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*Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24-25 Sins forgotten  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22 God's Yes  
Mark 2:1-12 Sins forgiven*

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, heal my soul,  
for I have sinned against you.** (sung)  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia!** (sung)

**Servers**

19 Feb Ray Wood  
26 Feb Michelle Davis

**Readers**

19 Feb 1st Reading Wayne Evans  
Ps/Intercessions Terry Beaver  
2nd Reading Catherine Beaver  
26 Feb 1st Reading Robyn Burns  
Ps/Intercessions Anne Broomfield  
2nd Reading Kevin Burns

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

19 Feb Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg  
26 Feb Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans

**Children's Liturgy**

19 Feb Bettina Le Gras  
26 Feb Carol Drummond

**Counters**

19 Feb Judith and Frank Mackrell  
26 Feb Julie and Lance Hodgkinson

**Morning Tea**

19 Feb Bettina Le Gras  
26 Feb Anne-Marie Bland

**Church Cleaning**

24 Feb Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves  
3 Mar Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst



**Seventh Sunday  
Year B  
12 February 2006**

**This must be one of the most ingenious scenes in the Gospel! A hole is made in the roof to lower a paralytic on a stretcher at Jesus' feet. Jesus acknowledges the faith of the four stretcher-bearers. This is in stark contrast to the fault-finding attitude of the scribes. Jesus manifests his authority to forgive sins as well as his power to heal.**



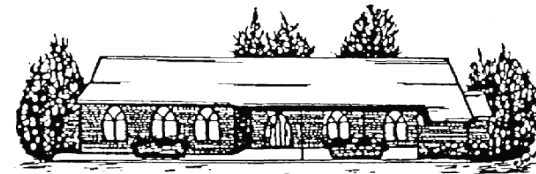
**from the prophet next door**

**No need to recall the past**

Our adult son fainted in the bathroom, sustaining grazes to his face and a black eye. As he fell, he broke a windowpane, and was very lucky not to have fallen through the glass. When he had recovered, I used the opportunity to apologise for a few incidents in his life that I could have handled better. He couldn't even remember them, which only goes to show how guilt keeps memories alive.

My father used to say we can and will do things we regret but they are only mistakes if the intention is dishonourable. (Mick)

# 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,**

At each Pastoral Council Meeting we begin with prayer and by reflecting on a short article. Last Wednesday we focused on the fact that **We Are the Church**—and reflected on the vast amount of work carried out daily, in God’s name ... this happens in our homes, workplaces, social gatherings, in community and leisure activities ... wherever we happen to be ... whenever we act in ways that reflect the love and compassion of God. “It is only through the efforts of all the faithful in these situations, that the Church can be present and active, transforming society like yeast in the dough.” **Blessings, Lyn.**

**Come and Pray for ‘The Rainbow Nation’**  
World Day of Prayer is on Friday 3rd March.  
Our local service is here at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath at 1.30pm.  
Church women of South Africa, “The Rainbow Nation”, have prepared the Service for 2006.  
After decades of racism, apartheid and violence they then experienced ‘Truth and Reconciliation’.  
Now they call us to discern the ‘Signs of the Times’ as we pray for South Africa and the world.  
Sr Judy Lawson, principal of Santa Sabina and some Yr 12 students, our guest speakers, will share their reflections on their visit in South Africa late last year.  
A meeting with members of our local churches will be next Wednesday, 22nd at 11am in the meeting room.  
All are welcome!

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 1st March. The distribution of ashes will be at both the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service at 9.00am for those who are unable to get to the evening 7.30pm Mass. If you have blessed palms from previous years, bring them along next Sunday placing them in a basket near the font for our Lenten ashes.

Today we rejoice in welcoming **Christine Burke** into full reception into the Catholic Church along with **Oliver**, Christine and Dominic’s son, to the waters of Baptism.  
We congratulate them and their family, especially Kenya and Chantelle.  
Next Sunday, during our Eucharist, we will also welcome to the waters of Baptism, **Jeremy Lillis**, son of Collette and Sean and brother of Connor and John Paul.

**GARAGE SALE:** In about 5 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.

**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.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Picture a weekend away, just you and your spouse – away from the pressures and distractions of everyday living. Take time out to recharge your relationship batteries and rediscover each other’s loving quality again.  
**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** offers a different kind of ‘weekend getaway’ an opportunity to refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Next weekend date: 17-19 March at Bowral. For bookings/details contact: Maureen & Jim Willson tel. 9345 5402 or email [jandmwillson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jandmwillson@optusnet.com.au) website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**MUSIC PRACTICE — Thursday, 23rd March at 7.00pm** in the Church. We will be learning many new songs for Lent and would appreciate your voices - so, please come along. All very welcome.

**St Patrick’s Day Trivia Night,**  
Saturday, 18th March in the Parish Hall.  
Please place your name on the sheet provided on the notice board.

**Blackheath CWA** have pleasure in inviting two of our Parish members to join them at their **70th Birthday Luncheon** at the Redleaf Motel, Valley View Road, Blackheath. The Guest Speaker is Mrs Judy Richardson, CWA State President.  
**Where: Redleaf Motel, Blackheath**  
**When: Monday, 20th March**  
**Time: Midday.**  
**Cost: \$30/head—2 course luncheon**  
*RSVP by 28 Feb—Phone Marlene Hay 4758 6722.*

**Social Committee** members are  
**Anne-Marie Bland** (Co-ordinator 4787 6325)  
Sr Lyn, Christa Buckley,  
Robyn Burns, Marion Crowley, Mignon Dwyer,  
Michelle Funnell,  
Norma Longmuir, Kathy McGloin, Margaret Ridoutt and Jan Roberts.

**Working Bee**  
Saturday  
25 February  
Commencing at 7.30 am  
General tidy up of lawns and grounds.  
All help most appreciated!!



Janet Lamerton for  
23rd February

*Happy Anniversary*  
*Ron and Cec O’Brien*  
*for 20th February*

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask God’s healing power for  
**John Walker**  
(Marion’s father;  
**Yvonne Thomas;**  
**Roma and Wladek Ziolkowski.**



Please pray for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially  
~Rick Frazer~  
22 February.