

TODAY

Isaiah 50:4-7 *God is my help*
 Philippians 2:6-11 *He emptied himself*
 Mark 14:1-15:47 *Son of God*

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
 Christ became obedient for us even to death
 dying on the cross.

Therefore, God raised him on high
 and gave him a name above all other names.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Servers

20 Mar Ray Wood
 27 Mar Diane Stewart

Readers

20 Mar 1st Reading Monica Bright
 2nd Reading Brian Bright
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 27 Mar 1st Reading Christine Helby
 2nd Reading Claire Maguire
 Intercessions Pat Wicks

Ministers of the Eucharist

20 Mar Michelle Davis and Peter Gale
 27 Mar Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

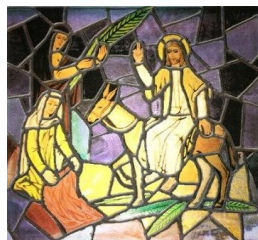
20 Mar Carla and Neil
 27 Mar Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

20 Mar Jan Roberts
 27 Mar EASTER

Church Care

1 Apr Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**Palm Sunday of the
 Passion of the Lord**
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20th March 2016

Jesus makes his entry into
 Jerusalem, the royal city,
 amidst acclamation and
 spreading of cloaks.

As today's liturgy
 proceeds, however, the
 mood changes completely.
 The responsorial psalm
 takes up the lament:
 'My God, my God, why
 have you abandoned me?
 All who see me deride me.
 They divide my clothing
 among them. They cast
 lots for my robe.'
 We are accompanying
 Jesus in his Passion.

Next week: He has risen!

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 117
 Col 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Collections ~ Sunday 13th March ~ 1st \$153.30 / 2nd \$524.50 (includes Direct Deposits). *Thank you!*

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

Entrance Antiphon: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. **Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

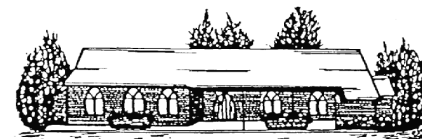
Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.

He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'. Lk 19:38-40

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 2887 8810 **Fri** 9.00am - 12.00pm
 (Emergency only)
Parish Office: 02 4787 8540 For Baptisms, Marriages, & sick calls
 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 Carmen Beard (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



At last, after five long weeks of Lenten struggle we have reached the last week of Lent - Holy Week! This coming week is the most significant period in the Church year as it encompasses the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The number of liturgies planned for this week, the days and times of which are detailed below, confirm the singular importance of this Season in our Church year.

As we near the Paschal Feast of Easter Sunday, we are now able to reflect on how well we have done in our endeavours to achieve those personal goals we have set during this time. Did we review, revise and renew enough to bring us closer to God and neighbour in the practice of our Catholic faith? I certainly hope so, because that is what Lent is all about.

Passion (Palm) Sunday introduces us to the profound events of Holy Week by demonstrating the changing nature of human behaviour presented for us to consider on this day. First, we have the crowd's stated intention of installing Jesus as their king; less than a week later that same crowd calls for His crucifixion and death. Just how fickle can human nature be! For all the suffering endured by Jesus through His Passion and Death, the critical act of salvation by Him occurred early on Easter Sunday morning through His Resurrection. Without Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, the Catholic Church could not have been established and you and I would not be here now. All that occurs during this coming week leads us inexorably to the events of Easter Sunday morning - Jesus' Resurrection.

You are, therefore, sincerely invited to share with our parish family the events of this week as they unfold, especially the infinite depth of Jesus' love for each of us that far exceeds even His terrible torture, crucifixion and death. Easter, through Jesus' Resurrection, is the ultimate triumph of good over evil. That, surely, is a victory worth waiting for, and celebrating! (Please note that Fr Paul Hanna is, this year, unable to share our Easter Masses/Liturgies.)

23rd March	7.30pm Chrism Mass (Parramatta) - where we collect the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year
24th March	7.30pm HOLY THURSDAY ~ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm)
25th March	GOOD FRIDAY ✦ 10.00am Stations of the Cross (Sacred Heart Blackheath) ✦ 10.00am Ecumenical Service at St Joseph's Megalong Valley (Social activities to follow) ✦ 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Sacred Heart) ✦ 5.00pm Sunset Liturgy at Mt Blackheath (departs Sacred Heart)
26th March	HOLY SATURDAY ✦ 1.00pm To Walls Cave to collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass (Meet in the Sacred Heart Carpark at 1.00pm) ✦ 7.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass and associated Liturgy
27th March	EASTER SUNDAY ✦ 5.00am Sunrise Liturgy at George Phillips Lookout, Govett's Leap ✦ 7.00am Mass at St Paul's, Mt Victoria ✦ 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart, Blackheath ✦ 11.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Megalong Valley

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service: This year's Easter Sunrise Celebration will be held on Easter Sunday at 6.30am at the Leura All Saints, Olympic Parade, Leura (opposite The Toy Museum). If it is wet, the service will be held in the Uniting Church, Grose Street, Leura. It promises to be the best yet so please come with all your friends. Enquiries Srs. Therese and Jacinta 4757 2290

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will this year be held in Sacred Heart Church Blackheath using the existing "Stations" already 'in situ', commencing 10.00am on Good Friday. All welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION: The annual support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. God, alone, knows how much that support is needed at this time in that troubled region of our world. Please, give what you can!

WEEK AFTER EASTER: Kindly note that there will be no Masses after Easter in our Parish until Friday, 1st April, when I will once again return to the 'fold'. Apologies for that!
God Bless! Fr Bob

We need READERS and others for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. If you can assist, please see Fr Bob today. Your help will be greatly appreciated (list on noticeboard).



Palm Sunday



Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, **Dhaniram** and his community have learnt about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change.
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Happy 60th Anniversary Ken & Sheila Kirkham ~ 24th March

Happy Birthday Norma Carlon ~ Today & Oliver Burke ~ 11 on 23rd March

Mark your diary for our **Parish Dinner** which has been booked for Friday 27th May. It will be held in our Parish Hall, with entertainment by our very own **Pat Drummond**. All welcome! More details to come.

RAFFLE: Brand New Premium Beefmaster 4 Burner Built-in BBQ valued at \$699 with new trolley valued at \$249. All funds raised will go the Parish. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

This year we will be having a CAKE and PLANT STALL on Easter Sunday ~ 27th March.
We are asking our wonderful parishioners to support us and bring along a cake and/or a plant to sell. Mark your diary!

Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Sharon Booth; Stan Dochniak; Frank Farsaci; Frank Mackrell; Kevin Madden and Jack Solomons.
To add someone's name to the list for 'Prayers for the sick', please email the Parish Office: shbheath2@bigpond.com

In memoriam: ✦ **Tom Boylan** ~ 19th March ✦ **Andrew Greve** ~ 20th March