

TODAY

Genesis 15:5-12.17-18 *Promise to Abram*  
Philippians 3:17-4:1 *Transfiguration promised*  
Luke 9:28-36 *They saw his glory*

**Response to the Psalm:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
of whom should I be afraid,  
of whom should I be afraid.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.  
*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.*  
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Servers**

28 Feb Jan Roberts  
7 Mar Diane Stewart

**Readers**

28 Feb	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	Intercessions	Ron Davis
	2nd Reading	Ian Maguire
7 Mar	1st Reading	Robyn Burns
	Intercessions	Jane Nolan
	2nd Reading	Kevin Burns

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

28 Feb Monica and Brian Bright  
7 Mar Ray Wood and Elizabeth Giddey

**Children's Liturgy**

28 Feb Fiona and Wayne Evans  
7 Mar Frances Huckstep

**Counters**

28 Feb Robyn and Adrian  
7 Mar Barbara and Bill

**Morning Tea**

28 Feb Jan Roberts  
7 Mar Carla Endean

**Church Care**

5 Mar Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean  
12 Mar Judy Harris and Vicky



**Second Sunday of Lent**

Early in our Lenten journey, we are shown Jesus' transfiguration in prayer for our encouragement.

Even in the manifestation of Moses and Elijah in glory speaking with Jesus, his forthcoming passion and death are foreshadowed. We are like the disciples - we do not understand the significance of suffering.

The Father's voice confirms Jesus in his mission, and invites us to listen, to follow and believe in Jesus alone.

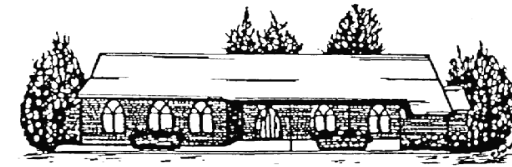
Next week: Unless you repent  
Exodus 3:1-8.13-15; Psalm 102  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12;  
Luke 13:1-9



**Feast Days for this week! (28th February to 6th March 2010)**

Sunday 28th St Hiliary, Pope (1468); Blessed Carlo Gnocchi (1902-1956)  
Monday 1st Mar St David, Bishop (d589), Patron of Wales  
Tuesday 2nd Mar St Chad, Bishop (d672)  
Wednesday 3rd Mar Blessed Katherine Drexel (Virgin & Founder) (1858-1955)  
Thursday 4th Mar St Casimir, Prince (1458-1482), Patron of Poland  
Friday 5th Mar Autumn Ember Day; St John Joseph of the Cross, Priest (1651-1734)  
Saturday 6th Mar St Colette, Virgin (1381-1447)

# SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath  
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria  
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We wish to acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,  
the original custodians of this land.

**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.

Administrator: Fr Bob Sheridan Parish Office hours:  
Parish House: 4787 8811 Wednesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm  
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,  
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

<b>Blackheath</b> - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - Vigil Mass	2nd and 4th Saturdays	6.00pm

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob or Michelle Davis (Chair), Marjanna Gilchrist (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

**Care Group** - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

**Bulletin Items:** Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.  
Phone 4787 8520 or email [sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

### Lenten Activities

I always thought that Lent was a time of quiet reflection and helping others. The quiet reflection bit has had to take a back seat for me in favour of other activities, a couple of which I detail below for you:

### John Watkins' Ordination to the Diaconate

As I pen this column on Thursday, I am preparing to attend John's ordination to the Transitional Diaconate tomorrow evening at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta by Bishop Kevin Manning. By the time you read this, John will have been ordained two days ago. We seek your prayers for John as he continues his journey towards priesthood at some time, perhaps within the next year.

### Autumn Ember Day

Ember days have been kept in our church since the 5th Century. They mark the advent of each of the four seasons. Vatican II Council retained Ember Days in principle but left it to Bishops to determine the extent and the form of this observance. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has now decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance. The name 'Ember' is similar in derivation to the German Quatember (Quarter Day), while the Irish used to speak of 'Quarter Tense'. In practice, the Church asks us to offer our prayers on Ember Days to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the Earth and for human labour.

### Schools Return

Last week I attended for the first time this year, the Megalong Valley School in company with Norma Carlon, our Catechist at that school. On Thursday I also attended Blackheath Public School and the majority of our RE classes at that school. At both schools, I have been most impressed by the schools' support for our presence there, and for the obvious in-depth preparation by our Catechists in their teaching and associated aids. We need to closely monitor religious education practices within our public school system at this time because of the chance that a program of non-religious ethics could be introduced to our schools in competition with our RE classes. We need to pray also for continuation of our past and present very successful schools RE curricular.

### Installation of Bishop Anthony Fisher OP

Representing this parish at Bishop Fisher's installation next Thursday will be the invited Chairperson of our Parish Council (Michelle Davis) and our Parish Treasurer (Sue Holz) with myself as our con-celebrating priest. A report on this major change to the leadership of Parramatta Diocese will be printed next week.

God Bless! Fr Bob

### FOR YOUR DIARY:

On **Wednesday, 24th March**, at 7pm the **Second Rite of Reconciliation** (Community Rite) will be celebrated in our Parish at the Sacred Heart Church.

### Bishop Anthony Fisher OP ~ Installation Mass

On Thursday, 4 March, Bishop Anthony will be installed as the 3rd Bishop of Parramatta in St Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass will commence at 7.30pm and be streamed live over the web at [www.xt3.com](http://www.xt3.com)

**Palm Sunday Youth Mass and BBQ:** Bishop Anthony invites the youth of the Diocese to St Patrick's Cathedral for a Youth Mass followed by a Q&A session and BBQ on Sunday 28 March. Gather in Prince Alfred Park opposite the Cathedral at 5.45pm for a blessing and procession leading into the Mass.

### REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held at 227 The Mall, Leura on Saturday, 13th March from 10am to 12 noon.  
Theme: 'Let Love In!'  
All welcome.

### PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

The De La Salle Brothers are offering young men (20-35yrs) an incredible volunteer opportunity in the remote indigenous community of Balgo Hills in WA. Spend two weeks (15-29 May) learning about the Brothers' life and work whilst helping young people in need. Applications close 29 March. Details please visit [www.delasallebrothers.com](http://www.delasallebrothers.com)

### Please pray for those who are ill:

Trish Carey; Leslie Dee; John Duggan;  
Bernadette Ellery; James Ford; Paul Hinds;  
Roger Johnstone; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee;  
Barry Leeder; Cecily O'Brien; Irene Peacock;  
Hugo Riggs and Cy Schreiber.

Happy 2nd Anniversary  
Philia & Frank Portelli  
for 1 March

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Owen Kelly for Today  
Bettina LeGras ~ 1 March

### Catholic Institute of Sydney (for Theology and Ministry)

Reading the Classics:  
"St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross"  
Four Wednesdays, Wednesday 3rd March to  
Wednesday 24th March ~ 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
Reading the Classics:  
"The Music of Philosophy"  
Six Wednesdays, Wednesday 28th April to  
Wednesday 2nd June ~ 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
(please see noticeboard for further details)

We pray eternal happiness  
for **Sharon Bann** who  
died on 25 February.  
May our God of compassion  
bring consolation and peace  
to her family.

### Theology on Tap: Year for Priests

An opportunity to listen and discuss the priestly vocation with a panel of 2 priests and a seminarian. Starts 6.30pm at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, 74 Church St, Parramatta.  
\$10 steaks before 7pm.  
Details: [www.theologyontap.com.au](http://www.theologyontap.com.au)

### ✠ In Memoriam ✠

**Herbert Johnstone**  
~ 3rd March ~  
**John Williams**  
~ 4th March ~  
and **Geraldine Drake**  
whose anniversary occurs  
at this time.