

TODAY

Acts 13:14.43-52 *Rejection is opportunity*
Apocalypse 7:9.14-17 *The Lamb their shepherd*
John 10:27-30 *Mine forever*

Responsorial Psalm:
All the Earth Proclaim the Lord (184)

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)

Servers

25 Apr Jan Roberts
2 May Diane Stewart

Readers

25 Apr	1st Reading	Claire Maguire
	Intercessions	Ron Davis
	2nd Reading	Ian Maguire
2 May	1st Reading	Robyn Burns
	Intercessions	Jane Nolan
	2nd Reading	Kevin Burns

Ministers of the Eucharist

25 Apr Monica and Brian Bright
2 May Ray Wood and Elizabeth Giddey

Children's Liturgy

25 Apr Julie Hodgkinson
2 May Bettina LeGras

Counters

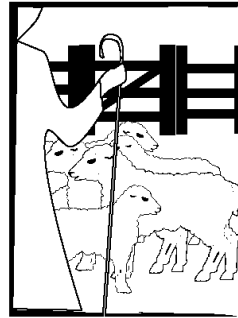
25 Apr Julie and Lance
2 May Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

25 Apr Michelle Funnell
2 May Carmel Vanny and Barbara Smith

Church Care

30 Apr Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
7 May Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean



Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Year C

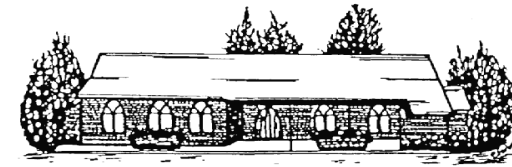
Today's readings show Christ the Good Shepherd drawing to himself people from every nation, race, tribe and language. Those who belong to him are always attentive to his voice speaking in their hearts. Jesus assures us that even though his followers experience difficulties and suffering in life, these troubles will not separate us from him. Rather, he gives us eternal life in union with him and his Father.



Feast Days for this week! (25th April to 1st May)

Sunday 25th	ANZAC DAY
Monday 26th	St Marcellinus, Pope, Martyr (d304) St Mark, Evangelist, Martyr – Feast Day
Tuesday 27th	St Zita, Virgin (1218-1278)
Wednesday 28th	St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr (1803-1841), Memorial St Louis de Montford, Priest (1673-1716)
Thursday 29th	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor (1347-1380), Memorial
Friday 30th	St Pius V, Pope (1504-1572), Optional
Saturday 1st	St Joseph the Worker, Optional

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.

Parish Priest:	Fr Bob Sheridan	Parish Office hours:	
Parish House:	4787 8811	Wednesday:	1.00pm - 5.00pm
Parish Office:	4787 8540	Thursday:	10.00am - 2.00pm
Fax:	4787 6143	All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8811.	
email:	shbheath2@bigpond.com		

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

MAY MASS TIMES

Sunday	Blackheath	9.30am	Please note during the month of May, there will be NO Vigil Masses held at Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley.
Monday	Katoomba	10.00am	
Tuesday	Leura	5.00pm	
Wednesday	Leura	9.30am	
Thursday	Katoomba	9.30am	
Friday	Katoomba	9.30am	
Saturday	Katoomba	9.30am	
Reconciliation	Katoomba	Saturday After 9.30am Mass	

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 or Michelle Davis (Chair), Marjanna Gilchrist (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD & VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Not only is today the Fourth Sunday of Easter and Anzac Day, it is also Good Shepherd and Vocations Sunday - that day in each year when the church asks us to promote vocations. On this Sunday, an invitation is extended to all eligible persons to consider a religious vocation to the Catholic Priesthood, Brotherhood or Sisterhood. Additionally, a large number of lay vocations are available to parishioners. While the range of activities covered by these vocations are too many to list here, should you be interested in being more actively involved in the practice of your faith within this parish community, you are invited to speak to any of our Parish Pastoral Councillors led by Michelle Davis, our office team or myself.

Volunteers who take on particular vocation responsibilities are at the very heart of our parish life. Without our volunteers, our parish at the very least would stagnate. Thanks be to God this has not occurred within living memory in our Sacred Heart Parish! There are many positions to be filled which are both self-satisfying and necessary for the well-being of our Catholic community. We thank those already involved in lay vocations and assure you, should you be interested, of all the necessary training and support that you might need to equip you for the particular role you may choose.

ANZAC DAY

While the normal Fourth Sunday of Easter liturgy has to be observed today, steps have been taken wherever possible to focus our attention on the commemoration of Anzac Day within the framework of that liturgy. Overall, it could be said that this Mass is largely themed towards recognition of Anzac Day and its importance in our lives.

ANNUAL LEAVE

This is my last Sunday Mass before I take leave from Sunday next, 2nd May and to return on Wednesday, 2nd June. I leave you, however, in the more than capable hands of the Augustinian Priests from Greystanes, who will be sharing Mass with you on Sundays in May (9.30am) at Blackheath. I also thank in advance those of you who are going to 'carry the can' for me whilst I am away! My thoughts will be with you as I experience the warmer climate around Queensland's Caboolture area. Should you urgently require the services of a Priest, please contact Fr John Smith at Katoomba - his phone number being 4782 2804.

God Bless, Fr Bob.

LEST WE FORGET

Today a Remembrance Book will be placed on the small table near the side entrance of the church.

We are invited to write in the book the names of loved ones who have died in war.

We especially remember them this Anzac Day.

Please see the front cover of the bulletin for **changes to mass times during May.**

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. Please return full Project Compassion Boxes as soon as possible. These can be placed at the base of the altar during Mass times. Thank you for your generosity on behalf of World's poor!

May Benedictine Spirituality

The May Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on Friday, 7th May, 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. Preparational reading and input will be on "Community" in "The Gift of Saint Benedict." Morning prayer, Lectio Divina and morning tea will be part of our gathering together. New participants are welcome. Enquiries Sisters Therese and Jacinta 4757 2290.

Happy Birthday

Suz Gracey for 26th April
Shelagh Kirkham for 29th April

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died:

Tony Perriam's mother,
Daisy Perriam,
and Jane Nolan's aunty, **Mona.**
May they rest in peace.

Kenthurst Country Fair Sunday 2 May, 9am - 4pm

at St Madeleine Sophie's Parish,
28 Annangrove Rd, Annangrove.
Now in its 21st year, the Fair raises money for parish building projects and Emmaus Disabled Catholic Social Services. Featuring celebrity guests, exhibitions, market stalls, games and prizes. Admission free.
Details: (02) 9654 2260.

~ SRE MEETING ~

All SRE Teachers from Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley please attend our **meeting with Veronica Sultana on Thursday, 29 April at 10.30am in the Meeting Room.**

Ecumenical Dinner: 19 May

To celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (16-23 May), the NSW Ecumenical Council is hosting a dinner on the topic, **What is our Christian Mission Together?**

Speakers:

Metropolitan Archbishop Paul Saliba,
Antiochian Orthodox Church, and
Commissioner Linda Bond,
Salvation Army Eastern Territory.

Fontana di Trevi Function Centre,
53 Raymond St, Bankstown,
7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets: \$55 (incl. drinks)
tel (02) 9299 2215, kmoroney@ncca.org.au

Prayers are requested for those who are ill: Trish Carey; Kim Crawford; Bernadette Ellery; James Ford; Paul Hinds; Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Kenneth Kirkham; Fran Knight; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Cecily O'Brien; Irene Peacock; Hugo Riggs and Cy Schreiber.

MONSTER GARAGE SALE - To be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, 29th May 8.30am - 4pm and Sunday, 30th May till 12pm.

How about seeking out your bits and pieces you have hiding in the attic or garage or at the back of your wardrobe?

And for the green thumbs, how about some potted plants? All donations for a worthy cause will be greatly appreciated. But we ask you to please hold all items until closer to the date and don't deliver them to the hall until requested to do so.

Thank you in advance for your sellable items!

