

Today Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5,
Lk 24:35-48
Next week Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2;
Jn 10:11-18

Psalm Response: Lord let your face shine on us

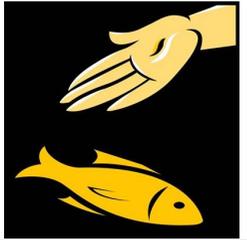
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Servers
18 Apr Server Pat Wicks
25 Apr Server Grahame Adams
Readers
18 Apr 1st Reader Connie Adams
2nd Reader Mary Roberts
Welcome/Intercessions: Paul Harris
25 Apr 1st Reader Monica Bright
2nd Reader Brian Bright
Welcome/Intercessions David Buckley
Counters
18th Apr Pamela & John
25th Apr Julie & Lance Hodgkinson
Church Care
16 Apr Lance and Julie Hodgkinson
Flowers
April Cate Mitchell

St Paul's Mt Victoria

Entrance Ant: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Communion Ant: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER-
YEAR B
18th April 2021**

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity. When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them. Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

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: 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, 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**

AH Emergency Number: 0428 878 810 Calls only; no texts please. For all Office matters, please call 0247878540	E-mail: blackheath@parracatholic.org john.mcsweeney@parracatholic.org abraham.kunnatholy@parracatholic.org
Parish Priest: Fr John McSweeney 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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12 JUNE 2021
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All enquiries to: beloved2021info@gmail.com

Your **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** is meeting after morning tea today. Parishioners on the council are: Paul Harris (Chair), Julie Godson (Deputy Chair), Adrian Carroll (Secretary), Mary Ryan, Diane Stewart and Brian Bright. Ex-officio members are John Tweedie (Parish Finance Committee Chair), Frs John and Abraham.

**SATURDAY
SESSIONS**
GROW & SHARE FAITH

Watch the presentation & join in the online conversation Saturday 9.15am or Monday 7.15pm

17TH & 19TH APRIL 2021
HOPE FOR JUDAS
DISCUSSION WITH FR. JAMES MARTIN, SJ,
AND FR. CHRISTOPH WREMBEK, SJ

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL TO ACCESS LINKS **DIocese of Parramatta**

Fifth Plenary Council of Australia: It is well worthwhile examining the wisdom and theology in the working paper for the council, released on 25th February. It has a ten-page section 'Theological Reflection', beginning: 'The National Consultation has expressed a call for renewal and reform in the Catholic Church in Australia. Reflecting on the complex changes affecting both Church and society, as discussed in the previous chapter, Catholics are aware that the Church's communities, ministries and operations cannot go forward with a 'business as usual' attitude. Catholics hear the challenge of the gospel to learn from and respond to these changing circumstances. ' (67)

A consistent theme in the National Consultation is the Gospel imperative of "love of God and love of neighbour" (Mark 12:29-31). Love of God and neighbour is seen as the criterion of authenticity for all organisational plans, pastoral strategies and civic engagements the Church undertakes in this country. (70)

Renewal of the Church's mission comes about through an encounter with the "newness of the Gospel",⁵⁸ which is itself a meeting with the new Human One, Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). It is this ever-deeper conversion of our lives towards the person and mission of Jesus, as individuals and communities, that brings forth a renewal of the mission and institutional structures of the Church..... The National Consultation draws attention to the need for renewal and reform in the Church in Australia at the level of culture as well as activities, seeking a "different way of being Church" in this country.(61)

The full text and references can be found at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IL-document-single-pages.pdf>

EASTER CAKE STALL

A big thank you to all our wonderful parishioners that baked cakes, potted plants and knitted amazing jumpers & toys for our cake stall over Easter. Without all of you we could not hold this event each year. We must also thank those parishioners and visitors that bought all our goodies. We raised \$659.40 which was amazing. Thanks to all. Social & Fundraising Committee.

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. by Friday 16 April.

Happy Birthday !

15th Frank Portelli
19th Noeleen Cliff

Rest In Peace !

18th Kenneth Vandenberg
19th Mary Edna Forster

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

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 Womens 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

'Morning Tea at Café Sacre Coeur is in the hall after Mass on Sunday, th March. Please bring your own cup as it reduces our waste. Thank you!

**Working Bee Saturday
24 April 8am**

Working bee Saturday 24 April from 8am. Come and work with our maintenance team and help maintain our beautiful grounds. Amongst other things we will be filling the pot holes in the church car park. Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information, or just turn up on the day.

**Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal -
Thankyou**

Thanks to all those who donated to the Catholic Foundation for the recent Good Samaritan Appeal. Our parish raised \$1,305. Your donation will help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated in western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.