

Is 50:4-7 ; Phil 2:6-11 ;  
Lk 22:14 – 23:56

**Psalm Response:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high

**Servers**

14 Apr Diane Stewart  
21 Apr Grahame Adams

**Readers**

14 Apr	1st reader	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reader	Frances Huckstepp
	Welcome/Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
Gospel	Breda Seamons, Patricia Dee, John Tweedie	
21 Apr	Sequence	Paul Harris
	1st Reader	Elaine Jackson
	2nd reader	Basil Jackson
	Welcome/Intercessions	Patricia Dee

**Communion**

14 Apr Carla Endean & Ray Wood  
21 Apr Diane Stewart & Elizabeth Doolan

**Counters**

14 Apr Carla & Neil Endean  
21 Apr Pamela & John

**Morning Tea**

14 Apr Dave Harris  
21 Apr CAKE & PLANT STALL

**Church Care**

19 Apr Lance and Julie Hodgkinson

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

**Entrance Ant:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.  
**Communion Ant:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

**Saints Days of the Week (15th to 20th April)**

15 Apr	St. Maro	Italian martyr
16 Apr	St. Bernadette	visionary of Lourdes
17 Apr	St. Stephen Harding	Cistercian abbot
18 Apr	Holy Thursday	
19 Apr	Good Friday	
20 Apr	Holy Saturday	



**Palm Sunday Year C  
14.4.19**

*How do we face all the Calvaries of our world and be Christ-like? In facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to bring healing, speak the truth, empathise, forgive and be compassionate. If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it – processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'. © Richard Leonard SJ*

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents with young children

**Next Week:**  
**Acts 10:34. 37-43 ; Col 3:1-4 ;  
Jn 20:1-9**

**✠Rest In Peace✠**

14th	Una Woods
15th	Terrence Bucknel
16th	Lila Anthony
17th	Daisy Lillian Perriam
18th	Kenneth Vandenberg

# 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</b> (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>

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Fri 12.00 - 3.00pm

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<b>Parish House:</b>	18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. 2785
<b>Sacred Heart Church:</b>	167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.
<b>St Paul's Church:</b>	65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.
<b>St Joseph's Church:</b>	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 [blackheath@parracatholic.org](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org)

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

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**HOLY WEEK:** At last! After five long weeks of Lenten struggle we have reached the last week of Lent – Holy Week! This coming week is the most significant period in the Church year as it encompasses the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The number of liturgies planned for this week, the days and times of which are detailed below, confirm the singular importance of this Season in our Church year. As we near the Paschal Feast of Easter Sunday, we are now able to reflect on how well we have done in our endeavours to achieve those personal goals we have set during this time. Did we review, revise and renew enough to bring us closer to God and neighbour in the practice of our Catholic faith? I certainly hope so, because that is what Lent is all about.

Passion (Palm) Sunday introduces us to the profound events of Holy Week by demonstrating the changing nature of human behaviour presented for us to consider on this day. First, we have the crowd's stated intention of installing Jesus as their king; less than a week later that same crowd calls for his crucifixion and death. Just how fickle can human nature be! For all the suffering endured by Jesus through his Passion and Death, the critical act of salvation by Him occurred early on Easter Sunday morning through his Resurrection. Without Jesus' Resurrection from the dead the Catholic Church could not have been established and you and I would not have been here now. All that occurs during this coming week leads us inexorably to the events of Easter Sunday morning – Jesus' Resurrection.

You are, therefore, sincerely invited to share with our parish family the events of this week as they unfold, especially the infinite depth of Jesus' love for each of us that far exceeds even his terrible torture, crucifixion and death. Easter, through Jesus' Resurrection, is the ultimate triumph of good over evil. That, surely, is a victory worth waiting for, and celebrating! Also, kindly note that Fr. Paul Hanna will be joining us in all of this year's Easter Masses and liturgies, including being celebrant of Good Friday's Stations of the Cross to be held in the church.

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION:** The annual support of the Church in the Holy Land always takes place on Good Friday. God alone knows how much that support is needed at this time in that troubled region of the world. Please, give what you can!

**AFTER EASTER:** Kindly note that the first Mass after Easter Sunday to be celebrated at Blackheath will be the 9.00am Mass on Thursday, 25th April – ANZAC DAY. This will be followed by the 10.45am Blackheath War Memorial Service during which we will lay our usual wreath on behalf this parish.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Yet again I draw your attention to our major charitable fund-raiser for Lent – Caritas' Project Compassion. Keep the loose-change flowing into the money boxes until Easter Sunday when the boxes may be returned to us on behalf of Caritas. By-the-way, there are plenty of envelopes left should you wish to make a donation that way.

Huge thanks for your unbounded generosity!

**FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT:** I note that there are still some brochures for this retreat on our brochure stand. They contain all the details you would need for this free retreat.

For more details contact Carol & Len Teodori-Blahut on 47 58 7549.

**PALMS:** These will be distributed and blessed at the beginning of both Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. God Bless! Fr. Bob

**PLANT CAKE AND CRAFT STALL ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~** Please get busy creating contributions to make this a fund-raising bonanza. Any culinary efforts need to show the ingredients on the container. Thanks.

14 Apr	9.30am <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
17 Apr	7.30pm <b>Chrism Mass</b> (Parramatta) (Where we collect the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year)
18 Apr	<b>7.30pm Holy Thursday _ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> <b>(Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm)</b>
19 Apr	<b>Good Friday</b> + 10.00am <b>Stations of the Cross</b> (Sacred Heart Blackheath ) + 10.30am <b>Ecumenical Service</b> at St. Joseph's Megalong Valley (social activities to follow) + 3.00pm <b>Celebration of the Passion of the Lord</b> (Sacred Heart Blackheath) + 5.30pm <b>Sunset Liturgy at Mt. Blackheath</b> (departs Sacred Heart Blackheath at 4.45pm)
20 Apr	<b>Holy Saturday</b> + <b>1.30pm To Walls Cave and collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass</b> + <b>6.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass and associated Liturgy</b>
21 April	<b>Easter Sunday</b> + 5.30am <b>Sunrise Liturgy</b> at George Phillips Lookout, Govetts Leap + 7.00am Mass at St. Paul's, Mt. Victoria + 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart, Blackheath + 11.30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Megalong Valley
25 Apr	<b>ANZAC DAY ~</b> + 9:00am Mass, Rosary & Exposition of Most Blessed Sacrament + 9:00am Mt Victoria War Memorial Service + 10:45am Blackheath War Memorial Service

**Happy Birthday**

- 15th Francesca Huckstepp
- 15th Frank Portelli
- 19th Noleen Cliff



**Living Faith ~ Renewals are now due.**  
Please pay Marilyn \$15.00 at your convenience.

Please pray for the sick and their carers:  
*Barry Bowden, John and Marion Crowley, Barbara Grieves, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank Mackrell, Marie Johnson, Ron O'Brien, Trennah Portelli and Pat Frazer*

**Easter Saturday Walk to Walls Cave Blackheath**

~ We will again be walking to ancient Walls Cave to collect water to be used for the Vigil on Easter Saturday night. Meeting Time and Place: 1.30pm Easter Saturday at the Walls Cave Road Car park (off Evans Lookout Rd - turn right at Federation Gardens).

What to Bring: Closed container/s to carry water from Walls Cave. Please also bring a hat, sunblock and wear safe walking shoes. For more information please contact Elizabeth Doolan 4787 5537 or John Tweedie 0407 288 957.