

Today Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1 – 15:47
Next week Acts 10:34. 37-43/Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9

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 and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Servers
 28 March Server Paul Harris
 4th April Server Grahame Adams
Readers
 28 March 1st Reader Connie Adams
 2nd Reader Mary Roberts
 Intercessions/Welcomes: Paul Harris
 4th April 1st Reader Monica Bright
 2nd Reader Brian Bright
 Welcome/Intercessions: Pat Wicks
Counters
 28 March Marilyn Rowe
 4th April Laurie Noyes
Church Care
 28 March Jim and Cathy McNamamra
Flowers
 March David Buckley

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:
 * Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Communion Ant: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B
28 March 2021

In the third verse of the rousing hymn, How Great Thou Art, we sing, 'And when I think that God his Son not sparing sent him to die I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.'

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus' suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God's life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God's anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again.

This Holy Week let's celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As we commemorate Jesus' life, death and resurrection may we move from being victims of a blood-thirsty God to choosing again to follow Jesus' example and live lives which are faithful, loving and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten 'the hell out of' those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what.

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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.

MASSES: Attendance is limited. Please 'book in' no later than 10am this Saturday. Please email Brian – bbright45@bigpond.com - with cc to Julie O'Keeffe (julesongodson@bigpond.com) Or phone/text: 0401 768 688 (Brian)
MT VIC VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM (every week for the time being)
BLACKHEATH MASSES / SUNDAY 9:30AM / Tues 6.30pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri. 10.00am , Sat 9.00am
1st Friday Mass, Adoration & reflection 6.30pm
2nd Friday: Friday Fiesta Contemplative prayer and meal (booking is essential)
RECONCILIATION at 6.15pm Wed
UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH MASSES
 Saturday morning 9am St Canice's Church Katoomba
 Vigil Mass 5pm St Bonaventure's Church Leura
 Sunday 8am Mass St Francis Xavier's Church Wentworth Falls
 Sunday 10am Mass St Canice's Church Katoomba
 Sunday 5pm Mass St Bonaventure's Church Leura

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Parish Pastoral Council: If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Paul Harris (Chair) (pauls_harris@hotmail.com) or Julie O'Keeffe (julesongodson@bigpond.com)

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**

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From Pastors Desk:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Today we commence the holiest week of the Year.

With Christ's entry into Jerusalem remembered before Mass, we then proclaim the Passion of the Lord.

With the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening we commence the Easter Triduum: the three days of the Lord's salvific acts that offer us our redemption.

The devotional Way of the Cross on Good Friday morning leads in to the stark Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.

Not until after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night can we celebrate any of the Sacraments - for the Lord is in the tomb.

The Easter Vigil, recalling how God has saved his faithful down through the Ages, culminates in the Mass of the Lord's Resurrection - continued on Easter Day.

As we enter into these celebrations of our Faith, let us entreat the Lord to renew our faith commitment to Him once again. With a mind open to the ongoing Teaching of the Holy Spirit present in our Church, let us embrace the renewal of our discipleship of Jesus Christ, which these celebrations of New Life offer us.

May Holy Week and the Easter Triduum be for all of us a time of prayer and reflection.

And may God Bless you all always.

Fr John

Palm Sunday March

Justice and a Fair Go for Refugees

Every year on Palm Sunday, tens of thousands of people march in cities and towns across Australia to highlight the injustices experienced by refugees and people seeking asylum. This year, Palm Sunday takes place on Sunday March 28. In Sydney, advocates and supporters will come together from 2pm at Belmore Park, near Central Station, to call on our Federal Government to introduce more humane and compassionate policies to protect and support refugees and asylum seekers across Australia. If you are interested to join members and supporters of the St Vincent de Paul Society of NSW please email at social.justice@vinnies.org.au

The Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group is holding a rally at Lawson in front of the Catholic Church, GWH and Somers St commencing at 2pm.

'Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – The Well. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', The Well is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

Congratulations to Pieta and Dizon Ditos who made their first Reconciliation last Sunday.

Easter Notices:

1. Everyone is invited to attend Holy Week & Easter liturgies; as well as associated liturgies.
2. Palm Sunday: Palm will be available at the door or Parishioners can bring their own.
3. The times for Holy Week & Easter Sunday liturgies will be attached to this bulletin.
4. For enquires about the Holy Week gatherings, please contact: Good Friday Sunset gathering at Mt Blackheath - John Tweedie: ph, 0407 288 952; Holy Saturday Walk to Walls Cave: Paul Harris: ph, 0411 535 316; Easter Sunday, Greeting the Dawn gathering: Julie O'Keeffe: ph, 47875974
5. To facilitate the planning for seating in the church for Holy Week & Easter, please book-in by contracting Brian B. Phone: 0401 768 688 or email: bbright45@bigpond.com.
6. Daylight saving will end in the early hours of Easter Sunday. Remember to put your clocks back 1 hour.
7. There will be a Cake, Plant & Craft sale at Blackheath Church after Easter Sunday Mass. Donations are requested to make this a successful parish fundraiser. All cakes & food items needs to be wrapped & labelled with ingredients listed.



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

PLANT, CAKES AND CRAFT STALL EASTER SUNDAY. All contributions of potted plants, Cakes, and craft items gratefully accepted. Please make this a fundraising bonanza.

Friday Fiesta April 9

6:30pm Contemplative prayer in the church
7:00pm Indian meal in the hall
BYO crockery, cutlery and beverages
Donation to cover the cost of meal ingredients.
Save the date and book in!

Happy Birthday !

28th Ray Wood
29th Carmen Beard



Rest In Peace !

28th Jim Grainger (2014) friend of Fr Paul



PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers: Pat McCauley, Ray Wood, John & Marion Crowley, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Doug Ford

