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Acts 2:14,36-41 Promise is for you
1Peter 2:20-25 Our shepherd
John 10:1-10 Fullness of life

Responsorial Psalm:
**The Lord is my Shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.**

Gospel Acclamation:
**Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2) "The sheep of my
flock", says the Lord, "hearing my voice
they will listen, they will follow me for
I know them, they are mine."**

Servers

13 Apr Catherine Beaver
20 Apr Ray Wood

Readers

13 Apr 1st Reading Kevin Burns
Ps/Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson
2nd Reading Carmel Vanny
20 Apr 1st Reading Gerard Nolan
Ps/Intercessions Wayne Evans
2nd Reading Carol Drummond

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Apr Jan Roberts and Diana Landsberg
20 Apr Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis

Children's Liturgy

13 Apr Julie Hodgkinson (School Holidays)
20 Apr Carroll Family (School Holidays)

Counters

13 Apr Barbara and Bill
20 Apr Christa and David

Morning Tea

13 Apr Michelle Funnell
20 Apr Marie Johnston

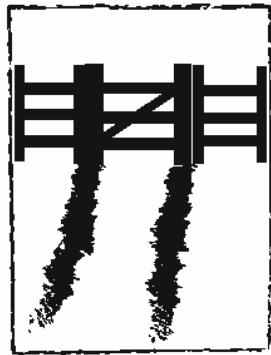
Church Care

18 Apr Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
25 Apr Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

Caritas Australia
would like to
THANK YOU
for supporting
Project Compassion.
If you still have a
box/set of envelopes,
we encourage you to
please bring them
back next week.



OUR VOCATION Our vocation is not simply to *be*, but to work together with God in the creation of our own life, our own identity, our own destiny. We are free beings and children of God. This means that we should not passively exist, but actively participate in His creative freedom, in our own lives, and in the lives of others, by choosing the truth...we are even called to share with God the work of *creating* the truth of our identity.



**4th Sunday of
Easter**

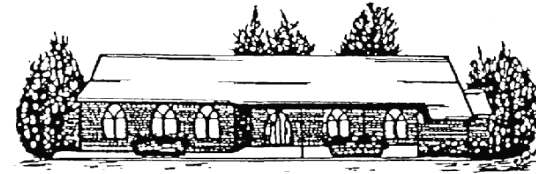
We are not sheep,
but we can make a
choice to follow Jesus
and be part of his flock.
Jesus promises us his
life and love, to be
shared with others.

We are not asked to be
mindless imitators of
another person or to be
swayed by specious
arguments.

Jesus is the gate
through which we enter
into the fullness of life
he came to bring us.

**NEXT WEEK: The Father's
house** Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32
1Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

Our Mission Statement

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.

**All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriage and sick calls
to the Parish House.**

~ Pastoral Director ~ Sister Lyn Eastmure O.P. ~

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Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday	7.00 pm
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520
or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

A friend sent this to me! I need to be attentive to it ... and as the school holidays begin, I hope you may get some time to do so as well! Blessings and enjoy!

Take time

Take time off each day to think and pray,

To care how your life is going.

Give your roots rain.

Take time with a friend to do

nothing too important,

But just be together, to enjoy another person.

Give your roots rain.

Take time to write a poem or grow a flower,

To create something that is something of you.

Give your roots rain.

For in your roots you find who you are,

And there too you find who God is,

For he has not forced you into his home,

Rather he has made his home in you.

Enjoy the weekend – and let the roots

get some rain!

from “A Canopy of Stars” by Australian Jesuit,

Fr Christopher Gleeson SJ.

Blessings, Lyn.

Some changes in the Celebration of the Mass

On Sunday, 11 May this year, Catholics in Australia will be asked to make two simple changes, one in posture and one in gesture. You will find a brochure explaining these changes and the reason for them. Please take one home with you and in the coming weeks we will discuss it further and can begin putting the changes into practice.

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Take a moment to reflect on someone whose vocation has influenced you: a parent, a single person, religious sister or brother, deacon, priest or bishop. Give thanks to God for his/her positive influence and you might even like to give a call or drop a line of appreciation.

Vocation Prayer

Loving God, You have given me all that I have and all that I am.

You fill me with your gift of life.

And you invite me to respond to your love.

Help me to say YES Lord to your call:

to love, to serve, and to live life to the full.

Help me to share generously the gifts you have given me for the building up of your mission in the world.

Let my YES help to make a difference,

to a people longing for love, compassion, justice and hope.

Especially, help those you call to the other vocations of

Priest, Sister or Brother to have a deep trust in you

and say Yes with freedom and joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH DINNER: A tentative date has been set for **Saturday, 31st May.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

All are welcome to attend our Social Justice Group meeting on Sunday, 27th April in the hall after a cup of hospitality.

Anzac Eve Mass - There will be an Anzac Eve

Mass to be held on the Vigil of Anzac Day, Thursday Evening, April 24 at 7.00pm in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, cnr Victoria Road and Marist Place, Parramatta. All are welcome to attend.

April Cosmology Morning

At our next Cosmology gathering, 10am till noon on Friday 18 April, chapter nine 'Stories generate Meaning' of our book *Quantum Theology* by

Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu will be studied.

The theme of our quiet meditation will be 'The Message of Autumn'.

We gather at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls.

You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea as we share together our prayer, insights and concerns. Enquiries Sister Jacinta Tel. 4757 2290.

Please pray for those who are ill : **Marjory Cowell, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock and David Ridoutt.**

Happy Birthday Francesca Huckstepp

~ 15 April ~

Alma Birrell

~ 16 April ~

Belinda Tokoli

~ 18 April ~

Noeleen Cliff

~ 19 April ~

Please remember in your prayers **Archbishop Frank Little**, who died peacefully in his sleep at his home Monday night, 7 April. Also, our **Dominican Sisters Seraphina, Virgilius and Dominica** who died recently. May they be welcomed into the peace and joy of God's kingdom.

†**In memoriam**†
Una Woods ~ 14 April

REFLECTION: This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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