

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

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

Servers
 22 Mar Server Paul Harris
 29 Mar Server Diane Stewart

Readers
 22 Mar 1st Reader Barbara Grieves
 2nd reader Frances Huckstepp
 Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 29 Mar 1st Reader Brian Bright
 2nd reader Monica Bright
 Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks

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

Counters
 22 Mar Barbara Grieves
 29 Mar Marilyn Rowe

Morning Tea
 22 Mar Dave Harris
 29 Mar Sue Newbury

Church Care
 20 Mar Marilyn Rowe/Noleen Cliff

St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley
Entrance Ant: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Communion Ant: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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

23 Mar	St. Ethelwald	Benedictan hermit
24 Mar	St. Aldemar	Abbot and miracle worker
25 Mar	The Annunciation of the Lord	
26 Mar	St. Margaret Clitherow	English martyr
27 Mar	St. Augusta	Italian martyr
28 Mar	St. Tutilo	monk and artist



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YR A
22.3.2020

... It's true that God permits us to live in an imperfect world where we are prone to illness and disability. But that same world gives us the freedom to be creative in the face of adversity, to be compassionate with those who are sick or disabled and free to believe that there is a purpose for each human life. God, the source of all love, does not actively send bad things to us, instead, he is our constant companion in dealing with them; giving us the courage and strength to cope with, and sometimes overcome, them.

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Next Week:
 Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45

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.

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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E-mail: blackheath@parracatholic.org **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
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

Website: <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>
www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Community-Blackheath-NSW-Australia-153850768029631/

MORE ON THE PRIEST MODERATOR: As stated last week, our new Priest Moderator is Rev. Jolly CHACKO MS PP presently Dean of the Blue Mountains Deanery and Parish Priest at Glenbrook for the Parramatta Diocese. Fr. Jolly has arranged to be with us today to concelebrate Mass, to individually meet us during the after-Mass social and to attend the March meeting of the Parish Council. Kindly note that a written summary of his background is to be found attached to the notice board. This is to be a get-to-know-you visit for both he and us! Fr. Jolly takes over from me on Easter Monday (13 April 2020) and will continue in office until the end of this year, by which time he will have completed the work assigned to him. I certainly wish him well in this task!

LAETARE SUNDAY: Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is one of the two occasions in the Church Year when the priest is entitled to wear pink (rose-coloured) vestments. The word 'Laetare' is taken from the first word of today's Entrance Antiphon whose translation from the original Latin means "Rejoice with Jerusalem." From this Sunday forward, our attention will particularly focus on Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection.

ANNUNCIATION SOLEMNITY FEAST: Occurs next Wednesday (25th March). You are personally invited to that day's 9.00am Mass at Blackheath at which we celebrate 'Mary's' "yes!"

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL:

Following directives from the Diocese of Parramatta, due to be made this weekend around the theme of the Good Samaritan, has been postponed until later this year. There will be NO Catholic Foundation Appeal this weekend!

CARITAS' PROJECT COMPASSION: Yet again, I draw your attention to our major 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. To this end, there are coin boxes and envelopes at each of the three entrances to the Blackheath church. Once again, many thanks for your on-going support!

NORMA CARLON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY: Has not been called off, though it has been postponed until things settle down because of the coronavirus problems. I repeat, there will be NO 90th year celebrations for Norma for the time being!

MY BIRTHDAY "BASH" REVIEW: Conducted last Sunday evening at the Golf Club, there had to be over 90 of our parishioners/friends present to share with me my 87th birthday (a day early, I have to add). I had a 'ball! I hope everyone else did, too! Many thanks for the touring book of Australia – I'll need another lifetime just to visit these places. Immense! I will at least have to give it a go, so don't wait up for me! I will, however, always be around Blackheath and the Upper Blue Mountains. You are part of my psyche – my friends! Huge thanks to those who organised/co-ordinated and attended this remarkable demonstration of your goodwill and feelings towards me. Huge thanks to Marilyn Rowe and her 'team' for the work that they did which led to 'our' great night.

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!



EASTER LITURGIES ~ An invitation is extended to all parishioners (and visitors) to take part in the Easter Liturgies. If you would like to participate in the readings and other parts during the Easter liturgies please let Fr Bob, Brian Bright, Pat Wicks or Frances Huckstepp know ASAP.

BLACKHEATH TRANSITION WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Thank you for all those who have already participated small group gatherings and returned the questionnaire. Bishop Vincent Long has invited our parish to offer our thoughts on the strengths, challenges and opportunities for our community. There is space to offer any general comments. We are invited to join a small group (as health advice allows), or offer individual feedback via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/blackheath2020>, email pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org, or fill out a paper survey and return to the parish office, to a working party member, or mail to the pastoral planning office at 51 Allawah St, Blacktown. We have set a cut-off date for return of the questionnaire by 31 March in order to prepare an interim report for Bishop Vincent. Let us continue to pray for one another during this time.

5 Apr	9.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Daylight saving ends)
8 April	7.30pm Chrism Mass (Parramatta) (Where we collect the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year)
9 April	7.30pm Holy Thursday _ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm)
10 April	Good Friday † 10.00am - Stations of the Cross (Sacred Heart Blackheath) † 11.00am -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	Holy Saturday †1.00pm To Walls Cave and collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass †6.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass and associated Liturgy
12 April	Easter Sunday † 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

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

28th	Rest in Peace ! Jim Grainger	
23rd	Happy Birthday ! Oliver Burke (b 2005)	
28th	Ray Wood	