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Psalm Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.	
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia	
Servers 13 May Michelle Davis 20 May Pat Wicks Readers 13 May 1st Reading Christa Buckley 2nd Reading David Buckley Intercessions Paul Harris 20 May 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp 2nd Reading Barbara grieves Intercessions David Buckley Communion 13 May Carla Edean & Pat Wicks 20 May Monica & Brian Bright Counters 13 May 20 May Morning Tea 13 May Christine O'Grady 20 May Connie Adams Church Care 18 May Noleen Cliff	
St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley Entrance Ant: You kingdoms of the earth sing to God: Praise the Lord who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies Alleluia! Communion Ant: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated forever at God's right hand, Alleluia!	
Feast Days of the Week (14th May to 19th May) 14th Matthias (Apostle) 15th St Andrew (martyr from Mysia) 16th St Brendan (Irish monk) 17th Blessed Antonia Messina (1935) 18th St. John 1 (pope & martyr) 19th St. Celestine (hermit, pope and founder.	



The Ascension of the Lord
Year B
13th May 2018

Before his Ascension, Jesus advises his closest disciples to proclaim the good news to 'the whole creation'. He places great significance on baptism. It is a brave new world that he is describing, an aura of wonder surrounds the work of those who speak in the name of Jesus.

Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)

Next Week:
Acts 2:1-11 ; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

In Loving Memory
 14th Dawn (Pauline Florence) Sheridan
 15th Ken Austin

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristy, containing a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when young children are restless. We hope this makes it 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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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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ASCENSION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate the second of the three major feasts that together make up the Easter Season. First, of course, is Easter Sunday and Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. This day we celebrate Christ's return to his Father in heaven via the Feast we call the Ascension – it being the Sunday following the original Feast of Ascension Thursday, the actual 40th day following Easter Sunday. Last of all is the Feast of Pentecost where we celebrate the descent of the Paraclete (the Most Holy Spirit, third person of the Divine Trinity) to be our Advocate, and to take Jesus' place among all people in every generation. That Feast is celebrated next Sunday. Tradition sort of tells us that Jesus' Ascension took place in the same Garden of Gethsemane where he had just a few weeks earlier suffered the beginning of the trauma that was his Passion and Death. However, Luke's version of this event would have us believe that Jesus ascended into heaven from Bethany, a village then located about 3kms from Jerusalem. So! Take your pick!

With Jesus on this occasion were those closest to him, to bear witness to his physical departure from us for his journey home – to Heaven – from whence he had originally come to us. We perhaps also need to be reminded that it was Jesus in his human life who took on board every sin ever committed by us in every generation - past, present and future – and through his life, passion, crucifixion and death he expiated our sins and thus opened the gates of heaven to all of us. And that is a debt you and I can never ever repay!

Remember, too, that it is our king and saviour Jesus who, at his second coming, will adjudicate on the life we each have lived here when this world reaches its end!

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: As foreshadowed over the last couple of weeks, we today and next Sunday have yet another opportunity to financially support our most needy Diocesan brothers and sisters through services that are always in deficit, services for which there are never enough funds available even to attend to their most urgent needs. So, please, give what you can! Envelopes are to be found in the pews for your convenience. Once completed, they should be placed on the second collection! Those who you help will be so grateful for your generosity! May I humbly thank you on their behalf!

HAPPY MOTHERS'DAY: All mothers are special! Unique! We should never forget that mothers are the progenitors of the entire human race! As a mother, you are the heart of every family! In particular, once each year we take time out to honour our mums. Today is that day! The strength of all mothers is that they are complete givers of themselves and of everything they have – mums are total givers – both to their family and to all with whom they share their lives. Mothers are the glue that hold families together! So, it's time for each of us to reflect on the importance of our mother in our life, to tell her so, and then do something special exclusively for her as a great big 'THANK YOU' for looking after us so well!

Taize Retreat ~ St Joseph's Conference Centre, Tension 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) or by phone 02 6334 6407

BLESSING PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS (to be shared at the end of Mass)

“God of love, listen to this prayer. Bless the mothers of our families. Bless them with the strength of your Spirit. They who have taught their children how to stand and how to walk. They who have taught their children how to speak; how to sing and how to pray. Bless them today with fine health and good ‘things’. With joy, love, laughter and pride in their children, surround our Mums with many loving and caring family and friends.

BLESS ALL MOTHERS! AMEN. God Bless! Fr. Bob

Community Conversation with Refugees & Peoples Seeking Protection – Sunday 20 May 1.45 to 4.30pm

Only 2 weeks until our Parish will be hosting this important event in the Blackheath Community Centre. We need your help!

- * If you have not registered your, please do so soon!
- * If you need a lift, please contact Monica - 4757 3943.
- * Can you help with baking for afternoon tea? Slices and biscuits preferred – please contact Christa – 4787 5105.

The Annual Parish Lunch ~ This year we are having a change in format, to allow parishioners who don't like to come out in the evening, to join us for our annual parish lunch on Sunday 24 June in the parish hall. The lunch will be a roast dinner with dessert. In order to lock in a great price per person of \$16.00, we need to encourage 60 people to attend. A notice will be put up on the board outside the church for all interested in attending. As in previous years, this function must be paid for in advance. Thank You.



Thank You, LORD!



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.

Happy Anniversary
 6th Monica and Brian Bright (m 1978)
 13th Pat and Carol Drummond (m 1972)

Happy Birthday:
 13th Margaret Davis



Please pray for the sick and their carers: Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Daisy Kiely, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Barbara Grieves, Frank McKell, Marie Johnson and John Tweedie