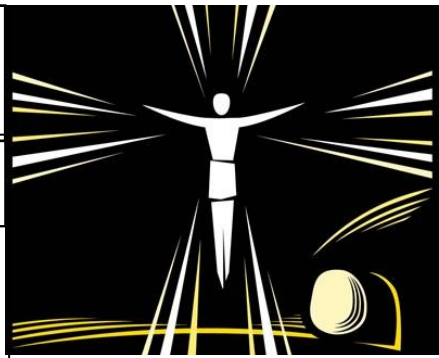


**Today** Acts 10:34. 37-43/Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9  
**Next week** Acts 4:32-35 ;1 Jn 5:1-6  
 Jn 20:19-31

**Psalm Response:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;**  
**let us feast with joy in the Lord.**  
**Alleluia!**



**EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B**  
**4th April 2021**

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

‘Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!’

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**Servers**  
 4th April Server Grahame Adams  
 11th April Server Paul Harris  
**Readers**  
 4th April 1st Reader John Tweedie  
 2nd Reader Mary Roberts  
 Welcome/Intercessions: Pat Wicks/Dom B  
 11th April 1st Reader Monica Bright  
 2nd Reader Brian Bright  
 Welcome/Intercessions: Pat Wicks  
**Counters**  
 4th April Laurie Noyes  
 11th April Diane Stewart  
**Church Care**  
 4th April Jim and Cathy McNamamra  
**Flowers**  
 April Cate Mitchell

**St Paul’s Mt Victoria**  
**Entrance Ant:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
**Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Communion Ant:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

# 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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 Assistant Priest: Fr Abraham Kunnatholy  
**Priest-on-call phone number: 0428 878 810**

**Office hours Thu** 10.am - 3.00pm

**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**

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

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### From Pastors Desk:

We are an Easter people, and our song is Alleluia!” (St John Chrysostom)  
This is a magnificent summary of our Easter Faith.

We don’t need heretical gnostic ideas dressed up as historical fiction; indeed, we do not need to go beyond the Scriptures and our living Tradition: for in them is a wealth of spirituality that has created countless holy men and women (saints) down through the ages. We don’t need to dress up our Faith, thinking that something new, something fanciful, will attract.

The simple Truth is sufficient!  
And, indeed, it is still more than most accept and put in to practice.  
This Day of Resurrection is a day of great celebration, which renews our Faith and strengthens the love of Christ poured into our hearts at Baptism.

It is our Easter Day, which calls us to greater and greater love for God and neighbour, in imitation of the unconditional love of the Lord.

Let’s rejoice in the sense of New Life which is ours at this time, and let us strive to be joyful at all times and in all circumstances of life, for only then will we truly be “an Easter people” and our song will always be “Alleluia! Praise the Lord!”

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Blessed Easter; on behalf of Fr Abraham, Christine, Jennifer and Joy - may the Good Lord keep you safe and well, gifting you all with renewed vigour in your Faith this Easter!

My thanks to those many people who have worked so hard over the past weeks and days to make our celebrations of these key liturgies such a wonderful and prayerful time.

And may we always be faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose Death and Resurrection makes us who we are...

God bless you all  
Fr John

### 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!



### EASTER THANK YOU

Thank you, Fr John and Fr Abraham, for leading us through Lent and during Holy Week. And, to everyone who contributed in so many ways to the Easter Liturgies, a warm and heartfelt thanks. There are too many to individually name. Your contribution, enthusiasm, and encouragement has enriched the Easter Journey for the Sacred Heart Parish community.

**Australian Women Preach** is a new podcast series by Christian women from across all denominations preaching the gospel with theological insight and relevance to our daily lives. Launched on International Womans Day 2021, Bishop Vincent introduces the series encouraging all who have desire to enrich themselves with the unique insight and wisdom of Australian Christian women. Sr Patty Falkner SGS, preaches on today's Easter Sunday gospel.  
Find the series at [www.australianwomenpreach.com.au](http://www.australianwomenpreach.com.au)

1. The times for Holy Week & Easter Sunday liturgies will be attached to this bulletin.
2. 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](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com).
3. Daylight saving will end in the early hours of Easter Sunday. Remember to put your clocks back 1 hour.

The **Blue Mountains Spirituality Forum** invites you to a conversation on **Fr Eugene Stockton's** book The Aboriginal Gift: Spirituality for a Nation at Leura Uniting Church hall on Sunday 9 May at 2 pm.

The Rev. Dr Mark Hillis will lead the discussion and Fr Stockton and others will respond to Mark's presentation. Because of Covid-19 restrictions numbers are limited. Please RSVP to William Emilsen at [wemilsen@gmail.com](mailto:wemilsen@gmail.com). by Friday 16 April.

**PLANT, CAKES AND CRAFT STALL EASTER SUNDAY.** All contributions of potted plants, Cakes, and craft items gratefully accepted. Please make this a fundraising bonanza. All cakes & food items needs to be wrapped & labelled with ingredients listed.

### Anniversary!

9<sup>th</sup> Adrian and Robyn Carroll (m 1983)

*Happy Birthday !*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Drummond (b 1952)



**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



**Rest In Peace !** 1<sup>st</sup> Ken Cullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edna Moran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mathew Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pope John Paul II (2005), 4<sup>th</sup> Roma Ward (2007), 11<sup>th</sup> Michael Hanna, (d 2012 – Fr Paul's brother), 11<sup>th</sup> Barry Leeder (2015), 12<sup>th</sup> Mary Hart (d 2014), 12<sup>th</sup> Andrew Ziolkowski (d1994 – Marjanna Gilchrist's only sibling), 14<sup>th</sup> Una Woods

