

Is 43:16-21 ; Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11

**Psalm Response:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

<b>Servers</b>	
7 Apr	Michelle Davis
14 Apr	Diane Stewart
<b>Readers</b>	
7 Apr	1st Reader Breda Seamons
	2nd Reader Barbara grieves
	Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks
14 Apr	1st reader Claire Maguire
	2nd Reader Frances Huckstepp
	Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
Gospel	Breda Seamons, Patricia Dee, John Tweedie
<b>Communion</b>	
7 Apr	Elizabeth Doolan & Grahame Adams
14 Apr	Carla Endean & Ray Wood
<b>Counters</b>	
7 Apr	Laurie Noyes
14 Apr	Carla & Neil Endean
<b>Morning Tea</b>	
7 Apr	Christa Buckley
14 Apr	Dave Harris
<b>Church Care</b>	
5 Apr	Marilyn Rowe and Noeleen Cliff

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

**Entrance Ant:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Communion Ant:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

<b>Saints Days of the Week (8th to 13th April)</b>	
8th Apr	St. Julia Billiard foundress, virgin
9th Apr	St. Demetrius martyr
10th Apr	St. Terence martyr
11th Apr	St. Stanislaus preacher, reformer
12th Apr	St. Damian bishop
13th Apr	Pope Saint Martin I pope, martyr



**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Year C - 7.4.19**

*There is a tough phrase at the end of the Gospel we have just heard; 'Go and sin no more.' It's like a sting in the tail, standing in contrast to the compassion of Jesus in his encounter with the woman. Yet, on closer inspection, it is the most important phrase in the story. Jesus bestows great dignity on the woman in this Gospel by saving her from being condemned to death, but even more so he knows that it does not have to be like this and so challenges her to turn her life around. May we hear the same challenge in this final week of Lent. No matter what we have ever done, we are greater than our worst moments. Jesus loves us enough not to condemn us, but to give us this Eucharist so that we might find the strength and hope to stop doing the things that destroy us and to live a life that leads to peace and joy.*

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

<b>✠Rest In Peace✠</b>	
11th	Michael Hanna
11th	Barry Leeder (2015)
12th	Mary Hart (d 2014)
12th	Andrew Ziolkowski

# 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>

**Administrator:** Father Bob Sheridan      **Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540  
**Parish House:** 0455 104 994.  
**Parish Mobile:** 0417 355 479      **Office hours:** Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
 (Emergency only)      Thu 9.00am - 12.00pm  
**E-mail:** blackheath@parracatholic.org      Fri 12.00 - 3.00pm

<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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As a guide to help you better plan your movements during the upcoming Easter and associated holidays, we have listed below all Holy Week and Easter Services/Masses as they apply to this parish from Palm Sunday to the week following Easter, including ANZAC Day.

<a href="#">14 Apr</a>	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	7.30pm <b>Holy Thursday</b> _ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm)
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 5:00pm)
20 Apr	<b>Holy Saturday</b> + 1.00pm To Walls Cave and collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass + 6.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass and associated Liturgy
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

**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be available this coming Wednesday evening from 7.00pm. Fr. Paul is organising the liturgy, and both he and I will be present on the night. You are cordially invited to attend for the half hour or so needed for completion of this Second Rite of Reconciliation that, incidentally, also satisfies our penitential commitment for this year as prescribed by the Church. Hope to see you there!

**PASSION/PALM SUNDAY:** Sunday next (14th April), the 6th Sunday of Lent, is Passion/Palm Sunday when palms will be distributed to each parishioner/visitor. This will follow an entry procession and blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass. Holy Week commences with Passion Sunday and will continue through the last days of Lent and the Easter Triduum.

**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.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING:** Did you turn your clock(s) back one hour last night? If you didn't, you would have been very early indeed for this Mass – and you would have foregone another precious hour in bed!

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Once more, I draw your attention to our major charitable fund-raiser for Lent – Caritas' Project Compassion. Please give all that you can to assist those in this world unable to provide for themselves and their families. There are boxes and envelopes at each of the three entrances to the church. Many thanks for your ongoing support!

**FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT:** As explained in greater detail in last week's Bulletin, this could be the retreat for you! You don't need any special qualifications. All you do need is the desire to open yourself to God and the generosity to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. Where you are now is where God is waiting for you. There are brochures on our brochure stand that provide greater detail of this exercise. Please take a copy! For more details contact Carol and Len Teodori-Blahut – 47 58 7549.

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE PROPOSAL:** As mentioned in the past several weeks, following today's Mass a gathering of interested parishioners will be briefed regarding the possible employment of a Pastoral Associate for this parish in the parish hall. Making the long trip to be with us will be Richard McMahon, the Diocesan Director of Pastoral Ministries. Let's make him most welcome!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

**Working Bee** Wednesday 10 April 8am ~ Our next working bee is on Wednesday morning 10 April from 8am. Come and work with our maintenance team and help maintain our beautiful grounds. Please bring a sunhat and garden gloves. Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information, or just turn up on the day.

**PARENTS' ROOM:** The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents when young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your littlies.

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*

**Happy Birthday**  
11<sup>th</sup> Heidi Lamerton 

**Happy Anniversary!**  
9<sup>th</sup> Adrian and Robyn Carroll (m 1983)

**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. We will be sprinkled with the blessed water as we renew our baptismal vows.  
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.