



Joshua 5:9-12 God provides  
 2Corinthians 5:17-21 God reconciled us  
 Luke 15:1-3,11-32 Merciful father

**Responsorial Psalm:**

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

*I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:*

*Father, I have sinned against heaven  
 and against you.*

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Servers**

18 Mar Michelle Davis  
 25 Mar Diane Stewart

**Readers**

18 Mar	1st Reading	Carol Drummond
	Ps/Intercessions	Christa Buckley
	2nd Reading	David Buckley
25 Mar	1st Reading	Frances Huckstepp
	Ps/Intercessions	Mary Duggan
	2nd Reading	David Ridoutt

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

18 Mar Pat Waters and Norma Longmuir  
 25 Mar Ray Wood and Pat Leeder

**Children's Liturgy**

18 Mar Marie Phillips  
 25 Mar Frances Huckstepp

**Counters**

18 Mar Louise and Laurie  
 25 Mar Irene

**Morning Tea**

18 Mar Cathy Cavanagh  
 25 Mar Carroll Family

**Church Care**

23 Mar Robyn and Kevin Burns  
 30 Mar Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



**4th Sunday of Lent  
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Today's parable tells of a father and his two sons.

One is wayward and goes off, later repenting and returning.

His father welcomes him without any recriminations. The older son is resentful and angry with his brother and his father.

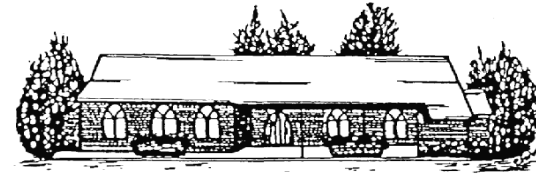
The father seeks him out no less than the other, with love that is totally unconditional.

He images God to us. Does our love extend to forgiveness?

**Next Week:** Not condemned  
 Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125  
 Philippians 3:8-14;  
 John 8:1-11

St Patrick's Cathedral Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick, cordially invites **cantors, choir members and other musicians** to join together in a combined Diocesan choir to sing at the Chrism Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 4th April at 7.30pm. This mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Manning, with concelebrating priests of the diocese and includes the Blessing of the Holy Oils. Music for the Chrism Mass includes many beautiful chants and hymns. A rehearsal will be conducted on Sunday 25 March from 2-4pm. Please RSVP with singers/musicians names to Bernard by Friday 23 March, at: [music@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:music@stpatscathedral.com.au)

# 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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 Parish Office 4787 8540 email: [shbheath2@bigpond.com](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

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

<b>Blackheath</b> - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word		
and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	10.00 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday (4787 7098)	7.00 pm
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour)		
using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - 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](mailto:D_P_I@telpacific.com.au)



### 4th Sunday of Lent

Food as basic human nourishment is central to this week's Project Compassion story.

In this story we encounter the hardships of local communities in Jucul, Peru who are struggling to survive on a subsistence existence.

Your donation to Project Compassion will ensure communities such as Adolpho's have food security and can look forward to the future with confidence and hope.

### Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

*In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing.*

*The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God. The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.*

*The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we do not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we do not allow it to influence our lives.*

*from Liturgyhelp.com*

**Women of Faith Dinner** - organised by the Affinity Intercultural Foundation aims to unite women of diverse faith traditions with presentations of women in leadership positions in their respective communities. Theme: *Impact of Materialism on Family Values & Motherhood.* **Sunday, 25th March, 6pm for 6.30pm start, \$35.00pp, Bosphorous Reception Lounge, 7 Station Rd, Auburn.** Details: 9702 0789.

Two 'candle holders' into which canisters are placed and approximately seven dozen oil canisters are available. They are 4cm in diameter and about 17cm tall. Previously used at St Patrick's Cathedral. If you are interested contact Fr Wim on [wim@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:wim@stpatscathedral.com.au) or ph 8839 8420 or leave a message at the office on 8839 8412.

**Easter Confessions (First Rite of Reconciliation)**  
Fr Bob Sheridan from Katoomba will come to the parish on **Thursday 29th March at 7pm** for individual confessions.

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
†**Tom Boylan** ~ 19th March  
†**Andrew Greve** ~ 20th March

**Meditative Prayer Service** using Scripture and Taizé music, Saturday 24th March from 2pm-3pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

On Sunday, 25th March, Fr Kevin Bates will be offering our Sunday mass for Sr Colleen's mother, **Rosa Holohon**, who died on 25 January, 2007. Sr Colleen and Sr Mary will be at this mass with us.

*Happy Anniversary*  
**Ken and Sheilagh Kirkham**  
*for 24th March*

**Commissioning of our Catechists**  
will take place during mass on Sunday, 25th March.

Happy Birthday  
**Oliver Burke**  
2 years old  
on  
23 March



**EASTER SUNDAY CAKE STALL:** All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. Food items to have a list of ingredients attached. It would be appreciated if all items are wrapped and priced ready for sale.

**Blackheath CWA** invites you to attend the **Bailey's Ladies Fashion Parade** on Monday, 26 March at 10.30am in the Blackheath Uniting Church Hall. Cost \$7 (light luncheon) RSVP Wilga Mason - 4757 1332 or Joyce Burrows - 4787 8640

**Brigidine Bicentenary Seminar on Social Justice**, Tuesday 27 March, 7.15-9.15pm.  
Leone Ryan Auditorium, James Carroll Building,  
Australian Catholic University, Edward Street, North Sydney. Light supper: 6.30 pm.  
**Speaker Robert Fitzgerald:** *Economic and Social Wellbeing - Ingredients for a Prosperous and Fair Society.*  
**Speaker Susan Ryan, AO:** *Protecting Human Rights – a Challenge for All of Us.*  
RSVP: 20 March to Frances ph 9908 3608, or e-mail [francesd@zip.com.au](mailto:francesd@zip.com.au)