

TODAY
**Acts 10:34, 37-43 ; Col 3:1-4 ;
 Jn 20:1-9**

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.

Servers
 21 Apr Grahame Adams
 28 Apr Paul Harris

Readers
 21 Apr Sequence Paul Harris
 1st Reader Elaine Jackson
 2nd reader Basil Jackson
 Welcome/Intercessions Patricia Dee
 28 Apr 1st Reader Breda Seamons
 2nd Reader Claire Maguire
 Welcome/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp

Communion
 21 Apr Diane Stewart & Elizabeth Doolan
 28 Apr Brian & Monica Bright

Counters
 21 Apr Pamela & John
 28 Apr Julie & Lance Hodgkinson

Morning Tea
 21 Apr CAKE & PLANT STALL
 28 Apr Connie Adams

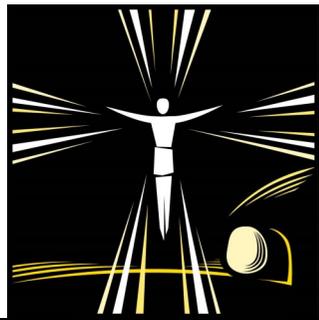
Church Care
 19 Apr Lance and Julie Hodgkinson

St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

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.

Saints Days of the Week (15th to 20th April)
 22 Apr St. Alexander martyr. Missionary
 23 Apr St. Felix martyr of Vienna
 24 Apr St. Mary Clopas mother of St James
 25 Apr St Mark Gospel writer
 26 Apr St. Aldo carer of the poor
 27 Apr St. Zita patromess of domestic workers



**Easter Sunday Year C
 21.4.19**

On this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom said 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!'

**Next Week:
 Acts 5:12-16 ; Rv 1:9-13, 17-19
 Jn 20:19-31**

PARENTS' ROOM: The Sacristry, 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

Administrator: Father Bob Sheridan **Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540
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Parish Mobile: 0417 355 479 **Office hours: Wed** 1.00pm - 4.00pm
 (Emergency only) **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
E-mail: blackheath@parracatholic.org **Fri** 12.00 - 3.00pm

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; Diana Landsberg (Chair); John Barclay (Deputy Chair) or Patricia Dee (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) call Monica Bright 4757 3943.

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/

HAPPY EASTER! He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Re-invigorated, this is a time for us to celebrate! Renewed! Revitalised! Refreshed! Perhaps a little lighter from our Lenten diet, too! However, that has been more than offset by the extra support we have given to those in need. That has been our formula these past 40 days. We have given up much in Lent, ultimately to others for our own spiritual benefit, plus the physical and other gifts bestowed on so many needy receivers of God's generosity and mercy in and through us. We have emerged from our Lenten sacrifices to the new dawn of our Christian life with today's commemoration of Christ's Resurrection! May YOU enjoy the fullness of God's personal love for you, and the peace/happiness Jesus brings into your life and the lives of your family and others who are precious to you.

As Jesus moved from the human world into the eternal life from which he originally came, He also invites us to do the same (in a spiritual sense) by joining him in his victory over death through this great Paschal Feast of Easter.

As well, I take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of myself and all parishioners, the many families and individuals who have made this year's Lent and Easter so special for all of us through their extra, most valuable contribution to the planning and conduct of our many liturgies, co-ordinated so ably by Julie Hodgkinson with the able support of her 'team'. Too, we extend a very special 'thank you' to Pat Drummond and Diana Landsberg for their wonderful music provided for our Triduum services.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (28th April): Next Sunday is that extra special Feast of Divine Mercy, proclaimed for us by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustine Kowalski on the 30th April 2000. In his proclamation, Pope John Paul said "...it is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this 2nd Sunday of Easter which, from now on throughout the Church, will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." The readings on that Sunday are all about mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sins. Locally, on that day, special celebrations are to be held at St. Bonaventure's church, Leura from 2.45pm. So, spread the word among your friends!

CARITAS: As always for us in Lent, there are plenty of empty coin boxes and envelopes at each of the three entrances to the Blackheath Church, just waiting for you to make your last minute donation to the welfare of so many destitute/needy people who live both here and in other parts of the world. Today is also the day when you may return those filled coin boxes you earlier took home, to us. Huge thanks for supporting so many desperate people/families whom you will never meet through the good offices of the Caritas network!

FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT: To be held between 28 April and 25 May, this is your last chance to avail yourself of this free retreat. Some booklets are still available on the brochure stand, and these contain all the relevant information about the course that you will need. Please take one! Should you have any other enquiries, please phone Carol/Len Teodori-Blahut on 47 58 7549.

AFTER EASTER: As mentioned last week, kindly note that the first Mass after Easter Sunday to be celebrated at Blackheath will be the 9.00am Mass on Thursday next (25th April) – ANZAC DAY. This will be followed by the 10.45am Blackheath War Memorial Service during which we will lay our usual wreath on behalf of this Parish.

God Bless & Happy Easter Everyone! Fr. Bob

25 Apr

ANZAC DAY ~

- + 9:00am Mass, Rosary & Exposition of Most Blessed Sacrament
- + 9:00am Mt Victoria War Memorial Service
- + 10:45am Blackheath War Memorial Service



PLANT CAKE AND CRAFT STALL

~ **TODAY !!!**~ Please make this a fundraising bonanza. Thanks to anyone who contributed or who will buy.



CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

Are you are interested in Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Ski Trips?

Apply for Membership with the CBC

via website www.cbcnsw.org.au or contact Adriana on 0422 688

Happy Birthday

26th Sue Gracey



Living Faith ~ Renewals are now due. Please pay Marilyn \$15.00 at your convenience.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: *Barry Bowden, John and Marion Crowley, Barbara Grieves, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank Mackrell, Marie Johnson, Ron O'Brien, Trennah Portelli and Pat Frazer*

Prepare to reach beyond...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come for **Global Mission Info: Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am**
Aquinas Academy
141 Harrington Street,
The Rocks, SYDNEY



FEAST DAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY:

Sunday 28/4/2019. Praising, scripture readings, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, singing, Benediction, reconciliation all at St Bonaventure's Church Leura. Time: 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Sunday Mass: 5pm. Finger foods and coffee afterward. Come join us on this special day.

READERS WORKSHOP: Sr. Mary Louise from the diocese will be running a workshop for those who read at Mass. It will take place on Saturday the 4th May at 1pm in the St Canice's Katoomba hall and church. All readers are encouraged to attend.