

Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

Psalm Response:
The stone rejected by the builders has become
the cornerstone

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia

Servers

22 Apr Paul Harris
29 Apr Diane Stewart

Readers

22 Apr 1st reading Patricia Dee
2nd reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Pat Wicks
29 Apr 1st Reading Monica Bright
2nd Reading Brian Bright
Intercessions John Woodward

Communion

22 Apr Carla Endean & Mary Roberts
29 Apr Elizabeth Doolan & Graham Adams

Counters

22 Apr Pamela & John
29 Apr Julie & Lance Hodgkinson

Morning Tea

22 Apr Carroll Family
29 Apr Carla Endean

Church Care

4th May Margaret Solomons & Catherine McNamara

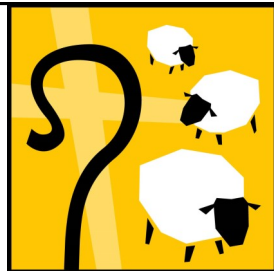
St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Ant: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by
the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

Communion Ant: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid
down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock,
alleluia.

Feast Days of the Week (15th to 21st April)

22nd St Alexander
23rd St Felix
24th St Mary Clopas
25th Bl. Robert Anderton, priest, martyr
26th St Mark, Evangelist
27th St Lawrence Huang
28th St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr



**4th Sunday of
Easter
Ordinary Time
Year B**

22nd April 2018

Today's Gospel reminds
us what Christian lead-
ership should look like.
Jesus didn't liken it to
princes in palaces or
governors of provinces.
His metaphor was of a
compassionate shep-
herd who sleeps in the
field with his flock, one
who knows them so
well and loves them so
dearly that he lays
down his own life for
them. .

*Reflection by Richard Leonard
(Liturgyhelp)*

Next Week:
Acts 9:26-31: 1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

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

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

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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 Sunday 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

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GOOD SHEPHERD/VOCATIONS SUNDAY: The fourth Sunday of Easter (today) is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday and the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, the need for all vocations incorporating both religious and secular lifestyles is always of an extremely high order in our Christian society. While all vocations are valid and necessary, the Church forever has a great and particular need for more priests and religious. So, we the faithful on this day each year are encouraged to pray for more men and women to enter into consecrated life – a life of dedicated service to God, Church and people under the guidance of the Most Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis has provided for us a comprehensive message on this subject, from which I quote below some excerpts for our consideration: "It is my great hope that all the baptized may experience the joy of belonging to the Church and rediscover that the Christian Vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of divine mercy. The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the 'soil' where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit." The fourth Sunday of Easter also offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. So in the words of Pope Francis we pray: "Father of Mercy, who gave your Son for our salvation and who strengthens us always with the gifts of your Spirit, grant us Christian communities which are alive, fervent and joyous, which are fountains of fraternal life, and which nurture in the young the desire to consecrate themselves to you and to the work of evangelization. May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus, help each Christian community to be a source of true vocations for the service of the holy People of God."

ANZAC DAY: This coming Wednesday is the 25th April – ANZAC DAY - that day when we as a community and nation (including New Zealand) will commemorate the 103rd anniversary of the Gallipoli landings by our young inexperienced soldiers, so many of whom failed to survive even that first day of action – let alone the following eight months going nowhere on that hell-hole of a beach and impassable cliff face. Here at Sacred Heart we will have our normal 9.00am Mass, suitably themed towards the ANZAC experience. This will be followed by a recitation of the rosary and exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. There will then be sufficient time for those interested to attend the major memorial service at the highway War Memorial, Blackheath commencing at 10.45am. Wreaths will also be laid during that service, including one from our parish.

Other local ANZAC services to be held on the day will include the 6.30am Dawn Service at the Blackheath War Memorial, 10.00am assembly of marchers at the Sub-branch Hall and, finally, the special 4.00pm service at Blackheath Golf Club. Mt. Victoria will have its own service commencing from 8.45am at the Mt. Victoria War Memorial.

Aside from these general commemorative activities, there will undoubtedly be other appropriate services/events to attract attention during the day including, perhaps, an unusual game played with two old pennies.

You are most welcome to share in the commemoration of the tremendous sacrifices made by our courageous men and women in all wars, not forgetting their families and communities.

TITLE CHANGE: As I reported at last weekend's Masses, Bishop Vincent has changed my title here at Blackheath without in any way reducing/adding to my limits of authority within this parish. As from April 10, my title is now "Administrator" compared to my previous title of "Parish Priest." Given that priests are normally contracted to their parish for a period of six years, and as I am way overdue to renew my contract here, the Bishop was concerned that I would be ninety one years of age when any new contract expires. The change of title avoids the need for me to enter into any new contract. I'll just keep going as I have always done these past 9+ years – with lots of help from you, my 'family'! God bless. Fr Bob

STEPPING BEYOND SUPPORT GROUP - For men and women dealing with Separation or divorce. We will be running a workshop on "Challenging Emotions and Strategies to Deal with them" at the next meeting. Date: Tuesday 24th April from 7pm – 9pm at 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Cost: \$5 Registration Essential: call Rita on 8843 2575 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Date Claimer—Sunday May 20 , 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**

Next Catalyst for Renewal: Please note that the scheduled Catalyst for Renewal event with Kevin McDonnell cfc, at Lawson April 21st, has been postponed to June 16th. Hence. our next event at Lawson will be May 19th with Catherine McCahill -

The Annual Parish Dinner has been set down for Sunday 24th June. This year will see a change to daylight hours meaning our 'luncheon' will commence at 12noon, and will include a Roast Lunch BBQ with all the trimmings, sweets and tea/coffee.



Thank You, LORD!

More to follow. All welcome!

Note your Diary: Miss Pretty's Tea Rooms, Art Sale and Fashion Spectacular fundraiser is set down for Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July. More information to follow.



Happy Birthday:
Sue Gracey 26th
Paula Schreiber 28th



Please pray for the sick and their carers: Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Daisy Kielv, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater and John Tweedie