



Acts 10:34,37-43 God raised Jesus
Colossians 3:1-4 Look to heaven
John 20:1-9 Risen from the dead

Ps Response

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah! (3x)
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Halle, Halle ...

Servers

16 Apr Graham Adams
 23 Apr Jan Roberts

Readers

16 Apr 1st Reading Claire Maguire
 2nd Reading Pat Wicks
 Intercessions Robert Forbes
 23 Apr 1st Reading Elaine Jackson
 2nd Reading Basil Jackson
 Intercessions Adrian Carroll

Communion

16 Apr Ray Wood and Graham Adams
 23 Apr Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

16 Apr Carla and Neil
 23 Apr Pamela and John

Morning Tea

16 Apr EASTER SUNDAY
 23 Apr Connie Adams

Church Care

28 Apr Margaret Solomons and Cathy McNamara



Easter Sunday

Year A

16th
 April
 2017

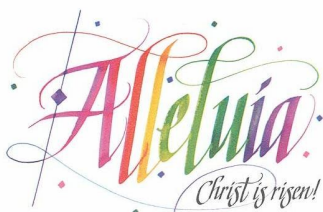
Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb while it is still dark. The body of Jesus is not there! She runs to Peter and John who run to see for themselves. Their amazement is intensified when they find the cloths but not the body of Jesus. They ponder these things, and then remember that Jesus had said he would rise from the dead. Christ our light is risen indeed.

Next Week: **Believe and live**
 Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117
 1Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. (Matthew 28:8)

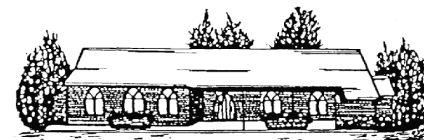
Please pray for the sick and their carers:
 Barry Bowden; Madge Boylan; Margaret Clancy;
 John & Marion Crowley; Danielle Moir; Paul Kalmar;
 Norma Longmuir; Kevin Madden; Philia Portelli;
 Amber Simmons; Paul Windle and Roma Ziolkowski.

Feast Days of the Week (16th — 22nd April)

16th	Easter Day	20th	Octave of Easter
17th	Octave of Easter	21st	Octave of Easter
18th	Octave of Easter	22nd	Octave of Easter
19th	Octave of Easter		



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 land of the Blue Mountains.

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:	02 4787 8811		Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile:	04 1735 5479		Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm
	(Emergency only)	For Baptisms, Marriages, & sick calls	
Parish Office:	02 4787 8540	contact Parish House.	
Facsimile:	02 4787 6143	e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com	

Parish House:	18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
Sacred Heart Church:	167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

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 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 Karen Hayward (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: 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

Christ
is
Risen!

Happy Easter Everyone! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A day to celebrate! Renewed! Revitalized! Refreshed! Perhaps even a little lighter from our Lenten diet. However, that has been more than offset by the extra support we have both given to those in need, and received from the many who have been so generous to us during this time. So it has been like that for the past forty days.

We have given much during Lent for our own spiritual benefit – a benefit that has also aided many other people. May you experience the fullness of Jesus' personal love for you, also the peace and happiness which he brings into your life, and the lives of your family and those precious to you on this greatest of all Christ's feasts. We have emerged from our Lenten sacrifices to the new dawn of our Christian life enjoyed in our commemoration today of his Resurrection. I also take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of myself and all parishioners, the many families and individuals who have made this year's Lent and Easter so special for us through their extra planning and conduct of our Masses and liturgies.

Finally, a massive accolade to our Music Group who imparted to us that very special 'polish' which lifted the spirits of us all – especially throughout the past week.

AFTER EASTER: I repeat last week's Bulletin message in which I stated that the first Mass to be celebrated after Easter Sunday will be the 9.00am Mass on Friday, 21st April, when I will once again be in residence. Again, I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause anyone!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (23rd April): Next Sunday is that very special Feast of Divine Mercy, proclaimed for us by Pope St John Paul II at the canonization of Saint Faustina Kowalski on 30th April 2000. In his proclamation, Pope St John Paul said *"...It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this 2nd Sunday of Easter which, from now on throughout the Church, will be called Divine Mercy Sunday."* The readings on that Sunday are all about mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sins. Locally, on that day, special celebrations are to be held at St Bonaventure's Church, Leura from 2.45pm. So, spread the word among your friends!

ANZAC DAY: Tuesday week, 25th April, is ANZAC DAY. Our normal 6.30pm Mass will NOT be celebrated on that day. However, a special, suitably themed Mass will be held at 9.00am here at Blackheath, leaving us enough time to adjourn to the Blackheath War Memorial for the start of their main ceremony from 10.45am. We will be laying a wreath at the War Memorial during that Remembrance Service on behalf of all parishioners. Lest we forget!

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Don't forget to buy this week's issue of the Catholic Weekly today at the low price of \$2.00 per copy. Now that the "Outlook" has ceased production, this is the only specific Sydney regional Catholic news available to us on a weekly basis. We really do need to have continued its distribution to this parish. Many thanks to all who have been buying copies during this test period!

Happy Easter to all! Father Bob



*"Only
that day
dawns,"*
Thoreau
teaches,
*"to which
we are
awake."*

Yes, Easter is about dazzling light – but only if it shines through us. What new light has come to me this Easter? On Easter Sunday, Divine Delight breaks through despair. Easter is hope on a rampage. The world comes alive with possibility.

(Joan Chittister)

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. You are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten appeal. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion (1800 024 413)



Bishop Vincent's Online Easter Message

In his first Easter message as the Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Vincent shares with us *"The Easter story does not end with Mary in grief. It tells us of her encounter with the Risen Lord who calls out her name and sends her out on a mission of proclaiming to others the Good News of the Resurrection."*

The 7 minute video message (with subtitles included) can be viewed and downloaded here: www.parracatholic.org/easter2017

Happy Birthday Noeleen Cliff ~ 19th April

Saturday, 10th June, is the launch of our **POP UP SHOP and TEAROOMS** giving you the chance to buy beautiful pre-loved and new fashions. And join us for a High Tea at **Miss Pretty's Tearoom.** *for all things naughty but nice.*

We are taking donations of good clothing items **now** so ladies – check your wardrobes! Thank you.



PARISH DINNER

Please note your diary, that our annual Parish dinner will be held in the Parish Hall **on FRIDAY 16TH JUNE.**

Spit Roast, great company and surprise entertainment. All welcome! More details to come.

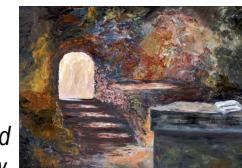


CAKE, CRAFT & PLANT STALL

Remember to purchase some goodies today. Also, buy a ticket in our **RAFFLE** for a chance to win our **Easter Hamper** valued at \$150 (donated by Catholic Church Insurance). **Tickets** are only **\$2 each or 3 for \$5.** Drawn after Mass.

"He saw and he believed."

We have just passed through the saddest week of the year, which is also the greatest expression of love the world has ever seen. We now rejoice at an empty tomb. How do we believe such a thing after the battered body of Jesus has been removed from the tree and laid in his mother's arms? I was touched by the cloth 'rolled up by itself'.



It reminded me of how Hebrew carpenters used to put their towel aside in a place by itself to show their work was finished. Did Peter and the beloved disciple recognise this sign from Jesus, saying his commission from the Father was done and now the task fell to his followers? Our joy at the Resurrection carries a challenge to continue to bring this dream of God into the twenty-first century. This dream the angels sang of at Jesus' birth — peace on earth and goodwill towards all. (from Daily Prayer online)

In memoriam

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Lila Anthony ~ 16th April
Karen Sheridan ~ 17th April
Daisy Perriam ~ 17th April
Mary Forster ~ 19th April