



Exodus 20:1-17 Ten Commandments
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 God's wisdom
John 2:13-25 Zeal for God's house

Psalm Response: You have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ. **God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.** Praise and honour ...

Servers

4 Mar Paul Harris
 11 Mar Ray Wood

Readers

4 Mar 1st Reading Pat Wicks
 2nd Reading Barbara Grieves
 Intercessions Frances Huckstepp
 11 Mar 1st Reading Christa Buckley
 2nd Reading David Buckley
 Intercessions John Woodward

Communion

4 Mar Robert Forbes and Graham Adams
 11 Mar Carla Endean and Pat Wicks

Counters

4 Mar Pamela and John
 11 Mar Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

4 Mar George Commens
 11 Mar Christine Burke

Church Care

9 Mar Pat McAuley and Julie Hodgkinson

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

Entrance Antiphon:
 My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon:
 For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Feast Days of the Week - 4th to 10th March

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
 8th St John of God, Religious & Founder (1495-1550)
 9th St Frances of Rome, Religious (1384-1440), optional
 10th St John Ogilvie, Priest & Martyr (1579-1615)



**Third Sunday of Lent
 Ordinary Time
 Year B**

4th March 2018

Herod's temple took years to construct and it was a masterpiece of human skills and energy. Even so, its stone structures proved to be as ephemeral as the life cycle of a small plant and as vulnerable to human violence as the body of Jesus.

*Reflection and Artwork
 by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)*

Next Week
Son sent to save
 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23.
 Ps 136; Eph 2: 4-10;
 John 3:14-21

A Vocation View
 "We proclaim Christ, Crucified!" (1 Cor 1:23)
 In the Crucifixion, we find strength. In the Cross is our triumph. Rest in His mercy that you might proclaim Him in all that you say and do.

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 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 either Fr Bob; Diana Landsberg (Chair); John Barclay (Deputy Chair) or Patricia Dee (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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WILLIAM (Bill) GRIEVES - A Final Farewell: Because of the temporary unavailability of Blue Mountains City Council staff last Friday, the funeral for this long-time, highly valued parishioner has had to be re-scheduled to next Wednesday, 7th March. A full Requiem Mass will be celebrated from 12.00 noon that day, with a private burial to follow at Blackheath Cemetery. A 'wake' is to be shared at the Blackheath Golf Club following Bill's interment. You are personally invited to that 'wake'!

Following a long and protracted illness dating back several years, Bill's resolute nature finally succumbed to death in Katoomba District Hospital about 11.15pm on Friday evening, 23rd February, with wife Barbara and family at his side. A dedicated Catholic and family friend, Bill's absence will be felt with great sadness by family and friends including this community. He will be seriously missed by everyone privileged to know him these past many years. Bill, may you rest in the love and peace of Christ and the glory of God now and for all eternity. Amen! Bon voyage, old friend!

CARITAS: Caritas is yet again our key charity and fundraiser for this year, despite the delayed start to our participation in this project due to the Catholic Foundation's priority collections over the past two weeks. Donations will be received throughout the Lenten/Easter period. Through Project Compassion, you and I have a unique opportunity to help Caritas Australia support those far less favoured than us by helping to reduce their poverty, promote justice for them and uphold the dignity that is the right of every living human being. All the Caritas literature, including Project Compassion boxes, is to be found dispersed around the church today. If you have not yet taken a box home, now is the time to do so. Fill it with your spare coins and return to us at Easter. By so doing, you will be helping more than you could imagine to support those severely deprived, dispossessed and suffering people/families in many countries around the world. Thank you for caring! Thank you for your generosity!

GOOD FRIDAY CONTRIBUTIONS: While on the subject of fundraising, this is also an appropriate time to prepare for the special Good Friday collection that is made in every Australian Diocese each year. Last year, in descending order of money raised, Melbourne Archdiocese ranked first, followed by Sydney, third was Parramatta followed by Perth, Brisbane and so on down to number 28. That was a truly wonderful "Peter's Pence" effort by all Parramatta Diocese parishes, including us! So, let's see how much we can raise this year!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018 - 8 March: This year's theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, is *"Time is now: Rural and Urban activists transforming women's lives"*. International Women's Day 2018 is an opportunity to empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the people who are working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realize their full potential. For more information, visit: goo.gl/VEuLxq

VERY REV. CHRIS de SOUZA VG: His many friends here would be interested to know that Fr Chris suffered a heart attack a week ago and was operated on last Tuesday for a triple by-pass to his heart in Westmead Private Hospital. I am not informed as to his present condition, however, Fr Chris will certainly need our prayers during his long recuperation. We pray that he will experience a speedy recovery.

God Bless! Father Bob



Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school.

With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. Visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



Frances, Meg and Cassie thank our faith community at Blackheath for words of comfort, offers of help, support and gentle care during our recent sadness. Through the kindness of others, we are strengthened in courage and faith.

Happy Birthday Joe Blansjaar for 10th March

SACRED HEART CARE GROUP
Our Care Group is here to assist those in times of need. Please contact Monica Bright on 4757 3943 if you think we can help.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Daisy Kiely, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater and John Tweedie.

FATHER BOB'S BIRTHDAY BASH
We are celebrating Fr Bob's 85th birthday on Friday, 16th March. The Rhododendron Room has been booked at the Blackheath Golf Club from 6.00pm. Finger food will be served at a cost of \$15.00 per head. We ask that you contribute \$10.00 per head towards this supper. Drinks will be BYO but tea and coffee will be served. We anticipate our celebration to finish around 8.00pm. We will need numbers for catering purposes and have left a list on the noticeboard. Please give your money to Pat Wicks, Patricia Dee or Marilyn Rowe before the date. Looking forward to seeing you all there with your birthday voices.



Different View - Just like Jesus
This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

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AFTERNOON CAPERS
We are sorry but there will be no Afternoon Capers this month.

In loving memory ~ Judy Harris ~ 8th March



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.