

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42

**Psalm Response:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory. Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

**Servers**

15 Mar Server Diane Stewart  
22 Mar Server Paul Harris

**Readers**

15 Mar 1st reader Elaine Jackson  
2nd reader Basil Jackson  
Welcome/Intercessions Paul Harris  
22 Mar 1st Reader Barbara Grieves  
2nd reader Frances Huckstepp  
Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**

Unfortunately there will be no distribution of the precious blood until further notice due to corona virus.

**Counters**

15 Mar Cate Mitchell  
22 Mar Barbara Grieves

**Morning Tea**

15 Mar Monica Bright  
22 Mar Dave Harris

**Church Care**

6 Mar Jim and Cathy McNamara (Margaret Solomons)

**St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley**  
**Entrance Ant:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.  
**Communion Ant:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**Saints Days of the Week (16 Mar - 21 Mar)**

16 Mar St. Abban Irish missionary  
17 Mar St Patrick Patron of Ireland  
18 Mar St. Edward the Martyr English king  
19 Mar St Joseph Foster father of Jesus  
20 Mar St. Josef Bilczewski Polish archbishop  
21 Mar St. Enda cofounder of Irish monasticism



**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YR A  
15.3.2020**

*At that famous well Jesus enters the world of a poor Samaritan woman who has been dumped five times by the men who married her. By asking for a drink, by engaging her in conversation, by understanding her situation and offering her a way out of the cycle of emotional abuse in which she was caught, Jesus gives her the greatest gift of all: personal dignity. This changes her life and turns her into one of the earliest missionaries in John's Gospel. No matter how good the gift of water was that day, the unknown and unexpected Giver of the gift was so much greater. May this Eucharist help us do the same.*

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**Next Week:**

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41

**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.*

<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 11.30am - 2.30pm

**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; Brian Bright (Chair) or David Buckley (Deputy Chair)

**Sacred Heart Care Group** (helping parishioners in times of need) Monica Bright 0420 937 690

**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)

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**APPOINTMENT OF PRIEST MODERATOR:** Very late this afternoon (Wednesday), I received confirmation that Bishop Vincent Long had appointed a Priest Moderator to replace me when I retire after Masses on Easter Sunday (12th April 2020). He is Fr. Jolly Chacko MS PP, Dean of the Blue Mountains Deanery and Parish Priest Glenbrook Parish. His appointment expires 31st December, 2020.

Fr. Chacko contacted me and, when informed that a local Parish Council meeting was programmed for 11.00am Sunday 22nd March, requested that he be present at that meeting to meet his "team." His intention is also to attend that day's 9.30am Sunday Mass with me and then meet our parishioners during the social interaction which is normal practice after Mass, as part of his introduction to our parish. Fr. Chacko has this day been briefed by the Bishop, the Vicar General and the Director of Pastoral Planning (Richard Mc.Mahon) re our situation. I know Fr. Jolly to be a very mature member of the 'La Salette' religious order in this diocese these past 13 years or so, and have a high opinion of him! Please extend to him a heartfelt welcome, come 22nd March! Fr. Jolly will not be taking up residence in this parish!

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

5 Apr	<b>9.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Daylight saving ends)</b>
8 April	<b>7.30pm Chrism Mass</b> (Parramatta) (Where we collect the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year)
9 April	<b>7.30pm Holy Thursday</b> – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm)
10 April	<b>Good Friday</b> † 10.00am - Stations of the Cross (Sacred Heart Blackheath) † 10.00am - Ecumenical Service at St. Joseph's Megalong Valley (social activities to follow) † 3.00pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Sacred Heart Blackheath) † 5.30pm - Sunset Liturgy at Mt. Blackheath (departs Sacred Heart Blackheath at 5:00pm)
11 April	<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
12 April	<b>Easter Sunday</b> † 5.30am Sunrise Liturgy 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

**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be available April 1 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!

**MARILYN ROWE RESIGNATION:** Marilyn has been here running the 'office' for many years, including the ten+ years since I arrived. Marilyn administered with aplomb and accuracy every facet of her work with extraordinary diligence, commitment and devotion to the work at hand. The 'garage sale', 'Miss Pretty' and a whole swag of other promotions owe their success to her and her 'team'. This parish can never repay Marilyn for her contribution to our parish's success – and that's a fact! Her voluntary hours far outweigh any paid employment. Marilyn has resigned! She and Paul can now sit back and enjoy the life that to date they have postponed in favour of Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath. Marilyn, you will be missed by myself and all other parishioners, particularly me! God Bless and good health to both of you!

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Yet again, 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!

**SPECIAL FEASTDAYS:** Don't forget St. Patrick's Feast Day (next Tuesday) and St. Joseph's Feast Day (next Thursday). Great week for great saints! God Bless! Fr. Bob

*Rest in Peace !*

17th Mary Potts  
19th Tom Boylan



**NORMA CARLON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY** ~ Norma's family have invited our Parish to join in Birthday Celebrations for their Mum's 90th.

As many will know, Norma has been a (very) long term member of our parish family. Indeed, she is the backbone of our St Joseph's church in the Megalong. You are invited to drop in anytime between 11 am and 5pm on Sunday 22 March – in the Megalong Valley Community Hall alongside the Megalong Showground.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers: John & Marion Crowley, Shielagh Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Ray Wood and Elizabeth Farrar's daughter Emma

The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday 20th March 10 am till noon. The preparational reading is Chapter 10 of "The Way of the Wind" by Bruce Sanguin. There will be a time of silence in our garden. Morning tea will also be part of the program. New friends are very welcome. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

**FR BOB'S BIRTHDAY PARTY ~ 15TH MARCH**



All money for tickets must be paid today so we can organise caterers with numbers attending. Function requires payment before the event. See Diane Stewart or Elizabeth Doolan please

*Happy Birthday !*

16th Fr Bob Sheridan (b 1933)

