

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 God's choice
 Ephesians 5:8-14 Be children of light
 John 9:1-41 Light of the world

Psalm Response
 The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise and honour to you ...



Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year A

26th March 2017

Today we see an illustration of human perversity and divine compassion. The blind man could see what the people with sight could not, or stubbornly refused to see. Unlike his parents, the blind man was not intimidated. Driven away by the Pharisees, he was sought out by the tender compassion of Jesus, who revealed to him more than mere earthly vision. Do we have eyes to see lasting values?

Next Week I am the Resurrection
Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129
Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

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

In memoriam
Jim Grainger ~ 28th March
Ken Cullen ~ 1st April

Servers

26 Mar Ray Wood
 2 Apr Michelle Davis

Readers

26 Mar 1st Reading Claire Maguire
 2nd Reading Christa Buckley
 Intercessions Dominic Burke Family
 2 Apr 1st Reading Christa Buckley
 2nd Reading Barbara Grieves
 Intercessions Patricia Dee

Communion

26 Mar Ray Wood and Diane Stewart
 2 Apr Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

26 Mar Barbara and Bill
 2 Apr Marilyn

Morning Tea

26 Mar Pamela Scott/Elizabeth Doolan
 2 Apr Michelle Funnell

Church Care

31 Mar Angie and Michelle Leman

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

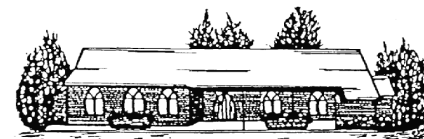
Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Feast Days of the Week (Sunday 26th Mar — Saturday 1st Apr)

26th Mar Bl. Francesco Face Di Bruno, Priest (1825-1888)
 27th St Rupert of Salzburg, Bishop (d718)
 28th St Tutilo, Monk (d915)
 29th St Joseph of Arimathea, 1st Century
 30th St John Climacus, Abbot (579-649)
 31st St Amos, Prophet OT (c750BC)
 1st Apr St Hugh, Bishop (1053-1132)

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
Parish House: 02 4787 8811
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 (Emergency only)
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Office hours: Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
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 Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm

For Baptisms, Marriages, & sick calls contact Parish House.
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

LAETARE SUNDAY: Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is one of the two occasions in the Church year when the priest is entitled to wear pink (or should I say 'rose-coloured') vestments. This is an optional choice! Just as well, as I don't possess vestments of that hue. The word "Laetare" is taken from the first word of today's Entrance Antiphon whose translation from the original Latin means "Rejoice with Jerusalem!" By way of interest, the other Sunday authorised for the wearing of pink vestments occurs on the Third Sunday of Advent. From this Sunday forward, our attention will particularly focus on Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND COLLECTION (DWF): Pleasing to report is the amount recently raised over the two weekends of this collection which exceeded \$1000.00. While still short-falling our required levy, this effort by you and yours has significantly exceeded past collections. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this most welcome result!

ON SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Last Monday (20th March) I was privileged to concelebrate with Fr Mick O'Callaghan (Emu Plains Parish Priest) and Fr Paul (Springwood Assistant Priest) at the 2017 Annual Special Religious Education Mass celebrated at Our Lady of the Way Church, Emu Plains. Also present was a good number of catechists from every Blue Mountains Parish, including our Sacred Heart Parish, who came together to share Eucharist in company for the year now at hand. Long service and qualifying certificates were also presented to a number of recipients as part of that special celebration. Next Sunday (2nd April), here at Sacred Heart, we can all participate in the 2017 commissioning of our own Catechists within the 9.30am Mass. Not to be missed!

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: The Catholic Weekly people from the Sydney Archdiocese, approached us a couple of weeks ago inviting us to carry copies of that paper each week for eight weeks at their cost to determine whether or not our community might be interested in having this paper permanently available in our parish. Last Sunday was a bit of a disaster due to delivery problems. However, we did receive ten copies of which four papers were sold. I am assured that this week we will receive our full complement of twenty copies. That being the case, should you want to buy a copy, especially now that the 'Outlook' has ceased production, please feel free to do so. The cost is \$2.00 per copy. All monies collected from these sales are ours to keep! Finally, we thank the Catholic Weekly for taking this initiative!

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD: The Annual Day of the Unborn Child procession is this year on Sunday 26th March. It starts at 12.00 midday after the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, and ends at 1.30pm with Benediction back at the Cathedral. This year it will be led by the Archbishop of Sydney The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP and Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers. We seek mercy for the unborn child, his mother and father and all who participate in the evil of abortion. Call Family Life Int. for more details. 9519 9111.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS FUND

RAISING EVENT

Coming to the Parish Hall on **Saturday 10th June** is our

POP UP SHOP and TEA ROOMS.

Beautiful pre-loved and new fashions for sale. And join us for a High Tea at Miss Pretty's Tearoom.

For all things naughty but nice!

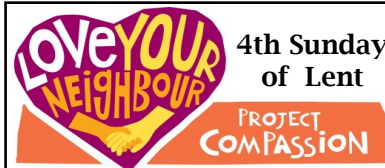


Happy Birthday

Ray Wood for 28th March

Carmen Beard for 29th March

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Next Sunday, remember to turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR as Daylight Saving ends at 3.00am Sunday morning, which becomes 2.00am. That means an extra hour's sleep-in next Sunday morning. Wow! Probably better if we make the change before we go to bed on Saturday night. At least, that's what I plan to do. **God Bless! Father Bob**



In Vietnam, young Nguyet was isolated as a result of her severe disabilities, until a Caritas Australia supported program offered her education, creative outlets and community interaction.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

As part of our Lenten journey towards Easter, there is anticipation and preparation for the liturgies that begin on Palm Sunday and travel us through Holy Week to the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. An invitation is extended to all parishioners (and visitors) to take part in the Easter Liturgies. Please add your name to the lists that will be displayed on the Church notice-board over the coming weeks. *(Frances Huckstepp)*

CAKE, CRAFT AND PLANT STALL

Calling all our cooks, gardeners and crafty people - our annual cake, craft and plant stall will again be held on Easter Sunday before and after mass. All donations are welcome to support our fundraising efforts for the Parish. Please note your diary.

SPIRITUALITY AT WORK

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd Varroville **Friday 28 to Sunday 30 April.** Presenters: **Anne Donald & Fr Gerard Moran, OCD** Cost: \$230.00 pp (10% discount for shared accommodation & for pensioners/students/unemployed). Ph: 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com carmeliteretreats.com.au

The Lord looks into the heart. What does he see? We are given the gift of sight and insight. Look into the heart with love. (1 Sam 16:6-13 & Jn 9:1-49)



SENDING PEOPLE CAN BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SENDING MONEY:

Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months.

If you are an experienced professional, business or tradesperson, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia. Information Session: **Saturday 1 April BLACKTOWN Max Webber Library 10:30am to 12pm** or **Thursday 6 April SYDNEY - Aquinas Academy 5:45pm to 7:15pm.** RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 0431 995 058