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

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. *Praise...*

Servers

21 Feb Michelle Davis
28 Feb Grahame Adams

Readers

21 Feb 1st Reading Christine Helby
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
28 Feb 1st Reading John Woodward
2nd Reading Robert Forbes
Intercessions Dom Burke family

Ministers of the Eucharist

21 Feb Ray Wood and Diana Landsberg
28 Feb Peter Gale and Pat Wicks

Counters

21 Feb Robyn and Adrian
28 Feb Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

21 Feb Monica Bright
28 Feb Carroll Family

Church Care

4 Mar Angie and Michelle Leman



**2nd Sunday of Lent
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21st February 2016

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.

St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Antiphon: *Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

Communion Antiphon: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

Next week
Unless you repent
Ex 3:1-8.13-15
Ps 102
1Cor 10:1-6.10-12
Luke 13:1-9

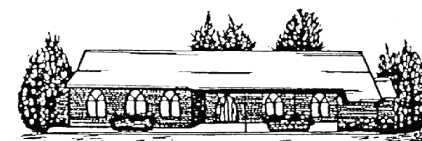
Feast Days for this week! Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th February

21st St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor (1007-72AD), optional feast
22nd Chair of St Peter, Apostle - Feast
23rd St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (C69-C156), optional feast
24th St Ethelbert, King (d616)
25th St Walburga, Virgin & Abbess (710-79AD)
26th St Porphyrius, Bishop (349-420AD)
St Nestor of Magydos, Bishop & Martyr, 3rd Century
27th St Leander of Seville, Bishop (565-600AD)



St Polycarp

Sacred Heart Parish



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

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of the land of the Blue Mountains.

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.

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Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm
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Parish House: 18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

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

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturdays	9.30am
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd and 4th Saturdays	6.00pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or David Buckley (Chair); Adrienne Kitching (Deputy Chair) or Carmen Beard (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Monica Bright 4757 3943

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

NEW BISHOP (?) FOR OUR DIOCESE: In the words of our Parramatta Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev. Fr. Peter Williams ... *"It is anticipated that we will have an announcement for the fourth Bishop of Parramatta within months. Needless to say, there will be a buzz of excitement and a feeling of expectation as we prepare to welcome the new Bishop and install him in St. Patrick's Cathedral. This year we (also) celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Diocese. Formed in 1986 as a result of a carve-up of the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta came into existence. The date is in May, and while our major celebration this year is likely to be the installation of our 4th Bishop, I hope there will be other opportunities for us to mark this significant anniversary."*

The Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev. Fr. Peter Williams, also drew attention to the fact that all clergy within the Parramatta Diocese are to attend a residential clergy conference on the Central Coast from 23-26 May. This could well be a wonderful opportunity, perhaps, to get to know our new Bishop, and also to celebrate clerical life for the clergy of this great Diocese. For the record, there will have been two one-day gatherings of Parramatta clergy preparatory to the May live-in conference. The first of these has already been held on Shrove Tuesday; the next due on the 6th April at Parramatta. There! Now you have the full picture.

NEW ORDERS FOR MATRIMONY AND CONFIRMATION: As from the first Sunday in Lent (14 February) liturgies for these two sacraments have been significantly changed. However, as I have only just received printed copies of the new arrangements, right now I am unable to explain what those changes are. Suffice to say that I believe them to be rather different from the old practices. Will let you know more ASAP.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016: Time to plan for this year's ecumenical service focussed on Cuba, to be held in Blackheath's Uniting Church located near the shopping centre along Govett's Leap Road, on Friday 4 March, at a time believed to be 1.30pm. All are invited to attend! Light refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the service. Please consider this to be a personal invitation to you!

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION WORKSHOP: Led by Richard McMahon, Diocesan Director of Pastoral Planning & Implementation, at the Blackheath home of Adrienne and David Kitching on Saturday, 13 February, this was a most rewarding and informative getting-to-know-day for all councillors. Special thanks are due to Richard who drove a considerable distance from the Engadine area to be with us, and on a Saturday, too! We are also extremely grateful to Adrienne and David for making available their beautiful home for this occasion. Congratulations as well to our councillors for giving so freely of their time that day. The whole parish is indebted to each of you! Please accept our sincere thanks!

God Bless! Fr. Bob



Happy 89th Birthday Betty Zzman (16 February)
Keep up those exercise classes!
Much love from your Sacred Heart friends.

Happy Birthday Janet Lamerton
for 23rd February

*Come and join us at the next **Laudato Si'** Discussion and Action Group gathering on **Wednesday 2 March** in the Parish Hall at 7pm. If you've been looking for a reason to look more closely at Pope Francis' encyclical, this is your opportunity. All welcome!*

The first **Catalyst Reflection Morning** will be held on **Saturday 19th March** in the Parish Hall from 10am to 1pm.
Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ will lead the reflection on **Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home.** Morning tea provided, entry by donation and no need to book. All very welcome. Enquiries to Carmel on 0417 474 850.

Message from the Schoenstatt Sisters
The Schoenstatt Sisters are saddened by the death of Sister Loretta Kleinemas ISSM, a Schoenstatt Sister of Mary who died earlier in the week and request you remember her in Masses and prayer. Sister Loretta was in poor health and of advanced age. Our condolences to her Community as well.

~ Raffle ~

Tickets on sale today for your chance to win a **BRAND NEW Premium Beefmaster 4 Burner Built in BBQ** valued at \$699. The BBQ also comes with a trolley valued at \$249. All funds raised will go the parish. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Liturgical Ministers' Rosters are available at the back on the Church. Please collect your copy today.

In memoriam: **Rick Frazer** ~ 22nd February; **Sharon Bann** ~ 25th February

A VOCATION VIEW: Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.



Second Sunday of Lent

With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. However, he now has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by **Caritas Australia**. Please donate to **Project Compassion 2016** and help children **living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024413.



*This year we will be having a **CAKE and PLANT STALL** on **Easter Sunday, 27th March.***

We are asking our wonderful parishioners to support us and bring along a cake and/or a plant to sell. Mark you diary!



Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Sharon Booth; Nancy Edcell; Frank Farsaci; Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP; Rita Jenner and Jack Solomons.
To add someone's name to the list for 'Prayers for the sick', please email the Parish Office: shbheath2@bigpond.com