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*Acts 5:12-16 Growth of the Church  
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19 The Living One  
John 20:19-31 Sent to forgive*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
His love endures forever.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas,  
because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen,  
but still believe!

**Servers**

15 Apr Jan Roberts  
22 Apr Wayne Kelly

**Readers**

15 Apr 1st Reading Fiona Evans  
Ps/Intercessions Elizabeth Giddey  
2nd Reading Peter Ticehurst  
22 Apr 1st Reading Robyn Burns  
Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan  
2nd Reading Kevin Burns

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

15 Apr Monica Bright and Brian Bright  
22 Apr Norma Longmuir and Michelle Davis

**Children's Liturgy**

15 Apr No Liturgy during the holidays.  
22 Apr No Liturgy during the holidays.

**Counters**

15 Apr Judith and Frank  
22 Apr Julie and Lance

**Morning Tea**

15 Apr Barbara Grieves  
22 Apr Monica Van Horen

**Church Care**

20 Apr Pat Waters and Phil Wicks  
27 Apr The Gatt Family

**Happy Birthday**  
Franczsea Huckstæpp for Today  
Alma Birrøll for 16th April  
Bzinda Tokoli for 18th April  
Noelzen Cliff for 19th April



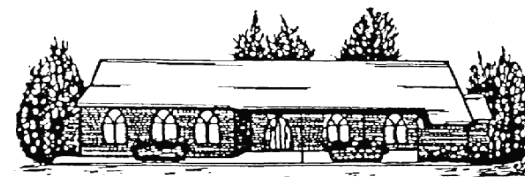
**2nd Sunday of  
Easter - Year C**

After Jesus' death the disciples hid, huddled in fear, shame and total desolation. His appearance to them on the night of his resurrection with his greeting of peace and his forgiveness transformed them into true disciples. Jesus commissioned them through the gift of his Spirit, to minister his healing touch and forgiveness down the ages, even to us. Jesus came personally to Thomas to do just this.

Next Week: Jesus recognised  
*Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Psalm 29  
Apocalypse 5:11-14; John  
21:1-19*

Do hope you have all noted Saturday, 16th June in your diaries for **OUR ANNUAL PARISH DINNER.** The Social Committee 'claimed the date' a few weeks ago.

# 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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**Website:** <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

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| <b>Blackheath</b> - Mass                     | Sunday                | 9.30 am  |
| Liturgy of the Word                          |                       |          |
| and Communion Service                        | Wednesday             | 9.30 am  |
| Praying the Gospel                           | Wednesday             | 10.00 am |
| Praying the Rosary                           | Thursday              | 2.00 pm  |
| Prayer of the Church                         | Friday                | 9.00 am  |
| Christian Meditation (one hour)              | Tuesday (4787 7098)   | 7.00 pm  |
| Meditative Prayer Service (one hour)         |                       |          |
| using Scripture and Taizé music              | 4th Saturday of month | 2.00 pm  |
| <b>Mount Victoria</b> - Mass                 | 1st Friday of month   | 7.00 pm  |
| <b>Megalong Valley</b> - Liturgy of the Word | 1st Friday of month   | 9.00 am  |

**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, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

**Bulletin Items:** please contact Kate Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email D\_P\_I@telpacific.com.au



## Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

*The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised.*

*This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations. While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy.*

*These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the Risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy. Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people.*

*Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.*

from Liturgyhelp.com

## CONGRATULATIONS ANITA!

On Easter Saturday Night **Anita Tyson** received the Sacraments of Initiation and was received into the Catholic Faith. On Sunday 22nd April as a Parish we will celebrate with Anita by having a Morning tea for her after Mass.

## Result of Easter Cake Stall

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| Cakes and craft | \$574.60        |
| Raffle          | <u>178.00</u>   |
| Total           | <u>\$752.60</u> |

Thank you from the Committee members to everyone for their donations of cakes and craft items, also Sheilagh for making the cake for the raffle.

Lucky winner: Michelle Funnell

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, 5th May.

Please keep this date free.

*Guest speaker: Jason Steffler*

Blackheath PWA invite you and your friends to a **Fashion Parade**

by Bailey's Fashions in the Uniting Church Hall, Govett's Leap Rd, Blackheath on Monday, 23 April at 10.30am followed by a light luncheon - \$7.  
*Contact Joyce 4787 8640 or Milba 4756 2120.*

There will be an **Anzac Eve Mass** on Tuesday, 24 April at 6.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. It will be celebrated by Bishop Manning and there will be a light supper in the Cathedral Hall afterwards.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:** It would be very much appreciated if Project Compassion boxes could be returned this Sunday as advertised in last week's Bulletin. We thank all who have contributed to Caritas. Special thanks to Ray who has offered to count the coins for our Parish donation.

## Give thanks to the Lord for he is good: his love is everlasting

In today's gospel we hear the story of Jesus' appearance to the disciples after the resurrection and Thomas' doubt about this event. We may be able to relate to Thomas, whose faith has taken a beating after Jesus' death. We can reflect on experiences in our own lives that have resulted in grief or hurt or even despair and left us wondering where God is in it all.

We pray that we may continue to have faith, especially in difficult moments, when we do not understand what is happening in our lives. May we trust that the resurrected Jesus is truly with us and present among us and that we will be held in his loving embrace through all of life's struggles and difficulties. May we remain people of faith, hope and love. *(Daily Prayer online)*



The Returned Services League of Australia invite parishioners to take part in some or all of our ANZAC day activities this year. They are:

1. Dawn Service at Blackheath War Memorial at 6am;
2. Breakfast at the RSL Hall at 7am, cost \$5;
3. Wreath and/or book laying ceremony at Blackheath War Memorial at 11am; and
4. BBQ lunch available at Hall from 11.30am.

Many thanks,  
Kerry Simpson, Honorary Secretary.

**From the Diocese Office:** Please remember in your prayers: **Tal Nipape**, who died this week. Tal was the father of Michael Tal Nipape who is a seminarian in the Parramatta Diocese. **Bert Callose**, a former Parish Priest of Quakers Hill. Father Bert is gravely ill.

The **April Cosmology Morning** will be held on 27th April, the fourth Friday instead of the third Friday. The chapter for discussion is The Dream of the Earth: our way into the Future from Thomas Berry's book The Dream of the Earth. The Venue is the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The theme of the quiet meditation is "The Challenge of Autumn". Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

## Reflect

Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

*John 19:26-29*