

TODAY

Jeremiah 31:31-34 New covenant  
Hebrews 5:7-9 Source of salvation  
John 12:20-30 The hour has come

Psalm Response  
Create a clean heart in me, O my God.

Gospel Acclamation  
*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Praise and honour...*

**Servers**

22 Mar Michelle Davis  
29 Mar Ray Wood

**Readers**

22 Mar 1st Reading David Buckley  
Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Christa Buckley  
29 Mar 1st Reading Ron Davis  
Intercessions Christa Buckley  
2nd Reading Christine Helby

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

22 Mar Jan Roberts and Elizabeth Doolan  
29 Mar Pat Wicks and Margaret Davis

**Counters**

22 Mar Robyn and Adrian  
29 Mar Barbara and Bill

**Morning Tea**

22 Mar Christine Burke  
29 Mar Claire Maguire

**Church Care**

27 Mar Angie and Michelle Leman



Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Year B

22nd March 2015

The time is drawing near for Jesus to manifest the ultimate expression of his love for us. His preaching touches the hearts of some Greeks, who then want to meet Jesus. If we are impressed with the words of Jesus, we must also live this out in our lives. Like the grain of wheat, we have to die to our selfishness so that we can live fully in Christ.

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

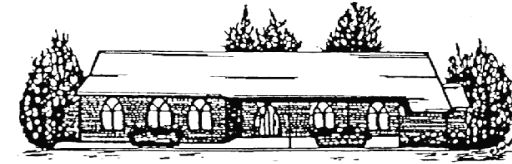
IN MEMORIAM: **JIM GRAINGER ~ 28TH MARCH**

<b>This Week's Feast Days</b> <b>Sunday 22nd to Saturday 28th March</b>	22nd	St Lea of Rome, Widow (d384)
	23rd	St Richard of Chichester, Bishop (1197-1253)
	24th	Archbishop Oscar Romero, Martyr (1917-1980)
	25th	Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity; St Dismas, Crucified Good Thief (d33)
	26th	Bl Francesco Face Di Bruno, Priest (1825-1888)
	27th	St Rupert of Salzburg, Bishop (d718)
	28th	St Tutilo, Monk (d915)



Next Week  
**Son of God**  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm 21  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

# 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:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Parish Office:** 4787 8540      **Fax:** 4787 6143      All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.  
**e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

**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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

To better enable you in your planning of Easter and its associated holidays, I have listed below all Holy Week and Easter Services/Masses as they apply to our Parish from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

**Palm Sunday - 29th March**

9.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Chrism Mass - 1st April (Parramatta)**

7.30pm Where are collected the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year.



**Holy Thursday - 2nd April**

7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm.)

**Good Friday - 3rd April**

10.00am Stations of the Cross - Sacred Heart Blackheath  
10.00am Ecumenical Service at St Joseph's Megalong Valley (arranged by local catechist, Norma Carlon. Social activities to follow.)  
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
5.00pm Sunset Liturgy at Mt Blackheath

**Holy Saturday - 4th April**

1.00pm Walk to Walls Cave to collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass  
7.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass and associated Liturgy

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 5th April**

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  
9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Please note that Fr Paul Hanna and I will be sharing these Liturgies and Masses.

**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be available this Wednesday evening (25<sup>th</sup> March) from 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Blackheath. Fr Paul Hanna and myself will officiate. All welcome!

**PASSION/PALM SUNDAY:** Sunday next, 29<sup>th</sup> March and the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, is Passion/Palm Sunday at which Mass palms will be distributed to each parishioner. This will follow an entry procession and blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass. Holy Week commences with Passion Sunday and will continue through the last days of Lent and the Easter Triduum.

**FUNDS FOR SHIPLEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE:** At the end of today's Mass, a cheque for \$792.55 will be given to that Brigade's President Lachlan Gilchrist. These funds were raised by students of Brigidine College St Ives for use in fire prevention within our parish. At the post-Mass social, a brigade truck will be available for inspection. Congratulations to everyone involved.

**God Bless! Father Bob**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PROJECT COMPASSION**



In a remote Andean village in Peru, Caritas Huacho is helping farmers like Cristian to grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable fruit crops, which will provide a secure income and a wide variety of food for life.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in Peru grow and harvest sustainable crops, providing their families with food for life.**  
[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) 1800 024 413

**You're invited! Just Because...**

Join us for the Just Because Dinner at the New Ivanhoe in Blackheath on **Thursday 26th March** starting at 6.30pm. Come along for coffee, dinner or dessert.

**Happy 10th Birthday**  
**Oliver Burke for 23rd March**  
**Happy Birthday**  
**Ray Wood for 28th March**

**Good news! Christa Buckley is recovering well and will return home on 27th March.**

**Gospel Focus - Love of life:** Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life. (Liturgyhelp)

**Happy Diamond Anniversary**  
**Barbara and Bill Gieves**  
**60 years on 27th March**



**Sacred Heart Care Ministry** offers support for those in our community requiring assistance. Please contact Michelle on 4757 2638.



**Easter Sunday Cake and Craft Stall:** All donations of cakes, jams, biscuits, pickles and items suitable for the cake and craft stall will be very welcome. Food items to have a list of ingredients attached. It would be appreciated if all items are wrapped and priced ready for sale.

**Have you thought? Why Greeks?**

The gospel reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jesus. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Regardless of their intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. Greeks, who worshipped an entire pantheon of gods, were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one God as was possible. Yet Jesus made clear that his message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews. (Liturgyhelp)