

**TODAY**

*Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 Appointed prophet  
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Greatest gift  
Luke 4:21-30 A prophet's lot*

**Response to the Psalm:**  
I will sing  
of your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia! (repeat)

**Servers**

31 Jan Michelle Davis  
7 Feb Bill Grieves

**Readers**

31 Jan	1st Reading	Robyn Burns
	Ps/Intercessions	Kevin Burns
	2nd Reading	Peter Ticehurst
7 Feb	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	Ps/Intercessions	Pat Wicks
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

31 Jan Monica and Brian Bright  
7 Feb Heather Carroll and Carla Edean

**Children's Liturgy**

31 Jan Julie Hodgkinson  
7 Feb Frances Huckstepp

**Counters**

31 Jan Carla and Neil  
7 Feb Monica

**Morning Tea**

31 Jan Elizabeth Giddey  
7 Feb Monica Van Horen

**Church Care**

5 Feb The Gatt Family  
12 Feb Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Next week: **Simon follows** *Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11*

*Please remember in your prayers, those who have recently died:  
**Eric Tokoli and John Wilkinson.***

**Feast Days for this week! (Sunday 31 January to Saturday 6 February)**

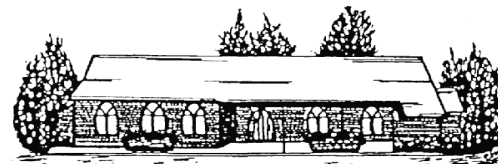
Sunday	St John Bosco, Priest (1815-1888), Memorial
Monday	St Brigid of Ireland, Virgin, Abbess (C451-525)
Tuesday	Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day), Feast
Wednesday	St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (D316), Patron Throat Diseases, Optional
Thursday	St Veronica (Stations of Cross)
Friday	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (d251), Memorial
Saturday	Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, Memorial



**Fourth Sunday  
Year C**

Jesus came to bring 'good news', and at first the people in his home town were captivated by his gracious words. But 'familiarity breeds contempt'; Jesus is too ordinary and close to home for them to recognise him as a prophet. When he speaks unpalatable truths they become enraged and reject him. He walks away. Yet, St Paul tells us, love 'delights in the truth'.  
Do we?

# 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, Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8811.
email:	shbheath2@bigpond.com	

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)

**LET THE YEAR BEGIN** - Christmas is but a faded memory; school holidays have ended; Australia Day has been and gone. We extend huge thanks to Diana and Joe Landsberg for once again making available their beautiful property "Withycombe" at Mt Wilson for our Annual Parish Picnic, on what was a bright and sunny day. A large number of parishioners immensely enjoyed themselves at this great venue!

**SCHOOL BEGINS** - With the return to school on Thursday of this week, 28th January, our Catechists are already gearing up to commence their work in the first half of February. The three public schools, Blackheath, Megalong Valley and Mt Victoria, will receive the benefit of Catholic religious instruction under the overall guidance of our co-ordinator, Noeleen Cliff. We wish all Catechists and students well for this year.

Associated with the return of school is the commencement of our Sacramental Program for this year, the first meeting of which has already taken place on Thursday last, 28th January.

**PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES** - Once again we congratulate all four newly elected members of the Parish Council – Michelle Davis, Marjanna Gilchrist, Frances Huckstepp and Gerard Nolan. They join other Council members – Adrian Carroll, Heather Carroll, Carmen Beard, Sue Holz and Diane Stewart to form the full Council for 2009/2010. The Executive was elected by the Council at its first meeting on 21st January and the positions they occupy are:

**Chairperson: Michelle Davis**  
**Deputy Chair: Marjanna Gilchrist**  
**Secretary: Diane Stewart**

We wish all Councillors well in their deliberations and offer them our support at any time should that be needed. We note that the Executive has already held its first meeting last Friday 29th January to start the year on a strong positive note.

Council's intention is to report its current activities to our community on a regular basis via our Sunday Mass. Should you have any matter you wish to be raised at Council, please feel free to speak to any Council member.

**LENT** - Make the most of Shrove Tuesday which this year falls on 16th February because Lent commences the next day, Ash Wednesday. Lent continues to its conclusion on Holy Thursday, 1st April 2010. The Chrism Mass is rostered for the evening of Wednesday, 31st March 2010.

**NEW BISHOP** - Welcome to our new Bishop-elect, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP who is to be installed as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta on Thursday, 4th March 2010 commencing at 7.30pm in Parramatta Cathedral.

We congratulate him on his appointment by Pope Benedict XVI and look forward to working with him in achieving his goals in his new onerous position.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING** - Apropos of nothing! Daylight Saving is to end at 2am Easter Sunday, 4th April 2010.

God Bless! Fr Bob

### ~Ministry Rosters for 2010~

If you would like to join a ministry to help serve the Sacred Heart Parish to enhance our liturgies and serve the community, would you please call Marilyn or Pat at the Parish Office on 4787 8540 (Wed/Thurs) or talk to one of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council as we are creating the rosters for 2010.

Ministries include:

- ◆ Proclaimers of the Word (readers)
- ◆ Eucharistic Ministers
- ◆ Servers
- ◆ Children's Liturgy
- ◆ Morning Tea (hospitality)
- ◆ Flowers
- ◆ Church Care (cleaning)

Training and support will be provided. We invite people to think about their gifts, talents and interests and their availability of time.

*From Anne Tokoli: Thank you to the parish community for your prayers, enquiries and phone calls during Eric's illness. I am grateful, also, to those who came to Eric's funeral, and for your thoughtful expressions of sympathy.*

#### **Please pray for those who are ill:**

John Duggan; Leslie Dee; Bernadette Ellery;  
James Ford; Dominic Gilchrist; Roger Johnstone;  
Ray Lee; Kenneth Kirkham; Irene Peacock;  
Cecily O'Brien; Hugo Riggs and Cy Schreiber.

#### **Prayer Mornings at Mary MacKillop Place,**

7 Mount St Nth Sydney, entry via Museum Reception. You are invited to the Lenten Series "The Cross" beginning on Ash Wed, 17th February and continuing each Wed during Lent, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.  
Cost \$15 (Concession \$10).

You are most welcome to stay on for the 1.00pm Mass in the Chapel. Bookings and enquiries: Sr Monica Barlow 8912 4818 or [mmp.ministries@soj.org.au](mailto:mmp.ministries@soj.org.au).

### **FEBRUARY BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY**

The Benedictine Spirituality group will gather on Friday, 5 February at 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls.

There will be Lectio Divina and Prayer of the Church with input on 'Humility'.

The reading for this meeting is also 'Humility' from the book the Gift of Saint Benedict by Verna Holyhead sgs. Morning tea will be included in the morning's gathering. New guests are always welcome. Enquiries: Srs. Therese and Jacinta - 4757 2290.

### **Happy Birthday**

**Chris LeGras**

~ 55 on 2 February ~

**Megan Carroll**

~ 23 on 3 February ~

**Laura Carroll**

~ 20 on 4 February ~

**Gerard Gilchrist**

~ 6 February ~

**Megan Pickworth**

~ 6 February ~

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

A weekend for married couples.

Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

**Weekend dates: 19 – 21 March,**

**Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa.**  
For bookings ph: 6379 1125 or 4283 3435  
Information: website [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)