

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

18 Mar Graham Adams
25 Mar Diane Stewart

Readers

18 Mar	1st Reading	Frances Huckstepp
	2nd Reading	Robert Forbes
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
25 Mar	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
	Intercessions	David Buckley

Communion

18 Mar Elizabeth Doolan and Mary Roberts
25 Mar Ray Wood and Paul Harris

Counters

18 Mar Robyn and Adrian
25 Mar Barbara

Morning Tea

18 Mar Mary Batty
25 Mar Pamela Nash

Church Care

23 Mar Margaret Solomons and Catherine McNamara

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

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ordinary Time
Year B**

18th March 2018

Here is the third reading this Lent from John's gospel and the fourth reference to the passion/resurrection. This time John uses a nature metaphor of a grain of wheat that 'falls into the earth and dies'. But dying is not the point - the grain dies in order to be fruitful. Here the designs of God show in the patterns of nature. Here also, Jesus suggests that his actions are the pattern for our lives. What does it mean to die in order to be fruitful in your everyday life?

*Reflection and Artwork
by Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)*

*In loving memory
Tom Boylan ~ 19th March*

Date Claimer - Sunday 20th May, 2pm - 4pm

With Fr Bob's support, a group from Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a **Community Conversation with Refugees and People Seeking Protection** Blackheath Community Centre.

Please be sure to put the date in your diary!

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**

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.

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past and present, including those who may be with us today.

Blackheath	Sunday Mass	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 Priest: Father Bob Sheridan
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Parish Mobile: 04 1735 5479 (Emergency only)
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Parish Office: 02 4787 8540
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Office hours: Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm
Fri 9.00am - 12.00pm

Parish House: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. 2785
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.
St Paul's Church: 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.
St Joseph's Church: 1270 Megalong Road, Megalong Valley.

For Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, please contact the Parish House.

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob; Diana Landsberg (Chair); John Barclay (Deputy Chair) or Patricia Dee (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) call 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

Website: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>



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As a guide to help you better plan your movements during the upcoming Easter and associated holidays, we have listed below all Holy Week and Easter Services/Masses as they apply to this parish from Palm Sunday to the week following Easter.

25 March	9.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
28 March	7.30pm Chrism Mass (Parramatta) - where we collect the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year.
29 March	7.30pm Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm)
30 March	Good Friday † 10.00am Stations of the Cross (Sacred Heart Blackheath - undertaken in the forest weather permitting, otherwise the church will be used) † 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 Blackheath) † 5.30pm Sunset Liturgy at Mt Blackheath (departs Sacred Heart Blackheath)
31 March	Holy Saturday 1.00pm To Walls Cave to collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass and associated Liturgy
1 April	Easter Sunday † 5.30am Sunrise Liturgy at George Phillips Lookout, Govetts 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

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: Will be available this Wednesday evening (21 March) from 7.30pm. While Fr Paul Hanna is away at present, we expect him to be back in time for these confessions. Note also that Michelle Davis has put together this liturgy, for which we are so grateful. I will be present for this sacrament. Everyone is cordially invited to attend for the half hour or so needed for completion of this Second Rite of Reconciliation, which satisfies our penitential commitment for this year as prescribed by the Church.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY: Sunday next (25 March), the 6th 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.

WEEK AFTER EASTER: Kindly note that there will be **no Masses after Easter** in this parish **until Thursday (5 April)**, when there will be the normal 8.00am Mass at Blackheath. During the time I will be away, alternative Masses will continue to be held in the Katoomba Parish. Should an emergency arise, please contact me on 0417 355 479.

MAJOR FEASTS: Yesterday was the Feast of St Patrick with, I suspect, a carryover celebration throughout today of this great Irish saint. Enjoy!

Rally for Refugees "Refugees are Welcome Here"
 Palm Sunday rally for refugees at Belmore Park Sydney, beginning at 2:00pm.

TAIZE SERVICE TODAY
 5pm - 6pm at **Leura Uniting Church.**
 All are welcome at this special meditative time of singing, prayer and silence in the Taize tradition. Services are on every third Sunday of the month.

Happy 13th Birthday **Oliver Burke** for 23rd March

While on this subject, tomorrow (Monday, 19 March) is also the Feast of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we do not normally have any Mass on Mondays, I propose to celebrate St Joseph's Feast on the following day (Tuesday) at the scheduled 6.30pm Mass that evening. I hope that appeals!

Again, while on this subject, it gives me enormous pleasure to advise that Pope Francis has signed off on the canonization of both Blessed Pope Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero, the martyred archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador on 24th March, 1980.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Once more, I draw your attention to our major charitable fundraiser for Lent - Caritas' Project Compassion. Please give all that you can to assist those in this world unable to provide for themselves and their families. There are boxes and envelopes at each of the three entrances to the church. Many thanks for your support!
God Bless! Father Bob

EASTER JOURNEY 2018: Anyone wishing to attend Easter liturgies but is needing transport to get there, please let Fr Bob know or put your name and contact details on the list on the noticeboard after Mass on Sunday. We will try to organise transport for you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018
 First Holy Communion will be held in Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday 17 June. Parents are invited to enrol children for the sacraments of initiation. For children in year 3 or older who have been baptised, we are offering preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the Sacred Heart Parish. If your child has not been baptised but you would like them to be baptised, please talk to Fr Bob who can be contacted on 4787 8811. In preparation for the sacraments there will be five classes. These will take place in Term 2. If you have any questions or choose to register your child, **please email the child's name, your name and phone contact to the Parish Office: shbheath2@bigpond.com with the subject title: Sacraments.** Or you can phone the Office on 4787 8540 (and leave a message with your contact details). To assist in planning, we need your response by Thursday, 22 March.

PLANT, CAKE AND CRAFT STALL ON EASTER SUNDAY: Please get busy creating contributions to make this a fundraising bonanza. Any culinary efforts need to show the ingredients on the container. Thanks.

Ditosa in Mozambique is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, aged 12, thanks to Caritas Australia's support.



Ditosa has now graduated from school with plans for university. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future. **A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.