

Acts 4:32-35 **Believers united**
 1 John 5:1-6 **Faith overcomes all**
 John 20:19-31 **Peace be with you**

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;
 His love endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 You believe in me, Thomas,
 because you have seen me;
 happy are those who have not seen me,
 but still believe! Alleluia ...

Servers

12 Apr Diane Stewart
 19 Apr Jan Roberts

Readers

12 Apr 1st Reading Lillis Family
 Intercessions Patricia Dee
 2nd Reading Ron Davis
 19 Apr 1st Reading Monica Bright
 Intercessions Pat Wicks
 2nd Reading Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

12 Apr Diana Landsberg and Elizabeth Doolan
 19 Apr Christa and David Buckley

Counters

12 Apr Laurie
 19 Apr Carla and Neil

Morning Tea

12 Apr Carla Endean
 19 Apr Margaret Davis

Church Care

24 Apr Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**SECOND SUNDAY
 OF EASTER
 Year B**

12th April 2015

Jesus came to his disciples on the evening of his Resurrection with the greeting of peace and with the gift of his Spirit.

In the beginning, God breathed life into his creation, now Jesus breathes his Spirit into his disciples in the new creation. Thomas, who refused to accept the testimony of his fellow disciples, receives the personal reassurance of Jesus, not only for himself but also for us.

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell and also their carers:
**Siobhan Atkin; Barry Leeder; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon;
 James Ford; Kenneth Kirkham; Lorraine McKelvie; Frank Mackrell;
 Junko Odawa; Cathy Salier; Frances Slater; Nicole Warner and Pat Wicks.**

This Week's Feast Days for Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th April

12th Divine Mercy Sunday; Octave Day of Easter; St Julius, Pope (d352)
 13th St Martin, Pope & Martyr (d585); St Hermingild, Martyr (d585)
 14th Bl. Lidwina, Virgin (1380-1433)
 15th St Paternus, Bishop (482-550); St Hunna (Una), (d.679)
 Patron of laundry workers and washerwomen
 16th St Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin (1844-1879), optional
 17th St Stephen Harding, Abbot (d1134)
 18th St Apollonius, Martyr (d186)

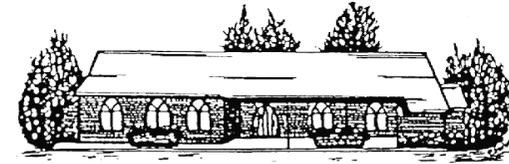


Next Week

You are witnesses

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19
 Psalm 4
 1John 2:1-5
 Luke 24:35-48

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:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
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>

Blackheath - Mass	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
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Over the past couple of weeks, I have drawn your attention to today's celebration of **Jesus' Divine Mercy** on this **Divine Mercy Sunday**. As mentioned last week, Pope John Paul II initiated this Feast when canonizing St Faustina Kowalska on 30th April 2000. So this is a recently introduced major feast. This day's readings are always about mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sins. Locally, you are invited to attend the special celebrations, reconciliation and Mass commencing 3.00pm today at Leura's St Bonaventure's Church. Incorporating the practice of **Divine Mercy** into the more general activities of our Catholic faith, including the daily 3.00pm recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, has become a permanent feature of our daily prayer life worldwide in the Church. Have you yet become part of this Divine Mercy prayer regime? If not, perhaps now might be a good time to try!

HOLY WEEK/EASTER – A FINAL WORD: Despite the wet weather, attendances at all Holy Week Liturgies and Masses, including the core Easter Triduum, more than matched last year's record-breaking attendances throughout this spiritually intense, personally demanding and most satisfying week, in my opinion. The three Easter Sunday Masses alone attracted in excess of 400 people. Many parishioners and visitors have thanked us for making this a most memorable experience for them. This did not happen by accident! Examples I saw: The flower team, at 8.00am on a very wet and miserable Easter Saturday morning hard at it preparing our magnificent Blackheath floral display; the choir rehearsing those many evenings to produce the wonderful music we enjoyed; the Blackheath Stations of the Cross that had to be relocated at no notice from the forest area to the dry church interior - with great success; the wet weather trek by six volunteers to Walls Cave to secure creek water for use that evening in the Vigil Mass; the hardy eight people who shared the unique experience gained at Mt Blackheath in the rain learning about indigenous culture around a camp fire to the soothing tones of a didgeridoo; although not personally present, reports tell me that the Easter Sunrise Service at Phillip's Lookout was equally significant; the Friday afternoon Passion of Jesus, Saturday Vigil Mass and Blackheath Sunday Mass planned in large measure at short notice by one person; Megalong Valley's Ecumenical Service so successfully planned and executed by virtually one local. Add to these parishioners, the immense amount of work completed by our Grounds Team, particularly in the forest and church grounds. Et cetera, et cetera!!! A truly phenomenal effort on the part of just about every parishioner. I thank you, and so does everyone who walked with us throughout our Holy Week and Easter commitments. So take a bow, everyone! You have earned it! Also, I must not forget to thank on behalf of all, Fr Paul Hanna for his tremendous input so willingly and so freely given. Huge thanks, Fr Paul!

At the end of the day, however, we need to remember that we did this because of our devotion to, and love for, Jesus, and we thank Him for everything He has done, plus all He continues to do for you, and for me! Amen!

ANZAC DAY: Just another reminder to you that this year's **ANZAC Day** will see the celebration and commemoration of a lifetime - its centenary, no less! So, please keep Saturday, 25th April, free to share in this auspicious occasion. More details next week!

God Bless! Father Bob



THANK YOU

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Thank you for supporting programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

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We would like to thank all in our Parish Family for their best wishes but particularly their prayers during Anthony's illness and in recent weeks. Your prayers have strengthened and sustained us all and we know that they will continue to do so.

May God bless you all.

Marjanna and the Gilchrist Family

Sacred Heart Care Ministry offers support for those in our community requiring assistance.

Please contact Michelle on 4757 2638.

Parish Office hours have changed to:

Wednesday

1.00pm to 4.00pm

Thursday

9.00am to 12.00pm

Friday

9am to 12.00pm

Carmen Beard has joined the office team and will be working on Friday mornings.

Happy Birthday

Francesca Huckstopp ~ 15th April

Frank Portelli ~ 15th April

Alma Birrell ~ 16th April

Cosmology Spirituality Morning

The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on **Friday, 17th April**, 10am till noon.

Ch 3 & 4 of **"The Cosmic Mystique"** will be the subject of discussion.

Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. All welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

The next **Blackheath Reflection Morning** will take place on **Saturday, 18th April**, 10am - 1pm in the Sacred Heart Parish hall.

Fr John Kelliher MSC will lead the morning - **Heart Spirituality: 'Homing In ... Homing Out'.**

You are warmly welcome, morning tea provided, no need to book and entry by donation. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706

In memoriam

Michael Hanna ~ 11th April

Mary Hart ~ 12th April

Andrew Ziolkowski ~12th April

Una Woods ~ 14th April

Lila Anthony ~16th April

Daisy Perriam ~ 17th April

PALM SUNDAY RALLY rescheduled to Sunday 19 April

This year the organisers of the Palm Sunday Rally have rescheduled it to Sunday, 19 April, as Palm Sunday fell the day after the NSW state election. The Rally will begin at 1pm in Belmore Park near Central Station.

