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Sir 27:4-7 ; 1 Cor 15:54-58
Lk 6:39-45

Psalm Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Servers ood
3 Mar Paul Harris
10 Mar Michelle Davis

Readers
3 Mar 1st Reader Breda Seamons
2nd reader Claire Maguire
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
10 Mar 1st Reader Brian Bright
2nd Reader Monica Bright
Intercessions Paul Harris

Communion
3 Mar Brian & Monica Bright
10 Mar David & Christa Buckley

Counters
3 Mar Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
10 Mar Cate Mitchell

Morning Tea
3 Mar Christine Burke
10 Mar John Woodward

Church Care
8 Mar Sue Gracey and Peter Ofner

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

Entrance Ant: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Communion Ant: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Saints Days of the Week (4th Mar - 9th Mar)

4 St. Casimir Patron saint of Lithuania & Poland

5 St. Adrian missionary and martyr

6 Ash Wednesday

7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity martyrs

8 St. John of God carer of the poor

9 St Frances of Rome religious



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 3.3.19

Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation and correction in the Christian life. Just that we have the responsibility to very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. Jesus reminds us that most of our condemnation of others, is what we now call, "projection", where we ignore similar failings in ourselves, but roundly condemn them in others. May this Eucharist, then, help all of us let go of the need to be powerful, and the deadly sin of envy. and be more creative with what we do when we are bored. May it help us make better choices about how we speak, to whom we speak and what we say. © Richard Leonard SJ.

Next Week:
Dt 26:4-10 ; Rom 10:8-13 ; Lk 4:1-13

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents when young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your littlies.



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

Administrator: Father Bob Sheridan **Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540
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 (Emergency only) Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
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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 Sunday 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 blackheath@parracatholic.org

Website: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>
www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Community-Blackheath-NSW-Australia-153850768029631/

LENT 2019: Wednesday next, 6th March, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the forty-day period of Lent for this year. Ash Wednesday is, of course, a day of both fast and abstinence. As mentioned last week, Passion (Palm) Sunday falls on 14th April while Easter Sunday occurs on April 21, that being the first full moon following this year's March Autumnal Equinox (that day when both night and day are each an equal 12 hours). Apropos of little, Daylight Saving ends at 2.00am (which becomes 3.00am) on Sunday 7th April.

Lent is THE annual time of repentance, in which we are each expected to review our present lives and, where necessary revise, or 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 in which the law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until they have reached 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. We are also obliged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) 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.

Please note that ashes will be distributed during both the 9.00am and 7.30pm Masses to be held at Blackheath on Ash Wednesday.

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. Syrups and sugar will also be on hand FOC (free-of-charge).

PROJECT COMPASSION:

All funds from today's pancake sale and other activities undertaken during this Lenten-Easter period will be forwarded to Caritas once Easter concludes. While on that subject, the Caritas empty coin boxes are available for your collection today to take home, to fill with spare change and return to us by Easter Sunday.

SHROVE TUESDAY: As is 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. Unfortunately, on this occasion, I expect to return too late to celebrate our 6.30pm Mass. Please note that there will be NO Shrove Tuesday 6.30pm Mass this year!

LENTEN GROUPS: While interest in forming one of these groups is still at an all-time low, we have taken the liberty of purchasing a few self-explanatory Lenten booklets titled "Compassion." These contain daily reflections for this year's Lenten Period. They are available from the brochure stand without cost – one copy per family! There are no reserve stocks!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This being Wednesday evening, our hosting of this year's World Day of Prayer is still two days away. Obviously, a verbal report on the conduct of this worldwide ecumenical event will be rendered to you after today's Mass. However, even before this event takes place, congratulations are in order for our co-ordinator Diane Stewart and her 'team' who, at no notice whatever, have managed to make this a remarkable occasion in my opinion.

God Bless! Fr. Bob

Caritas Pancake Morning ~ In the hall after mass TODAY, join us for a pancake or two, to start our Lenten fundraising . for Caritas. Only \$1.00 each. Syrup and sugar available free.

BALANCING THE BOOKS WITH BALLADS

Pat Drummond is holding a one night only concert on 30th March 2019 at the Sacred Heart Hall, 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.



From 7.00pm, Pat will take us on a journey of his well documented songs about real people and places, drawn from interviews gathered on his erratic tours across Australia and present a composite picture of our country and her people. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available after Mass today or at the Parish Office (Wed-Fri. phone 4787 8540) . Tea/Coffee and cakes are included. Get in early for your tickets for a great evening. Pat is holding this concert to assist our Parish ministries and financial commitments for 2019.

Free counselling: Contact Linda on 0417 659 479 for supervised counselling sessions as part of her Bachelor of Counselling Degree practical placement. These will be conducted in the Hazelbrook area. Limited places and sessions apply (max. 4 sessions per person).

Coffee Capers ~ Unfortunately there will be no Coffee Capers in March as Ash Wednesday falls on our meeting day. See you all for Coffee Capers next on 3rd April.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: *Barry & Madeleine Bowden, John and Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank Mackrell, Marie Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Pat Fraser*

Rest In Peace!
8th Judy Harris (2014)

Working Bee ~ Wednesday 13 March 8am

Our next working bee is on Wednesday morning 13 March from 8am. Come and work with our maintenance team and help maintain our beautiful grounds.

Please bring a sunhat and garden gloves. Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information, or just turn up on the day.

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Plenary 2020 Update: Thanks to all who attended our Parish Forums and last Sunday's Public Forum at Lawson. Thanks especially to all who helped out as group leaders, cups of tea and prayer. We could not have contributed to the Plenary 2020 consultations without you. So far there have been 10,000 submissions from 75,000 people (some were group submissions). **Our input has not ended yet.** Stage two of the process, **Discernment**, will involve small groups in Parishes working through the **National Themes** that arise from the submissions received and feeding back our responses that will then be collated and presented as papers for the Council delegates to deliberate on. Stage two will begin in a few months. Bishop Vincent has said that our diocese will start before 2020 to look at themes emerging from submissions from our diocese and see what could be implemented at the diocesan level. At our last Parish forum, there was a strong recommendation that we look at implementing at a Parish level, some of the ideas that have come forward