

**TODAY**  
 Acts 5:27-32. 40-41; Rv 5:11-14 ;  
 Jn 21:1-19

**Psalm Response:** I will praise you, Lord,  
 for you have rescued me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is  
 risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown  
 pity on all people. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Servers**  
 5 May Grahame Adams  
 12 May Ray Wood

**Readers**  
 5 May 1st reader Brian Bright  
 2nd Reader Monica Bright  
 Welcome/Intercession Paul Harris  
 12 May 1st Reader Pat Wicks  
 2nd Reader Danielle Van den Bosch  
 Welcome/Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

**Communion**  
 5 May David & Christa Buckley  
 12 May Brian & Monica Bright

**Counters**  
 5 May Cate Mitchell  
 12 May Barbara Grieves

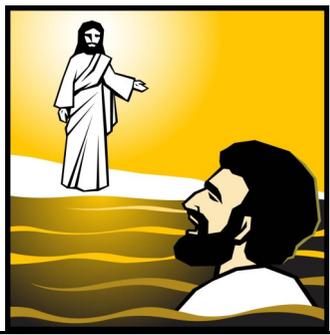
**Morning Tea**  
 5 May Mary Batty  
 12 May Cate Mitchell

**Church Care**  
 3 May Phil and Pat Wicks

**St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley**  
**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 recognised the  
 Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**Saints Days of the Week (6 May - 11 May)**  
 6 May St. Benedicta mystic, nun  
 7 May St. Flavius martyr, bishop  
 8 May St. Abran hermit of Brittany  
 9 May St. Vincent Benedictine abbot  
 10 May St. John of Avila Spiritual adviser of St  
 Theresa  
 11 May St. Walter French abbot



**Third Sunday of Easter  
 Year C 5.5.19**  
*Those of us who have been caught up in the net of God's love are heirs to the promises of Jesus' fidelity. Christ is intimately present to us in every act of loving sacrifice we undertake for him. He continues to send us out to tell people of the place that has been prepared for them at the banquet of life and he gives us strength to gird our loins for the times when life takes us to places we would rather not go. Let's be grateful for this Easter season when we celebrate again that we have been set free from the prison of our fears and shown the way to live a life of sacrificial love and undeserved redemption. © Richard Leonard*

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

**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.*

<b>Blackheath</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
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
<b>Mount Victoria</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Megalong Valley</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays)	<b>6.00pm</b>

**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](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org)

**Website:** <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>  
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**MAY – THE MONTH OF “MARY”, THE MOTHER OF GOD:** Last Wednesday was the first day of May, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker! St. Joseph, being the favourite that he is, Mass that day was certainly well attended!

The month of May is “Mary’s” month dedicated to Marian devotion, a popular tradition that dates back to the sixteenth century. Although May is a form of Mary, the name of the month actually comes from the Latin for “the month of Maia”, the Roman Goddess of grain. Hence the people of ancient Rome celebrated the first day of May by honouring Flora, the Goddess of flowers. Dances around a flower-bedecked maypole were common, especially on that first day of May. Often a May queen was chosen as part of the festivities!

St. Phillip Neri (1515 – 1595) initiated devotion to Our Lady on the first day of May. He also began the custom of decorating the statue of the Virgin with spring flowers in that northern hemisphere. So here we have yet another pagan custom/festival given a Christian dimension – if you like, a Christian takeover! Today, in many parts of the world, floral tributes, processions and crowning of Our Lady’s statue takes place. Too, on many occasions – as with us throughout this month – a flower-decorated statue of Mary will be presented as a ‘Marian Shrine.’ This also is for us a special Rosary time!!!

**PROJECT COMPASSION (Caritas):** Once again, for the last time this year, with Easter now a very distant memory, we remind you to return those Caritas coin boxes with whatever coinage is in them so that we can finalise this major charitable fundraising effort for the now well past Lenten-Easter Season. Kindly leave the boxes with myself or one of the parish councillors, and once again, many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this most worthy cause. The total amount raised to date as at the 1st May is \$1,368.05, which is significantly more than was raised last year. Great work, all!

**FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT:** As I pen this copy last Wednesday evening, I look forward to tomorrow’s (Thursday 2/5) first retreat session to be held in our parish hall from 1.15 – 2.45pm. We are told that six persons are registered, although that number may well have been added to ‘on-the-day’. Will let you know verbally how things went at the end of today’s Mass! Remember, casual visitors are always welcome to the remaining three gatherings which are free to all! Finally, I am advised that last Sunday’s Lawson gathering attracted over forty persons. Wasn’t that great!

**SCHOOL’S BACK:** Students returned for their second term studies last Tuesday and will continue until 5 July. Wow! That’s more than halfway through the year! We’d all better get a wriggle on, otherwise the year will have ‘went’ before we know it! Additional notices have been sent home with eligible pupils to ascertain the number of those wanting to enter our Sacramental programme for this year. To date, we have but one young person seeking to enrol. While concerned at this stage, the next couple of weeks will certainly clarify this position for us. Let’s pray that the numbers needed will be there, both for the students and this community.

By-the-way, this coming Tuesday at 12noon the Blue Mountains Regional Catechists will join us to celebrate their/our annual Mass and awards presentation at our Blackheath Sacred Heart Church. This is to be followed by light refreshments, some supplied by those attending, and some by us. Contributions of cakes etcetera would be most welcome – plus, of course, your presence too!

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Just a reminder that we have each week copies of this Catholic paper which contains information and material of benefit to every Catholic. If you want the truth about our Catholic way-of-life, and the issues that arise for us, then

this is the place to come, to consult! And it will cost you all of \$2.00 a copy. That’s good value! God Bless! Fr. Bob

Happy Anniversary !

6th Monica and Brian Bright



**In Memory !**  
9th Percy Potts  
10th Kathleen Columbine

**WORKING BEE ~** Tuesday 7th May  
8am

Our next working bee is on Tuesday morning 7th May from 8am. Come and work with our maintenance team and help maintain our beautiful grounds.

Please bring a sunhat and garden gloves. Call Lance on 47878096 or John on 0407 288 957 for further information, or just turn up on the day.



**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,



**BLUE MOUNTAINS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TRUST** ~ invites you to a

book launch ~ *Aboriginal Heritage of the Blue Mountains - recent research and reflections* (edited by Kelvin Knox and Eugene Stockton) ~ at 1:00pm Sunday May 5 (today) in Our lady of the Nativity School Hall (behind Lawson church - turn off the highway at Somers St) No EFTPOS available, cheques or cash only. Refreshments and drinks will be available

RSVP secretary@bmert.org

**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

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

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