



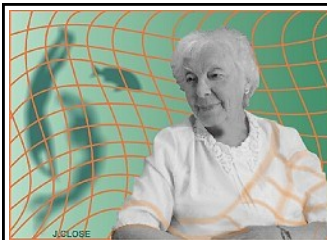
Job 7:1-4.6-7 Restless fretting
1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23 Paul's responsibility
Mark 1:29-39 Came to preach

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord
who heals the
broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! He bore
our sickness, and endured our
suffering. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4th February 2018

The first disciples of Jesus were recruited from among fisher folk. Simon and Andrew were told that Jesus would make them 'fishers of people'. For Simon's mother-in-law, the healing touch of Jesus is a call to discipleship: 'the fever left her and she began to serve them'. This unnamed woman became a fisher of people too.

Reflection and Artwork
by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)

ROSTERS

Servers

4 Feb Pat Wicks
11 Feb Diane Stewart

Readers

4 Feb	1st Reading	David Buckley
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
	Intercessions	Robert Forbes
11 Feb	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe

Communion

4 Feb Monica and Brian Bright
11 Feb Elizabeth Doolan and Mary Roberts

Counters

4 Feb Barbara and Bill
11 Feb Marilyn

Morning Tea

4 Feb Christine O'Grady
11 Feb Connie Adams

Church Care

9 Feb Margaret Solomons and Catherine McNamara

Next Week: **Outcast no longer**

Lev 13:1-2.44-46; Ps 31; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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

Entrance Antiphon: O come,
let us worship God and bow low before
the God who made us, for he is the
Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank
the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children
of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the
hungry he fills with good things.

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

Feast Days of the Week - Sunday 4th to Saturday 10th February

4th St Veronica (Stations of the Cross)
5th St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (d251), Memorial
6th Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (d1597), Memorial
7th St Richard of Lucca, King (d722AD)
8th **St Josephine Bakhita**, Virgin (1868-1947), optional
St Jerome Emiliani, Priest (1481-1537), optional
9th St Apollonia, Virgin & Martyr (d249AD)
10th St Scholastica, Virgin (c480-547), Memorial



A Vocation View: Christ raises up,
from among our midst, those called
to the Consecrated Life so that
they might be unique signs of the
Kingdom and "to be all things to
all people. (1 Cor 9:22)"
We pray for those who have left
everything to follow Him.

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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Parish Office: 02 4787 8540
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Office hours: Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
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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GARAGE SALE: January has been a month of relentless pressure for those involved in acquiring, sorting and displaying the vast quantity of donated merchandise given so freely to us in this our major fundraising activity for 2018. Both the parish hall and adjoining committee room have been reserved for this purpose since the office re-opened on 22nd January. As a result, much of the stock received for sale has already been sorted and displayed. What an improvement that has been compared to last year's more concentrated handling ways! So many people have contributed to the conduct of this Sale that it would be impossible to thank each person separately - the donors, the carriers, the many volunteers including stock movers, cooks, salespersons, money counters and co-ordinators all so ably led by Marilyn Rowe (plus Paul) and her experienced 'team'. Please accept my personal thanks and that of all other parishioners for your superb effort! As I pen this Bulletin copy on the Wednesday before the Garage Sale, I have little idea as to how we will fare this time around. However, past history tells me that this should be another success story for the parish and us. By the time you read this report, we should have a better idea as to how the fundraising is progressing. Following today's Mass, there will be one last opportunity for you to acquire another bargain at a near give-away price. Best not to pass up this last opportunity! Finally, if you want a 'cuppa', it's waiting for you in the hall!

PANCAKE SUNDAY: As is normal practice for us in this parish, we celebrate Pancake Tuesday next Sunday. This event is also the launching pad for the 2018 Project Compassion Appeal that then continues throughout Lent and concludes prior to Easter Sunday. As with just about everything we do in this parish, volunteer helpers are needed to bring along lots of pancake mix next Sunday and then to help cook and serve the prepared pancakes. Most of the normal 'team' that usually handles this work is not with us this year, so we need some new volunteers to 'give it a go!' This is a fun day for all concerned, so if able to participate, please contact me after Mass today.

ON CONFIRMATION: We have been advised from Parramatta Diocese that this year's Confirmations will be held at Blackheath during the 9.30am Sunday Mass on 16th September. Our Bishop, Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv will be undertaking this task. So, please pass around this knowledge to any interested families.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Next Thursday (8/2) is the Feast Day of a lesser-known great saint, Saint Josephine Bakhita, who was enslaved in her childhood, passed through a number of brutal owners over many years, was eventually freed, joined a religious order in which she lived a saintly life and died in 1947 at 79 years. Saint Josephine was canonized in 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II. This is the fourth International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking undertaken by the Church. Cardinal Turkson, past president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace stated that "...millions of people today - children, women, men of all ages - are deprived of freedom and forced to live in conditions akin to slavery." For them, Saint Josephine Bakhita is an exemplary witness of hope and inspiration. The Holy Father considers this to be a global phenomenon beyond the competence of any community or nation to resolve, hence this mobilization of awareness and prayer on a world scale by the Church. Our 8.00am Thursday Mass will centre around this blight on our humanity. **God Bless! Father Bob**

Reflection:
In this week's reading, it is Simon's mother-in-law who is healed. This obviously means that Simon is married. However, there is no mention whatsoever about his wife. Is she alive or dead? Do they have children? We have no indication. It is not until the writings of Paul (1 Cor 9:5) that we learn Simon Peter was indeed married and that his wife accompanied him on his travels. Perhaps this visit to his family home was to announce to his wife and family that he had decided to follow Jesus and give up fishing. (Liturgy/help)

MONSTER GARAGE SALE ~ LAST DAY TODAY!!!
 Don't forget our Garage Sale. Not only does the Garage Sale help the parish financially, but it is also lots of fun, so come along.

ASH WEDNESDAY: If you still have your 'palms' from last year's Passion Sunday, please give them to Fr Bob by Sunday, 11th February. These palms will be burnt and will become the ashes for Ash Wednesday on 14th February.



RETREAT FOR WOMEN ~ 9th to 11th February
 Theme: **"It is when I am weak that I am strong."**
 (2 Cor. 12:10)

Enjoy a time of prayer and reflection as we approach the season of Lent.
 Where: **Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre,**
 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.
 When: **7pm 9th February - 4pm 11th February**
 Cost: \$150 shared rooms - Deposit \$50,
 Saturday only ~ \$40 (includes lunch).
 Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or
 Phone: 4773 8338 by 5th February.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

For 57 years the Catholic mission service, Palms Australia, has been preparing, sending and supporting those who answer the call to mission in overseas dioceses, schools, clinics and other vital community organisations.



Palms Australia is looking for full or part-time volunteers to assist with multiple tasks in their Petersham office. If you have good organisational and administrative skills, advanced written and oral English and a professional phone etiquette, you will be most helpful. To apply or find out more, please contact Roger O'Halloran, Executive Director, on 02 9560 5333 or email roger@palms.org.au

Afternoon Capers will commence on **Wednesday 7th February.** For our first time back for the year, we will go to Mt Vic Flicks to see the movie, **The Post** (starring Meryl Streep) starting at 11.30am. After the movie, we will have a light lunch or early afternoon tea at the newly renovated café at The Victoria and Albert. If you only feel like lunch, meet us at The V & A at 1.30pm or you may only wish to see the movie. For more information, phone Diane 4787 1357.

FAMILY PRAYER
May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about mutual understanding and forgiveness.
 (Pope Francis)

"WALK WITH ME"
LENTEN RETREAT
Sunday 11th February
 9:30am to 3:00pm
 Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.
 Cost \$30.00. BYO lunch.
 Ph: Kylie 0403 453 620 or
 verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

Happy Birthday
Freya McNair
 for 8th February
Happy 80th Birthday
Joe Landsberg
 for 8th February

Happy Anniversary
Diana & Joe Landsberg
 55 years ~ 9th February

PARENTS' ROOM

The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when young ones are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children.

