



Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Outcast
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 For God's glory
Mark 1:40-45 Outcast no longer

Psalm Response

In time of trouble I turn to you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

11 Feb Diane Stewart
18 Feb Michelle Davis

Readers

11 Feb	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
18 Feb	1st Reading	Basil Jackson
	2nd Reading	Elaine Jackson
	Intercessions	Robert Forbes

Communion

11 Feb Elizabeth Doolan and Mary Roberts
18 Feb Ray Wood and Paul Harris

Counters

11 Feb Marilyn
18 Feb Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

11 Feb Connie Adams
18 Feb Rasa Blansjaar

Church Care

23 Feb Marilyn Rowe and Noeleen Cliff



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

11th February 2018

This is the second of three gospel readings about healing: last Sunday a woman with fever was revived, today a man with leprosy is cleansed and next week a paralysed man is forgiven and made whole. It is apparent that God's work of creation is an ongoing process in which Jesus plays a part. Through his hands the creative and nurturing power of God is at work in the world.

Reflection and Artwork by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)

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

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

In loving memory: **Sarah Frazer** ~ 15th February
Gladys Gronlund ~ 16th February and **Nancy Etccl** ~ 16th February.

Feast Days of the Week - Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th February

11th Our Lady of Lourdes (1858AD), optional
12th St Saturninos & Companions, Martyrs (d304AD)
13th St Catherine de Ricci, Virgin (1522-89)
14th St Valentine, Priest & Martyr (d270);
Sts Cyril, Monk (826-869) & Methodius, Bishop
15th St Claude De La Colombiere, Priest (1641-1682)
16th St Onesimus, Martyr (d 1st Century AD)
17th Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, 13th Century, Optional



Next Week
Listen to my Son
Gn
22:1-29:13
15-18
Ps 115
Rom 8:31-34
Mk 9:2-10

Sacred Heart Parish

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

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.

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past and present, including those who may be with us today.

Blackheath	Sunday Mass	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

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Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm

Parish House: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. 2785
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.
St Paul's Church: 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.
St Joseph's Church: 1270 Megalong Road, Megalong Valley.

For Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, please contact the Parish House.

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 Christine O'Grady (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) call 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

Website: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>



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PANCAKE SUNDAY: As stated in last week's Bulletin, and as is our normal practice, we have brought forward to today Shrove Tuesday's celebration of pancakes!!! These will be available after Mass during our social get-together at a cost of only \$1.00 per pancake.

All funds raised will be given to Caritas, our major fundraising charity this Lenten-Easter period. Syrups and sugar will also be on hand FOC (free-of-charge).

As is also normal practice for Shrove Tuesday, all Parramatta Diocesan priests, including me, will gather at St Patrick's Cathedral for a special Mass and meal as a precursor to Lent's arrival. Prayerfully, I should be back in time to celebrate Tuesday evening's scheduled 6.30pm Mass. Here's hoping!

ON LENTEN-EASTER FUNDRAISING: This year, because of Lent's early arrival, we have two competing fundraising activities operating at the same time. So as to avoid this occurring, outside of the pancakes fundraiser (that goes to Caritas), all other Project Compassion activities will commence from 1st March 2018 and continue to completion on the Easter Vigil (31st March 2018). Household coin saving collection boxes, however, will be available at Blackheath from Ash Wednesday.

Also competing for funds during this period will be the newly-named Catholic Foundation (the old DWF programme) which collection will be made over two weekends - 18th and 25th February. While not an ideal solution, given these unique circumstances, this seems to be the best answer to a difficult problem. We will ensure that the proper envelopes will be available in the pews only on the days to which they refer. Apologies for the mix-up!

LENT: Wednesday next, 14th February, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent for 2018. I also note for your information that co-incidentally Ash Wednesday is also the Feast of St Valentine - St Valentine's Day! As Ash Wednesday takes precedence, we are obliged to honour this day as a day of both fast and abstinence. Sorry about that! Easter Sunday this year will be celebrated on the 1st April - April Fools' Day. That is also the day when daylight saving ends for this summer! Be careful!



Lent is THE annual time of repentance, in which we each review our present lives and, where necessary, revise and, at the very least, renew our Christian commitment to God and our neighbour. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence, hence the earlier comment relating to this year. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence (from meat) binds those who have completed their 14th year.

Catholics are also obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Too, we are obliged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within this same period. During Lent you will note that the 'Alleluia' and 'Gloria' are omitted at Mass, even in celebration of solemnities and feasts.

Finally, ashes will be distributed during the two Masses to be held on Ash Wednesday - the times being 9.00am and 7.30pm.

FAMILY PRAYER ~ The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church.
(Pope Francis - Amoris Laetitia 88)

LOST: A gold ring has been lost in the vicinity of the Hall. If anyone finds it, please hand it to Fr Bob or one of the office staff.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Bill Grieves, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Bob Sisson and John Tweedie.

LENTEN GROUPS: While interest in forming one of these groups is at an all-time low, we have taken the liberty of purchasing a quantity of self-explanatory Lenten booklets titled "Surrender". These contain daily reflections for this year encompassing the Lenten-Easter period. The parish is making copies of these available FOC, one per family, while stocks last. No additional stocks of this publication are available! So it's a question of 'first in, best dressed!' See either myself or one of our parish councillors after Mass for a copy!

GARAGE SALE: Six months of darned hard work by a whole team of volunteers led by Marilyn Rowe has resulted in raising an amount of \$4,519.55 for this Parish. Absolutely incredible!!! The rest of us humbly salute each one of you for this magnificent result!
God Bless! Father Bob

POST GARAGE SALE ~ THANK YOU!
Let me start by saying as I do every year that without our amazing team of voluntary workers this parish fundraiser just wouldn't get off the ground. The same people back up each year for what you could only call a mammoth job. Thank you sincerely.

A special thank you must go to Sue Gracey, for as we all know Sue has had major surgery in the last few months and even that didn't seem to stop her. Sue certainly has a lot of stamina.

I have to also thank all the parishioners and friends who gave us the goods to sell and, of course, the people who cleaned up after the event. Thank you all.

Thanks must also go to Bob Davis and Ron for the great BBQ which ran over the entire weekend.

Marilyn (together with the Social Team of Patricia, Sue & Diane).

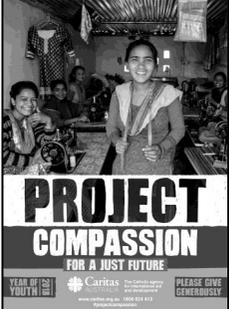
Happy Birthday
Kenya Burke ~ 16 on 11th February
Betty Zeman ~ 91 on 14th February
Jonathon Gilchrist ~ 26 on 14th February
Monica Bright ~ 16th February

~ **SPECIAL EVENT** ~
Please keep **Friday 16th March** free to celebrate the **85th birthday of Father Bob**. More details will be available in the coming weeks.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



The next **COSMOLOGY SPIRITUALITY MORNING** will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on **16th February, 10am - 12pm**. The last chapter in **Blue Sky God** will be the subject of discussion. The new book, **Anew Harmony** by Philip Newell (\$23) will be available. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. New participants are very welcome. Enq: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290