

**BULLETIN COPY EASTER SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2018:  
HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!**

**He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This is a great time to celebrate! Renewed! Revitalized! Refreshed! Finally, we have completed our Lenten tasks and now again comfortably rest with our beloved Saviour – Jesus! Perhaps some loss of weight during Lent for us, but, hey, once concluded, we know that our small sacrifices have brought us closer to God, through and with his Son Jesus. He, Jesus, is the one to make the real sacrifices, that of His life given so freely with no strings attached for the benefit of each and every one of us. For that, we owe him big time a debt we can never repay! So, at the very least let's offer Him our love, loyalty and service in response to His infinite love and sacrifice given for us. Happy Easter, Jesus!**

**May you also now enjoy the fullness of Jesus' personal love for you, and the guidance, peace and happiness He brings into your life, along with the lives of your family and all others who are so precious to you.**

**Jesus has moved from this human world back to the eternal life from whence He originally came. He now invites us to do the same, spiritually, by joining with Him in His victory over death through this great Paschal Feast of Easter – that extraordinary Feast in which He introduces himself to us through His indispensable Eucharist!**

**May I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank on behalf of myself and all parishioners, the many families and individuals who have made this year's Lent and Easter series such a focussed and compelling time for us. Your contribution to the planning and conduct of our liturgies far exceeds that which we could ever reasonably expect. That, incidentally, includes Fr. Paul for his wonderful and selfless support of us here at Sacred Heart through his unique contribution to this commemoration and celebration of the crux of Jesus' life – His Passion, Death and Resurrection!**

**We also thank those whom we so often take for granted, our Music Group, who gave our liturgies that special 'polish' which lifted the spirits of all who shared the events of his holiest of weeks. Huge thanks, folks!**

**Finally, thank you, and you, and you our parishioners and visitors for sharing this wonderful, life-changing experience in this Easter of 2018 !**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING: Did you turn your clock back last night? If you didn't, then you would have been very early indeed for any of today's three Masses.**

**I also invite you to be cautious this morning as we welcome 'April Fool's Day'!**

**AFTER EASTER: Once more I remind you that the first Mass to be celebrated in this parish after Easter Sunday will be the 8am Mass on Thursday next, 5th April. While I will be away during this period, the emergency number will remain the same – 0417 355 479.**

**PLANT, CAKE & CRAFT STALL – EASTER SUNDAY: Today is THE day. Cakes and 'things' galore! However, you will need to be early, otherwise all the 'goodies' will be gone! One word of advice – don't wait until after Mass to claim your prizes. That would be too late! There won't be anything left by then! Oh! And don't forget to bring your money with you!!**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Katoomba Parish have asked us to include the following item:**

**"Please come to Divine Mercy celebrations on 8th April at Leura Catholic Church, Scott Avenue, at 3pm. Jesus said: 'The souls that will go to confession and communion on this day will obtain complete remission of all sin and punishment.' There will be confession, Benediction at 4.20pm and Mass at 5pm. Frs. Carlos and Sean will officiate. May this be a blessed Easter for you and yours,**

**Fr. Bob.**

**AFTERNOON CAPERS will be held on Wednesday 4th April at 12pm at Megalong Tea Rooms. If you need a lift, please phone Diane on 4787 1357. All welcome.**

**FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE: Fr Peter De Souza would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading. The group departs on 28th May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5690. This fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. For enquiries & bookings call 0385 622 246 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)**

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**Living in the light of the resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taize facilitated by the Friends of Taize.**

**April 6: 6:00 pm – April 8: 1:30 pm Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)**

**Living in the light of the Resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taizé. Experiencing God in our joys and sorrows.**

**Please pray for the sick and their carers ~ Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Daisy Kiely, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater and John Tweedie.**

**PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your littlies.**



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

**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!**

**How much better family life would be if every day we lived according to the words, "please", "thank you" and I'm sorry". (Pope Francis)**