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Acts 4:32-35 **Believers united**
1 John 5:1-6 **Faith overcomes all**
John 20:19-31 **Peace be with you**

Response to the Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;
His love endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me; happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!

Servers

19 Apr Diane Stewart
26 Apr Wayne Kelly

Readers

19 Apr 1st Reading LeGras Family
Ps/Intercessions Monica Bright
2nd Reading Brian Bright
26 Apr 1st Reading Julie Hodgkinson
Ps/Intercessions David Buckley
2nd Reading Ron Davis

Ministers of the Eucharist

19 Apr Anthony Gilchrist and Pat Leeder
26 Apr Ray Wood and Barbara Smith

Children's Liturgy

19 Apr Bettina LeGras
26 Apr Carol Drummond

Counters

19 Apr Robyn and Adrian
26 Apr Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

19 Apr Jan Roberts
26 Apr Michelle Funnell

Church Care

24 Apr Robyn and Kevin Burns
1 May David and Christa Buckley

Working Bee ~ Sat, 25 Apr

Saturday 25 April from 8am
Jobs to be done:
weeding & mowing.

Please pray for those who are ill: Russell Ellis;
James Ford; Judy Frazer; Roger Johnstone;
Travis Kingston; Irene Peacock; Cec O'Brien;
David Ridoutt and Hugo Riggs.

Happy 48th Anniversary
Mary and Travis Kingston for 22nd April

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Happy 57th Anniversary
Pat and Barry Leeder for 23rd April



PEACE

**2nd Sunday of
Easter**

On the evening of
resurrection day the
disciples are filled with
fear, and Jesus himself
comes to them and gives
them his peace and joy.

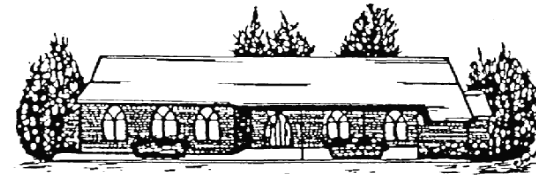
A week later Jesus
comes again, to convince
Thomas that he has
truly risen.

The faith of Thomas
resounds down the
centuries and today we
can be glad that Thomas
took some convincing.

Our hearts can
echo his words:
'My Lord and my God!'

Next Week: **You are witnesses**
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4 1
John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

SACRED HEART PARISH



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

**We wish to acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,
the original custodians of this land.**

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.

Administrator: Fr Bob Sheridan Parish Office hours:
Parish House: 4787 8811 Wednesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.30am - 2.30pm
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8540.

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

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| Blackheath - Mass | Sunday | 9.30am |
| Evening Mass | Tuesday | 6.30pm |
| Morning Mass | Wednesday, Friday & Saturday | 9.00am |
| | Thursday | 8.00am |
| Communion Service | Monday | 9.00am |
| Praying the Gospel | Wednesday | 9.30am |
| Praying the Rosary | Thursday | 2.00pm |
| Reconciliation | Saturday | 9.30am to 10.00am |
| Mount Victoria - Mass | 1st Friday of month | 7.00pm |
| Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass | 2nd Saturday of month | 6.00pm |

Care Group - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would
like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob, Monica Bright
(Chair), Adrian Carroll (Deputy Chair) or Chris Le Gras (Secretary).

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.
Phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Easter Success!

So long to plan! So brief a time to implement! Such a rewarding experience for all who participated in the events of the past week! The indivisible Holy Week and Paschal Feast of Easter, through the many Masses and Liturgies, were for me, a unique and wonderful experience.

The late sunset vigil and *far-too-early* sunrise vigil, I found to be a very moving, shared encounter with God, nature and the 25 or so other parishioners who also attended these events.

Not only was there a good attendance at each of the services, but the quality and reverence of those services well rewarded those many volunteers who, together, planned and brought to fruition these remarkable religious experiences.

Weather despite, the Easter Vigil Celebration drew more people than I personally expected. We shared the most moving and sacred Eucharist. Likewise, the main Easter Sunday Mass led by Father Paul Hanna who had us all smiling!

Unknown to most Blackheathen parishioners, we also celebrated a midday Mass at St Josephs in Megalong Valley. 50-55 residents and visitors from the Valley attended and made a significant contribution to both the Mass and the financial well-being of both St Joseph's and our Parish.

Particular congratulations to all who spent so much time, effort and, in some cases, money, planning for, and bringing together, these profound, spiritual events. There are far too many of you to individually thank, however, I ask you to take these congratulations as personally directed to you! Huge thanks!

As for Father Paul Hanna, I now understand why he is so well beloved by all parishioners. His involvement in the affairs of Holy Week and Easter gave an added dimension to all that occurred. Paul, many thanks for your tremendous contribution to our spiritual welfare, and enjoyment! God Bless,
Fr Bob.

“Only that day dawns,” Thoreau teaches, “to which we are awake.” Yes, Easter is about dazzling light – but only if it shines through us. What new light has come to me this Easter? On Easter Sunday, Divine Delight breaks through despair. Easter is hope on a rampage. The world comes alive with possibility. *(Joan Chittister)*

CAKE AND CRAFT STALL

Thank you to all who contributed to last week's stall. We raised **\$535.00** (\$100 of which was made via the Raffle. Thank you Sheilagh for making the Easter cake.
Raffle Winner: Jenny Inman

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU

for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have a box or set of envelopes, please return them as soon as possible. If you are wondering how you could make a difference in the struggle against poverty in your daily life then visit www.bemore.org.au and take up the challenge to BE More!

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

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**Happy Birthday
Noeleen Cliff for 19th April**

BELIEVING

James Maher msc

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*(From Journey to the Heart - Wollongong
Diocese Lenten Programme 2008)*

Believing is letting go
Like a child, no longer clinging,
Trusting that she is held
in strong arms.
Belonging without a care,
Belonging in love.
Gently surrendering her heart.

***Faith is a bridge, faith is a path.
Faith is the gentle surrender
of my heart.***

Believing is coming home
to the heart's forgotten longings
And feeling them
guiding me into life.
Hearing the voice within,
Hearing the call.
Gently surrendering my all.

***Faith is a bridge, faith is a path.
Faith is the gentle surrender
of my heart ... Faith is a bridge.***

Believing is walking free
from illusions of knowing
And finding a path within mystery.
Free to begin again,
Free to receive,
Gently surrendering to you.

***Faith is a bridge, faith is a path.
Faith is like love,
it can join the impossible.
Faith is a flame, faith is a light.
Faith is the gentle surrender
of my heart. (repeat)
... Faith is a bridge.***

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like a child, no longer clinging.