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Isaiah 50:4-7 The Lord my help Philippians 2:6-11 One of us Matthew 26:14-27:66 Son of God

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Word of God!

Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **Memorial Acclamation:**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus Christ, until you come, until you come in glory.

Great Amen:

We sing amen! We sing amen! All glory and praise be yours, O God. We sing amen! We sing amen! With faith and hope and love, we sing amen!

**Servers** 

16 Mar Diane Stewart

23 Mar See Mary Duggan for Easter Roster.

Readers

16 Mar 1st Reading Robyn Burns Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns

23 Mar See Mary Duggan for Easter Roster.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** 

16 Mar Anthony Gilchrist and Diana Landsberg 23 Mar See Mary Duggan for Easter Roster.

Children's Liturgy

16 Mar Moira McNair

23 Mar Children remain in the Church.

**Counters** 

16 Mar Monica

23 Mar Judith and Frank

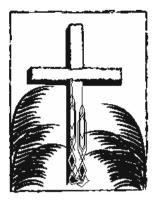
**Morning Tea** 

16 Mar Cathy Cavanagh 23 Mar Carroll Family

**Church Care** 

21 Mar Julie Hodgkinson

28 Mar Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



# **Passion Sunday**

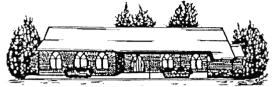
We begin Holy Week by reading the passion and death of Jesus. We are invited to accompany him. meditating on the suffering he endured for us. He did no wrong, vet those who could not accept his goodness put him to death. No one defends him, and Jesus does not defend himself. He loved us so much that he laid down his life to free us from sin.

**Next Week:** Empty tomb *Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 117 Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9* 

In memoriam:
Mary Potts ~ 17 March
Tom Boylan ~19 March
Andrew Greve ~ 20 March

**Rosters:** Your **Liturgy Roster** for the next two months is available in the foyer of the Church. Please take your copy. The **Children's Liturgy Roster** is also there if you have not taken your copy already. **Easter Ceremonies** are not included – so keep an eye out for that one!

# SACREDHEARTPARISH



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

Fr Richard Leonard SJ reflects on Palm Sunday: "The point of religious processions is not just to get us from one location to the next. It is also to mark a rite of passage. Think of the smaller processions most Christians undertake in their lives: to the baptismal font; down the aisle to take their marriage vows, or to araduate from a school ....In each case we recess out of the Church differently from how we entered it: as a newly initiated member of the Christian community; as a husband or wife; as a graduate; and to be buried. The Palm Sunday Procession ...it's meant to intersect with our own lives and speak to our journey of faith. What makes this procession so powerful is that it starts with hysteria and ends in death. And that tells us something we need to hear. " Blessings, Lvn.

#### MONSTER GARAGE SALE Weekend of 17th and 18th May

In order to make this a success we need big support from all in the Parish. Please donate all you pre-loved goodies as well as books, tools and anything you think might sell on the day. We would like volunteers to help both before and on the day. Contact Marilyn.

#### Another suggestion for the garage sale!!!



Whu don't we start potting up all our clippings and have a plant table.

So, come on ladies and gents ...get potting!



#### WYD08 121 Days to go! **HOMESTAY** HOSTS' **MEETING**

We had a very successful meeting

with Anne and Kathy from WYD on Wednesday night.

They enlightened us on the requirements needed to ensure a pleasant stay for both the Pilgrims and hosts.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May is the date set aside for the interviews with the host families. Interviews will commence from 4pm. If you work and would like a late appointment, please contact Marilyn at the office or email a suitable time to shbheath2@bigpond.com

**NEW KEYS**: Last Sunday afternoon the Sacristy. Meeting Room and Office were broken into. Thank God nothing was taken with the exception of the keys to those areas. This has meant that we have had to change the relevant locks. If you need access to those areas. please contact Sr Lvn for the new keys.

# **EASTER GATHERINGS WITH FR PAUL Good Friday Sunset**

At Mt Blackheath. Leave from the Church at 5.50pm.

## **Holy Saturday**

Wall's Cave Walk. Leave from the Church at 1.30pm. Please bring your own water container.

#### **Easter Sunday Sunrise**

Meet at Govett's Leap Car Park at 6am. Bring your own mug/cup for a hot drink. All welcome! Need a lift, let Sr Lvn know. We'll leave extra cars at the Church.

## **Holy Week and Easter Services** at Sacred Heart Blackheath

Tuesday: 18 March 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7.30pm

Wednesday: 19 March 7.30pm **Chrism Mass in** 

Parramatta Cathedral

Holy Thursday: 20 March 7.30pm

Good Friday: 21 March

> Stations of the Cross: 10.00am

Prayer & Scripture Service: St Joseph's 10.00am

Megalong Valley

Passion of Our Lord 3.00pm

Saturday Night: 22 March

Easter Vigil & Mass

8.00pm

Easter Sunday: 23 March 9.30am Mass

In preparation for the Feast of Easter there will be a 2nd Rite celebration of the Sacrament of Penance (community preparation with individual confession) on Tuesday 18th at 7.30pm. Our Celebrant will be Fr Paul Hanna.

Next Saturday (Holy Saturday) from 2.00-3.00pm there is Meditative Prayer using Scripture and the songs of Taizé

at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath.

All are most welcome for this quite time of prayer.

Enquiries Carmen: 0413 537 227

Congratulations to Elizabeth Scully and Gerard Gilchrist

who were married yesterday at St Bernard's Church in Hartley.



We pray that the joy and love they hold in their hearts will continue to bless them in the years ahead.





TWO GARDENS I walked into my room last night. The windows were open because it was hot. Looking out my window it's very peaceful late at night. There are lots of trees outside: it's like a

garden. I wondered what it was like for Jesus in the Garden that night before his death. Was it peaceful for him? I hope it was, but that's hard to imagine because he knew what was in front of him.

Then I remembered a story told at Mass one day. It was about another garden, the one with Adam: the Garden of Eden. And the priest said they were connected, the Garden of Eden and the Garden of Gethsemane. That's all he said. Well last night I got to thinking, and I guess you could say they were both tempted by the devil. Adam gave in and Jesus didn't, and it hit me that it's like a new beginning. I find peace in that, and I think Jesus did too. (Michael)