

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

Psalm Response:
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia

Servers

29 Apr Diane Stewart
06 May Ray Wood

Readers

29 Apr 1st Reading Monica Bright
2nd Reading Brian Bright
Intercessions John Woodward
6th May 1st reading Elaine Jackson
2nd reading Basil Jackson
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion

29 Apr Elizabeth Doolan & Graham Adams
6th May Paul Harris & Michelle Davis

Counters

29 Apr Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
6th May Robin & Adrian Carroll

Morning Tea

29 Apr Carla Endean
6th May Claire Maguire

Church Care

4th May Margaret Solomons & Catherine McNamara

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

Entrance Ant: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Communion Ant: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Feast Days of the Week (30th Apr to 5th May)

30th St Pius V, pope
1st May St Joseph the Worker
2nd St Joseph Luu (Vietnamese martyr)
3rd St James the Less (Apostle)
4th St Conleth (Irish hermit)
5th Bl Edmund Rice (Founder of Christian Brothers)



**5th Sunday of Easter
Year B**

29th April 2018

Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history. We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

From reflections - Fr Michael Tate (Liturgyhelp)

Next Week:
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48,
1 Jn 4:7-10 ; Jn 15:9-17

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.

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

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



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ANZAC DAY REVIEW: This year ANZAC Day fell last Wednesday (25 April), a public holiday! Weather was great – an early Indian summer day, mild with no wind to speak of. While our 9.00am Mass attracted very few people (despite the ANZAC theme), community attendances at the traditional war memorial-based events enjoyed huge numbers of people, both young and old at both Blackheath and Mount Victoria. So many people participated! It was wonderful to see! Rasa and Joe Blansjaar made our wreath, which Joe then placed at the Blackheath War Memorial as part of the main 11.00am ceremony on behalf of all parishioners. There can be no doubt whatever that ANZAC Day attendances are on the increase. May they ever continue to grow! Lest we forget!

MAY – THE MONTH OF “MARY”, THE MOTHER OF GOD: Tuesday next is the 1st of May, Mary’s month dedicated to Marian devotion, a popular tradition dating back to the sixteenth century. Although May is a form of Mary, the name of the month actually comes from the Latin for “the month of Maia”, the Roman goddess of grain. Hence the people of ancient Rome celebrated the first day of May by honouring Flora, the goddess of flowers. Dances around a flower–bedecked maypole were common, especially on that first day of May. Often a May queen was chosen as part of the festivities! St. Philip Neri (1515-1595) initiated devotion to Our Lady on the first day of May. He also began the custom of decorating the statue of the Virgin with spring flowers in that northern hemisphere. So here we have yet another pagan custom/festival given a Christian dimension – if you like, a Christian takeover! Today, in many parts of the world, floral tributes, processions and crowning of Our Lady’s statue takes place. Too, on many occasions – as with us during this month – a flower-decorated statue of Mary will be presented as a ‘Marian shrine.’ This is also for us a special Rosary time!!! Please, also remember that Tuesday (1/5) is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker!

SCHOOL’S BACK: While on the subject of the 1st May, next Tuesday will also see the return of our children for their second term this year. “Learning” will once more take precedence over the more popular “leisure” which we all find so appealing. I certainly hope that the welcome break from study was both enjoyed and shared with family, relatives and friends – and with safety! To our students: learn well while you can as I have never found a substitute for knowledge, nor have I found its acquisition easy! Once gained, however, I have found that “knowledge”, combined with life’s “experience” forms one of the best ‘tools’ available for us to use in life! So! Go to it!

PROJECT COMPASSION: Once again, for the last time this year, with Easter now a very distant memory, we remind you to return those Caritas coin boxes with whatever coinage is in them so that we can (as stated in last week’s Bulletin) finalise this major charitable fund-raising effort for the now well past Lenten-Easter Season. Kindly leave them with myself or one of the parish councillors, and once again, many thanks to everyone who has donated to this most worthy cause!

Benedictine Spirituality Morning

At Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on May 4th from 10 am till noon.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Just another reminder that we have each week copies of this Catholic paper which contains information and material of benefit to every Catholic. If you want the truth about our Catholic way-of-life, and the issues that arise for us, then this is the place to come, to consult! And it will cost you all of \$2.00 a copy. That’s good value!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

Coffee Capers: Wednesday 2 May at ‘Vanilla’
32 Main St Lithgow. 12 noon.
Please ring Elizabeth Doolan on 47875537 if you are going.

Catholic Bushwalking Club ~
www.cncnsw.org.au
Please apply by the website or contact Linda 0478 919 427

Taize Retreat
St Joseph’s Conference Centre, Tennison Woods Ave, Perthville (near Bathurst) 11.00am Friday, May 25 to 3.00pm Saturday, May 26.
Lead by Br Ghislain. Music lead by Trish Watts.
Contact Carmen Beard ~ taizeretreatbathurst@gmail.com Ph: 6334 6407 (BH)

Note your Diary: Miss Pretty’s Tea Room this year will have an added attraction besides our wonderful cakes with tea or coffee.



We are selling ART, together with our fashion extravaganza. What we need from our wonderful parishioners is the ART to sell. If you have any framed art work of any value you don’t have space for, we WOULD LOVE IT FOR OUR COLLECTION. Please contact Marilyn or Patricia Dee if you need it picked up from your home. Alternately, bring it along any Sunday prior to July. This weekend supports various ministries within our parish. Thank you.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
02 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
“Faith without works is dead” (James 2:17) When: May 5: 10:00 am – 4:30

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. More to follow. All welcome!



Thank You, LORD!

Next Catalyst for Renewal:
Our next event at Lawson will be May 19th with Catherine McCahill -

Happy Birthday:
29th Sheilagh Kirkham



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