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Job 7:1-4.6-7 Restless fretting
1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23 Paul's responsibility
Mark 1:29-39 Came to preach

Response to the Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)
He bore our sickness and endured our suffering.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)

Servers

8 Feb Diane Stewart
15 Feb Wayne Kelly

Readers

8 Feb 1st Reading Monica Bright
Ps/Intercessions Brian Bright
2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson
15 Feb 1st Reading David Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

8 Feb Anthony Gilchrist and Pat Leeder
15 Feb Ray Wood and Barbara Smith

Children's Liturgy

8 Feb Carroll Family
15 Feb Bettina LeGras

Counters

8 Feb Julie and Lance
15 Feb Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

8 Feb Monica Van Horen
15 Feb Robyn Burns

Church Care

13 Feb Robyn and Kevin Burns
20 Feb Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

*Please pray for the sick: **Thea Ellis; Barbara Hunt; Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Cec O'Brien, Ray O'Brien and David Ridoutt.***

Rosters: If you would like to be a Server, Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please see Diane Stewart who will be preparing the new **Liturgical Roster**. (The current roster expires on 22 February.) *Thank you Diane for your help.*

We also need someone to organise the **Children's Liturgy Roster**. Please see Kate after mass or phone her on 4787 8520.

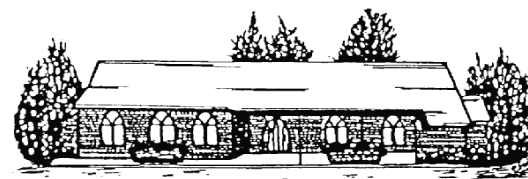


Fifth Sunday
Year B

Jesus' preaching and cures make such a deep impression on the people of Capernaum that everybody is looking for him. In the midst of all the acclaim, he withdraws so he can be alone with his Father in prayer. There he discerns that he must continue his preaching elsewhere, because that is why he came. We, too, need prayer to enable us to discern what really matters.

Next Week: Outcast no longer
Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46;
Psalm 31
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;
Mark 1:40-45

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.

~ Parish Administrator ~ Fr Bob Sheridan ~

Parish House: 4787 8811 Fax: 4787 6143
Parish Office: 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com
Office hours: Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm and Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

Blackheath - Mass Sunday 9.30am
Evening Mass Tuesday 6.30pm
Morning Mass Wednesday to Saturday 9.00am
Praying the Rosary Thursday 2.00pm
Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am to 10.00am

Mount Victoria - Mass 1st Friday of month 7.00pm

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

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob, Monica Bright (Chair), Adrian Carroll (Vice Chair) or Chris Le Gras (Secretary).

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

One of our Church's seven Sacraments, 'Anointing of the Sick' may be received independently or within a Mass which we call a Healing Mass. Two weeks ago, when planning the introduction of regular Healing Masses at both Blackheath (monthly) and Mt Victoria (quarterly), I recall saying – "that Healing Masses are for those with an illness of some type. The anointing is never intended as a precautionary measure against illness". However, it is certainly part of the healing process for an existing illness. The decision to receive this Sacrament, though, always rests with the person receiving it. This is because of the concealed nature of some illnesses. Therefore, no one should ever be refused access to this Sacrament. It's your decision, and yours alone.

Since Vatican II the term "Extreme Unction" has been replaced with the more appropriate "Anointing of the Sick". Given that "Unction" means "anointing with oil with a religious significance", and that we normally receive three "unctions" during our lifetime (Baptism, Confirmation, illness) and the word "extreme" has a very limited application – i.e., 'at the end of life' – it is little wonder that this term is no longer used. God Bless!...(Fr.) Bob

LITURGY TEAM: As Lent and Easter are rapidly approaching, there has been a suggestion that we form a Liturgy team, to creatively make these seasons of the Church's year more meaningful to our community. Then, hopefully, continue on throughout the year. As we are a unique group of people with talents special to this community, it is these talents that we hope to use. Some obvious areas that may be of interest are – banners, prayers of intercession, art in all its forms, floral, creation of a thematic focal point, and, of course, music. Anyone who may think they would like to contribute in some way (even in a way not listed) please place your name on the sheet on the noticeboard.

Scripture Teachers' Update: Scripture classes resume at Blackheath and Mt Victoria Public Schools this Thursday, 12th February. Teachers should have received their authorisation card before Thursday. The meeting will be in the Church Hall at 10.30am after our first class. If you require any more information, please phone Claire on 47877635.

This Sunday evening
tune into COMPASS:
**Tony Blair's
Leap of Faith.**
ABC1, 10.00pm
Presenter is our own
Geraldine Doogue.



Ash Wednesday:

If you still have your 'palms' from last year's Passion Sunday, please give them to Fr Bob by Sunday, 22 February.

These palms will be burnt to become the ashes for Ash Wednesday on 25 February.

Lenten Groups

Many thanks to those who are able to participate in our Lenten Groups. A special thank you is extended to those who have volunteered to be a host. The theme is: **Lord, teach us to pray.** It is an invitation to explore and deepen our life of prayer with the Jesus of the Gospel. This invitation flows on from our **Mission in November** where we were invited to **renew our connection spiritually with each other and with our God.** The reflections are best undertaken during the **week before the indicated Sunday.** This allows participants to enter into the Sunday Eucharist in a much richer, more prepared way. We recommend that groups meet for **six weeks beginning in the week of 23-28 February.**

This Sunday, 8 February, will be the last day you can join a group. This allows us time to ensure each participant has a booklet to take home for personal reflection. If you would like to join a group, kindly print your name and phone number on the sheet provided on the noticeboard. Thank you!

May we reflect on St Teresa's words: **Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. The one who possesses God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.**
Peace and blessings, Monica.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joz Landsberg ~ 71 today

Mary Kingston for 11th February

Kenga Burke ~ 7 on 11th February

Janice Lang ~ 69 on 12th February

Jonathon Gilchrist ~ 17 on 14th February



Happy 46th Anniversary

Joe & Diana Landsberg ~9th February

Happy 24th Anniversary

Chris & Bettina LeGras ~9th February

God is making something good

Do not depend on the hope of results... The big results are not in your hands or mine, but they can suddenly happen, and we can share in them; but there is no point in building our lives on this personal satisfaction, which may be denied to us and which after all is not that important... The real hope is not in something we think we can do, but in God who is making something good out of it in some way we cannot see.



Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

~ Diary Date ~

WORKING BEE

**Saturday, 28 February
From 7am.**

Please come along and give a hand for an hour or two.

Jobs to be done:

weeding, mowing, and removing the catonistas.

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 date: 3-5 April 2009 Venue: Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, (near Penrith).

For bookings / details please contact 02 6379 1125 or 02 4283 3435 website www.wwme.org.au