

TODAY
Acts 13:14, 43-52 ; Rv 7:9, 14-17
Jn 10:27-30

Psalm Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia! Alleluia!. Alleluia, alleluia!

Servers
 12 May Ray Wood
 19 May Paul Harris

Readers
 12 May 1st Reader Pat Wicks
 2nd Reader Danielle Van den Bosch
 Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 19 May 1st Reader Christa Buckley
 2nd reader David Buckley
 Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks

Communion
 12 May Brian & Monica Bright
 19 May Mary Roberts & Carla Endean

Counters
 12 May Barbara Grieves
 19 May Marilyn Rowe

Morning Tea
 12 May Cate Mitchell
 19 May Monica Bright

Church Care
 17th May Sue Gracey and Peter Ofner

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

Entrance Ant: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia
Communion Ant: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Saints Days of the Week (12 May - 18 May)
 13 May St. Juliana of Norwich mystic
 14 May St. Matthias apostle
 15 May St. Bertha holy woman
 16 May St. Brendan Irish monk
 17 May St. Adrio martyr
 18 May St. Pope John I pope, martyr



Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C 12.5.19
In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock. In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock. © Richard Leonard

Next Week:
 Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5 ;
 Jn 13:31-35

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.

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| 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
Parish House: 0455 104 994.
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 MOTHERS' DAY: Welcome all mothers! Today is your special day! You are unique – and so is all that you do with and for your family! You are the heart of your family, and we must never, ever forget that fact of life! Once each year, in particular, we take time out to honour our Mums. This is that day! The strength of all mothers is that they are complete givers of themselves and everything they have and are – both to their families and all with whom they share their lives. Mothers are the glue that holds families together! So, it's time for each of us to reflect on the importance of our mother in our life, to tell her so, and then do something exclusively for her as a great big 'THANK YOU' for looking after us so well!

BLESSING PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS (to be shared at the end of Mass):
 "God of love, listen to our prayer. Bless the mothers of our families. Bless them with the strength of your Spirit. They who have taught their children how to stand and how to walk; they who have taught their children how to speak; how to sing and how to pray. Bless them today with sparkling health and other good 'things'. With joy, love, laughter and pride in their children, surround our Mums with many loving and caring family and friends."

GOOD SHEPHERD/VOCATIONS SUNDAY: The fourth Sunday of Easter (today), apart from this year also being Mothers' Day, is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday and the 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The need for all vocations incorporating both religious and secular lifestyles is always an extremely high priority in our Catholic faith. While all vocations are valid and necessary, the Church forever has a great and particular need for more priests and religious. So we, God's faithful, on this day each year are encouraged to pray for more men and women to enter into consecrated life – a life of dedicated service to God, Church and people under the guidance of the Most Holy Spirit. Pope Francis has provided for us a comprehensive message on this subject, from which I quote below some excerpts for our consideration: "It is my great hope that all the baptized may experience the joy of belonging to the Church and rediscover that the Christian Vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of Divine Mercy. The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the 'soil' where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit." The fourth Sunday of Easter also offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. So, in the words of Pope Francis we pray: "Father of Mercy, who gave your Son for our salvation and who strengthens us always with gifts of your Spirit, grant us Christian communities which are alive, fervent and joyous, which are fraternal life, and which nurture in the young the desire to consecrate themselves to you and to the work of evangelization. May Mary, mother and guide of Jesus, help each Christian community to be a source of true vocations for the service of the holy people of God."

FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT: Next Thursday (16/5) the third gathering of this retreat will be held as usual in our parish hall from 1.15 – 2.45pm on that day. As always, these retreats are absolutely free to everyone who comes, and casual visitors are most welcome to attend at any time, including next Thursday.

2019 ANNUAL SRE BLUE MOUNTAINS REGION MASS: Every year our catechists join with their brothers and sisters from the other Blue Mountains parishes to celebrate and seek success for the children to whom they minister throughout each year. This year, last Wednesday in fact, for the first time, our parish hosted this significant event. About 30 catechists attended, achievement and service awards were made, and a

light (I don't think so!) spread was provided by our ladies in the wonderful social get-together that followed. Huge thanks to all involved for once again stepping up to the plate and making this so successful! Bless all Mothers! Fr. Bob

Happy Anniversary !
 13th Pat and Carol Drummond



Mark your diary!
Our fabulous
"Fashions by the Pews"
will be held on Saturday/
Sunday 15th & 16th
June. More information to follow



In Memory !
 12th Leonard Kirkham
 14th Dawn Pauline Sheridan
 15th Ken Austin



Thank You for Bringing Hope and Sharing Christ's Message with All ~ Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and the Ephpheta Centre thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support. The Bishop's Lenten Appeal raised over \$268,000. Your remarkable gifts will provide pastoral, sacramental and social support, enabling the deaf and hard of hearing, the vulnerable and isolated, to make meaningful connections and participate fully in their community, their faith and Catholic Church life.

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

The recent bombings and deaths in Sri Lanka have shocked everyone. Whilst not all who died were Catholic, the majority were, and in keeping with Catholic tradition particularly in South Asia, the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate a **Month's Mind Requiem Mass**, on Sunday 19 May at 10am, at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith to pray for all who were killed in Sri Lanka. A Month's Mind Requiem Mass is typically celebrated one month after a person's death and is held in memory of the deceased.

SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP ~ INVITATION

Trivia Night

- Saturday 18th May 2019
 - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
 - St Thomas Aquinas School Hall
 - 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood
- 'You are invited to dress in the Timor Leste colours of red, yellow, black and white. Come, join the celebrations.' Tickets are available from:
 Pam Gorman: 02 4754 1160
 Email: chrispamgorman@optusnet.com.au
 Tickets \$20 ea Tables of 8 to 10

Happy Birthday !
 13th Margaret Davis



VINNIE'S FOOD BIN –
NOW AT MT VIC A Vinnie's Food Bin will be at Mt Vic on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of each month. This is additional to the food bin at Blackheath (just inside the door near the font). Contributions of **pasta, rice, noodles, cereal, beans, lentils, long-life milk, coffee, tea, milo, nut butters, baby food and canned goods including fish, fruit, soup, stews and baked beans** are most appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support of this vital donation to the local Blackheath Neighbourhood Centre. With the onset of the cooler weather these food items will be very much needed.