hodgkinson

#### Children's Liturgy

17 Feb Carroll Family  
 24 Feb Bettina Le Gras

#### Counters

17 Feb Christa and David  
 24 Feb Robyn and Kevin

#### Morning Tea

17 Feb Margaret Ridoutt  
 24 Feb Jan Roberts

#### Church Care

22 Feb Pat and Phil Wicks  
 29 Feb Gatt Family



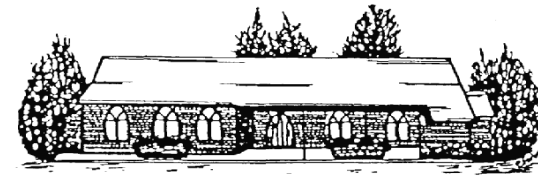
### Second Sunday of Lent Year A 17 February 2008

As happened at his Baptism, Jesus is again proclaimed beloved Son of God at his transfiguration. Peter, James and John are stunned by this announcement and by the glory they witness. Jesus alone embodies the Law and the Prophets. With their courage strengthened, Jesus leads them down the mountain to continue their journey, ultimately to Jerusalem where he will suffer, die and rise from the dead.

#### Next Week:

Living water  
*Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94*  
*Romans 5:1-2,5-8;*  
*John 4:5-42*

# 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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**Website:** <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Mass</b>	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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

**Dear Friends,**

A story is told of a bishop visiting a class of 5 year olds and asking the children to show him where God lived. All but one pointed to the sky, she pointed to her heart! In taking the time this Lent to journey to the heart, we each can discover our God ... residing there. I encourage you to take even a few minutes each day to come to stillness, notice your breathing and experience God in your heart. **Blessings, Lyn.**

**Lenten Journey Reflection  
Journey to the Heart**

**For Week 3: Thirsting For More.**

Theme: We need to be properly prepared for our Journey. We may have the willingness to embark on a path to new life, but no energy. This week we will consider what currently sustains us and how we may draw on the wellsprings offered by Jesus.

**Read: Gospel of John 4:5-42.**

**Reflect:** This encounter of **Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well**, took both courage and an ability to step outside of defined roles.

It took time and it was risky in that both Jesus and the Samaritan spoke from the heart.

**Can we move outside of comfort zones, stereotypes and pressures of a busy day? Can we open our heart?**

If we cannot then our pilgrimage to the heart will stagnate.

What are some areas of your faith life or community life that have become dammed up or contaminated? In what ways can we remove the blockages or install filter systems?

It is significant that at the end of the encounter, the Samaritan woman leaves her water jar behind. What are we hoping to leave behind this Lent?

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



**HOMESTAY  
HOSTS**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 5th March at 7pm in the Parish Hall with Anne Hines, World Youth Day Coordinator. If you have applied to host pilgrims for the Days in the Diocese you need, as far as possible, to attend this meeting. Anne will be there to answer any questions you might have and to guide us through the next step in the home-stay program.

**Days in the Diocese:** As you all know we are hosting a group of pilgrims from Lithuania and, of course, we need to raise funds to give them 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 fundraiser 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.

**Happy Birthday  
Claræ Carroll for Today  
Janet Lamerton for 23 February**

**Blue Mountains Centre for Religious Enquiry:  
HISTORY OF THE CENTRAL BLUE MOUNTAINS**

**Speakers:**

Eugene Stockton (archaeologist): Environment, Aboriginal pre-history, the present Canton community

John Low (local historian): Early inns along the highway; first buildings

Ken Goodlet (editor of Hazelbrook-Woodford)

Growth and changing patterns of population

Sunday, 24th February from 2pm - 4.30pm at Our Lady of the Nativity School Hall, Great Western Highway, Lawson. (Parking available in church grounds).

**We need your help.**

We need an **SRE teacher** for Kindy/ Year 1 at Mt Victoria Public School on Thursday mornings at 9am to work with Terry Beaver and Diana Landsberg.

If you are unable to be a teacher maybe you could become a **helper** to assist our SRE teachers or perhaps a **prayer partner** to pray for us.

**All SRE teachers** are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, 20 February, at 1pm with Veronica Sultana in the Parish Hall.

*Meditative Prayer Service for one hour using Scripture and Taizé on Saturday, 23rd February at 2pm in the church. All welcome.*

*Happy Anniversary  
Peter and Kate Grbanac for today*

In memoriam:  
**Rick Frazer ~ 22nd February**

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: **Marjory Cowell** (Michelle Funnell's mother)  
**David Ridoutt,**  
**Cec O'Brien and Irene Peacock.**

**Pastoral Associate Wanted:** Luddenham/Warragamba Parish is seeking to appoint a Pastoral Associate to the parish team (full time or job share). If your area of expertise includes evangelisation of families, outreach, pastoral care & counselling or liturgy & music, please contact Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic PP, tel (02) 4773 4321. Applications close on 31 March.

**From Guns to Justice...A Call to Action  
Talk by Archbishop Odama from Uganda**

Archbishop John Baptista Odama, of the Gulu Diocese in northern Uganda, is renowned for his peace building efforts in the horrendous 20 year conflict in the region. As the senior leader of the Catholic Church in the Diocese, and the President of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, the Archbishop has played an instrumental role as negotiator between the two main warring parties, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Ugandan Government forces. **Hear Archbishop Odama speak on Monday 10 March, 2008 at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, Swanston St, St Mary's, Sydney at 6.30pm.** Light refreshments will be available from 6pm. Details: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)