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Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 *Abraham's sacrifice*  
Rom 8:31-34 *God's saving grace*  
Mark 9:2-10 *Listen to my Son*

Ps Response  
**I will  
walk in the  
presence of  
the Lord;  
in the land  
of the  
living.**

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 and honour...**

**Servers**

1 Mar Jan Roberts  
8 Mar Michelle Davis

**Readers**

1 Mar 1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves  
8 Mar 1st Reading Christine Helby  
Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

1 Mar Margaret Davis and Robert Forbes  
8 Mar Michelle Davis and Diana Landsberg

**Counters**

1 Mar Carla and Neil  
8 Mar Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

1 Mar Pamela Nash  
8 Mar Michelle Funnell

**Church Care**

13 Mar Julie Hodgkinson

Next Week: ***Zeal for God's house*** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 18 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and also their carers:  
**Siobhan Atkin; Barry Leeder; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon;  
James Ford; Anthony Gilchrist; Kenneth Kirkham; Lorraine McKelvie;  
Junko Odawa, Frances Slater, Marion Walker and Norraine Warner.**

**This week's Feast Days: Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th March**

1st St David, Bishop (d672) Patron of Wales  
2nd St Chad, Bishop (d672)  
3rd Blessed Katherine Drexel, Virgin & Founder (1858-1955)  
4th St Casimir, Prince (1458-1482), Patron of Poland  
5th St John of the Cross, Priest (1651-1734)  
6th St Colette, Virgin (1381-1447)  
7th Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs (d203), optional  
St Teresa Redi, Virgin (1747-1770)



**Second Sunday in Lent  
Year B**

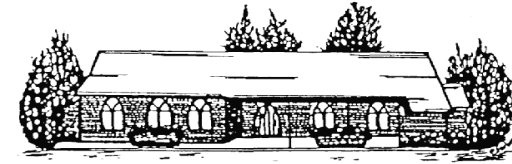
**1st March 2015**

This trio of favoured disciples is with Jesus when he manifests his glory on the mount and the Father testifies: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' They will be with Jesus again when he is overcome by fear in the Garden at the beginning of his Passion. The vision of his glory is to strengthen them that they be not overwhelmed by his passion and death.

**Sacred Heart Care  
Ministry**

offers support  
for those in our  
community  
requiring assistance.  
Please contact  
Michelle 4757 2638.

# 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 Blue Mountains' 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.

**Parish Priest:** Father Bob Sheridan

**Office hours: Wed:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm

**Parish House:** 4787 8811

**Thu:** 9.00am - 12.00pm

**Parish Mobile:** 0428 878810 (Emergency only)

**Fri:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm

**Parish Office:** 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,  
**e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

**Parish Address:** 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Blackheath/153850768029631>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	2nd and 4th Saturdays	6.00pm

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets the 4th Sunday of each month (after 9.30am Mass).  
If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Diana  
Landsberg (Chair); David Buckley (Deputy Chair) or Dennis Doherty (Secretary).

**Sacred Heart Care Group:** Michelle Funnell 4757 2638

❖ **BULLETIN ITEMS:** Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday  
during office hours on 4787 8540 or email [shbheath2@bigpond.com](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**LENTEN MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS:** "Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all, it is a time of grace (2 Cor.6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. 'We love because he has first loved us' (1 Jn 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure...Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalisation of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront." Kindly note that this is an excerpt only of a much longer Lenten Message from the Holy Father. What a simply worded direct message from our leader!

**NEW APOSTOLIC NUNCIO APPOINTED:** His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed as Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, His Excellency Most Reverend **Adolfo Tito Yllana** until now Apostolic Nuncio to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Born in Naga City, Philippines, in February 1948, he was ordained priest in the Philippines in 1972. Following his doctorate in civil and canon law and a study stint in Rome, he was ordained bishop in January 2002, then appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea. We welcome His Excellency to our nation and Church, and may his time with us be both fruitful and productive for all in this Commonwealth.

**NEW BLUE MOUNTAINS REGION ACTING DEAN:** Rev. Fr Paul Slyney, Parish Priest of Lawson and Springwood, has been appointed Acting Dean of our region for the time being. We have now been able to set a date for our reformed next Deanery meeting to be held on Wednesday, 18 March. Preceding this meeting will be a Diocesan gathering of all priests at Parramatta on 11 March. Will keep you informed of any developments as they occur.

**NEW PRIEST FROM THE UPPER MOUNTAINS:** **Stephen Varney** grew up in the Upper Blue Mountains, attended St Canice's Catholic Primary and has parents who still live here. He would be known to some of our parishioners plus many from our wider local community. **Stephen** is to be ordained a Diocesan Priest for the Wollongong Diocese in that city's Catholic Cathedral on **2 May, 2015** and will celebrate his Thanksgiving Mass at St Canice's Katoomba on 3 May at a time to be confirmed. As part of this unique celebration, the Sanctus shop in Katoomba is taking donations to present Stephen with a suitable gift from his community on that day. Should you wish to contribute, please contact Marjorie Brown or the Sanctus shop.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** To be held next Friday, 6 March at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath from 1.30pm, this worldwide day of prayer finds us hosting this significant event to which you are most cordially invited to participate. More details elsewhere in this Bulletin. **God bless! Father Bob**



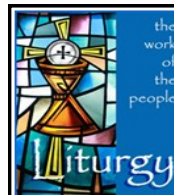
**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

PROJECT  
**COMPASSION**



This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life.**

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800 024 413



~ An invitation to explore our Liturgies and Ministries ~  
**Sunday 15 March**

Further to the insert in last week's Bulletin (copy on Notice Boards), anyone who is already involved or anyone interested in becoming involved with any of our Liturgies and Ministries, please be certain to come along to this important gathering - facilitated by Sister Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocesan Institute for Mission. Arising from the meeting (maybe a little over one hour), we are hoping to come away with the basis of a multi-ministry Liturgy Committee, suggestions for our greater involvement and, of course, lots of enthusiastic volunteers who want to be more involved.

**To continue the conversation, please bring a plate so we can enjoy a pleasant lunch together! For further information, please contact David Buckley (4787 5105 or 0400 208 707).**

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP)

The Bahamas WDP Committee have prepared the programme this year. The theme is: **"Jesus said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?'"**, based on the Gospel of John 13:1-17. Following Jesus' example and gesture of radical love in washing his disciples' feet, we are asked to continue this gesture of love in our communities. This is how the spiral of informed prayer and prayerful action moves around the globe. We are the host church this time for all Blackheath faith communities. **The service will begin at 1.30pm, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Sacred Heart.** Afterwards, everyone is invited to come together and share afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. All welcome!

**Catalyst Reflection Mornings**  
re-commence on **Saturday, 21 March.**

Our first presenter will be **David Patterson**, Adult Education Coordinator for the Broken Bay Diocese. The year's program is on the table at the entrance to the church. Enquiries to Carmel 4787 8706.

#### Afternoon Capers

Wednesday,  
4th March ~ 12pm  
Medlow Bath's  
Brown's Siding  
Cafe. If you need  
transport, please  
phone Diane on  
4787 1357.

**Hope  
to see you  
there!**



**Happy  
Anniversary**

~♥~  
**Philia & Frank  
Portelli  
for 1st March**

**Happy Birthday  
Pat Lezder  
for 7th March**