


<b>TODAY</b> Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17	
<b>Psalm Response:</b> The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.	
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia	
<b>Servers</b> 6 May Ray Wood 13 May Michelle Davis <b>Readers</b> 6th May 1st reading Elaine Jackson 2nd reading Basil Jackson Intercessions Marilyn Rowe 13 May 1st Reading Christa Buckley 2nd Reading David Buckley Intercessions Paul Harris <b>Communion</b> 6th May Paul Harris & Michelle Davis 13 May Carla Endean & Pat Wicks <b>Counters</b> 6th May Robin & Adrian Carroll 13 May Barbara grieves <b>Morning Tea</b> 6th May Claire Maguire 13 May Christine O'Grady <b>Church Care</b> 18 May Marilyn Rowe & Noleen Cliff	<b>6th Sunday of Easter Year B</b>  6th May 2018 <b>Jesus called his disciples friends and advised them to 'love one another' using his relationship with them as a model; but his kind of love meant sharing everything and giving everything – even his life.</b> <b>Friendship and love are risky, so why bother? They are worth the risk because their fruits are ultimately life giving and lasting.</b>  <i>Jenny Close (Liturgyhelp)</i>
<b>St Paul's Mt Victoria &amp; St Joseph's Megalong Valley</b>  <b>Entrance Ant: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, Alleluia!</b>  <b>Communion Ant: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, Alleluia!</b>	Next Week: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 ; Mk 16:15-20
<b>Feast Days of the Week (7th May to 12th May)</b> 7th St Flavius (Bishop and martyr) 8th St. Peter of Tarantaise (Cistercian monk) 9th St Hermas Bishop 10th St Damien of Molokai 11th St. Ignatius of Laconi 12th Sts. Nereus & Achilleus (1st century martyrs)	<b>In Loving Memory</b> Percy Potts 9th Kathleen Columbine 10th Leonard Kirkham 12th  <i>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.</i>

# 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.*

<b>Blackheath</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
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
<b>Mount Victoria</b>	<b>Vigil Mass (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass (2nd and 4th Saturdays)</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>

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**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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

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

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**A VERY SPECIAL WEDDING:** While all weddings are special, yesterday afternoon (Saturday) at 2.00pm we were privileged to be witness to a wedding with a different background in which Alison Elizabeth CATER from Medlow Bath married Ehsan BEHZADI RAD who these days also hails from Medlow Bath. The wedding was celebrated at the newly upgraded St. Joseph's church in the Megalong Valley. I am, of course, referring to the wedding of 'our adopted' Iranian young man, Patrick, who partly through our sponsorship of him was eventually issued with an extended visa to remain in Australia (and this Blackheath district). He, a baptised Anglican, married Catholic Alison after courting her these past couple of years since Patrick moved into this district. He also has gained permanent employment as a house painter to consolidate his position with us here. Having escaped from the trauma afflicting his home country, it is wonderful to see how well Patrick has adjusted to and been assimilated into our community. We all from Blackheath's Sacred Heart 'family' congratulate both Alison and Patrick on their marriage. We also extend to them every good wish for the future and offer them our unqualified support in the years ahead as a valued local family.

**MOTHERS' DAY ONE WEEK TO GO:** Mothers' Day is the one day in the year when we make that special effort to honour our "Mum". Did you know that, traditionally, Mums were in the past always recognised in church? Parishioners wore carnations to symbolise the love they had for their mothers, both living and deceased. Prayers would feature in any Mothers' Day celebration. You and I know that mothers are the heart of every family. So, I take this opportunity to honour all mothers, including my own dearly departed Mum, by sharing a prayer and a blessing with all parishioners for our Mums at the end of Mass next Sunday.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Given the limited time available to us this year to undertake our Caritas collections - about four weeks only - in my opinion we have responded very well indeed. As at Wednesday evening 2nd May, the total stands at a very creditable \$1,060.55. Well done to everyone who has contributed to the welfare of so many other people through these Caritas collections this year.

**WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE:** This coming week only there will be no 10th May Thursday 8.00am Mass at Blackheath as I have to attend a Diocesan Clergy Seminar to be held at Baulkham Hills that day. This also means I will be unavailable to visit any school that morning to support our special religious education teachers (our catechists) conducting their religious classes. My sincere apologies for any inconvenience that may cause anyone!

**NBN PHONE CHANGEOVER:** Reluctantly, and I do say reluctantly, we have entered into negotiations for the changeover from what I have found to be a reasonably reliable phone system to the new NBN setup.

Taize Retreat ~ St Joseph's Conference Centre, Tennyson 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

We have delayed making this change for as long as possible in the forlorn hope that all the 'bugs' in the new system will have been eliminated before we connect. Sadly, I hold little hope that that is the case, as I keep hearing of disasters afflicting too many of those who have recently taken this step. Oh! And did I say that there will be additional costs incurred in making this changeover, both in the purchase of new equipment and rentals. How I pray that this turns out to be more reliable and less costly than I fear will be the case! Will keep you informed as and when more information comes to hand.

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.

*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.*

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

### **Happy Birthday:**

4th Marilyn Rowe



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!**