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Acts 2:42-47 **Christian life**
1Peter 1:3-9 **New birth in Christ**
John 20:19-31 **Believe and live**

Psalm Response:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)
**You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)

Servers

1 May Jan Roberts
8 May Bill Grieves

Readers

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| 1 May | 1st Reading | Barbara Smith |
| | Intercessions | Patricia Dee |
| | 2nd Reading | Pat Wicks |
| 8 May | 1st Reading | Claire Maguire |
| | Intercessions | Frances Huckstepp |
| | 2nd Reading | Ian Maguire |

Ministers of the Eucharist

1 May Anthony Gilchrist and Diane Stewart
8 May Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

1 May TBA
8 May TBA

Counters

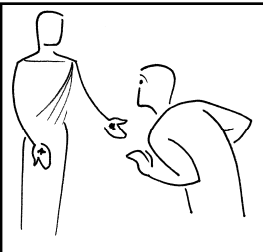
1 May Robyn and Adrian
8 May Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

1 May Jan Roberts
8 May Carroll Family

Church Care

6 May Julie Hodgkinson
13 May Carla Endean



**Second Sunday of
Easter Year A**

1 May 2011

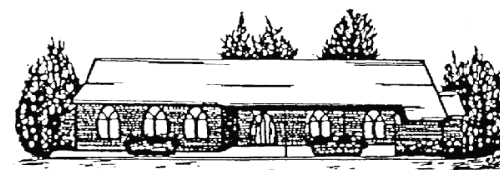
On the evening of resurrection day the disciples are filled with fear, and Jesus himself comes to them and gives them his peace and joy. A week later Jesus comes again, to convince Thomas that he has truly risen. The faith of Thomas resounds down the centuries and today we can be glad that Thomas took some convincing. Our hearts can echo his words: 'My Lord and my God!'

Next Week: **It is true**
Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 15
1Peter 1:17-21;
Luke 24:13-35

Feast Days for this week! (1st to 7th May 2011)

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| Sunday 1st | St Joseph the Worker, Optional |
| Monday 2nd | St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor (296-373), memorial Feast |
| Tuesday 3rd | Sts Philip and James, Apostles, Feast Day |
| Wednesday 4th | St Florian, Martyr - Patron of Poland (3rd-4th Century) |
| Thursday 5th | Blessed Edmund Rice, Founder Christian Brothers (1762-1844) |
| Friday 6th | St Dominic Savio, Youth (1842-1857) |
| Saturday 7th | St Domitian, Bishop (d560) |

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: Father Bob Sheridan

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| Parish House: | 4787 8811 | Parish Office hours: |
| Parish Mobile: (24 hrs/7 days) | 0428 878 810 | Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm |
| Parish Office: | 4787 8540 | Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm |
| Fax: | 4787 6143 | All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriages and sick calls, ph 4787 8811. |
| email: | shbheath2@bigpond.com | |

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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 |
| Benediction | 2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass | |
| Exposition | All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass | |
| Reconciliation | Saturday | 9.30am |
| Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass | 1st and 3rd Saturdays | 6.00pm |
| Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass | 2nd and 4th Saturdays | 6.00pm |

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Michelle Davis (Chair), Frances Huckstepp (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

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

Bulletin Items: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St Faustina, a humble Polish nun, was visited by Christ many times, starting in 1932. He requested that a feast be instituted dedicated to His Divine Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter. This has been celebrated universally since Pope John Paul II canonized St Faustina in the Year 2000 and has been highly recommended by Pope Benedict. Jesus said "Whoever approaches the foundation of life on this day will be granted the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy". This request of Our Lord is for our modern times and follows His request to St Margaret Mary for a feast dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

Devotions in celebration of this Feast will take place today at St Bonaventure's Leura, commencing at 3pm. Prayers and devotions relating to this feast continue to shortly after 4.30pm when there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after Exposition. Confession will also be available. For those able to stay, the 5pm Sunday evening Mass is the perfect culmination for the Feast. All are invited to attend even for just part of this time of special prayer.

BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

This evening our time, Pope Benedict will beatify Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. For those who are connected to EWTN TV Channel, a live presentation of this event may be viewed. So, let us say a prayer of thanks to Our Lord for this special treatment of a great and wonderful Pope.

MY ANNUAL LEAVE

Following long negotiations with a number of other priests, I have finally (yesterday) been able to arrange three weeks' leave of absence from Monday, 2nd May returning to active duties on Thursday, 26th May. During my absence, Sunday Mass only will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath at 9.30am. The supply priests are expected to be Fr Chris De Souza (Penrith PP), Fr John Watkins (Penrith) and Fr Eugene Stockton (Lawson). Kindly note that there will be no other services held in Blackheath, Mt Victoria or Megalong Valley during my absence. All urgent requests for a priest should be directed to Fr John Smith at St Canice's Katoomba on 4782 2804.

THANK YOU AGAIN

Attendances at our Holy Week/Easter services were well above normal. Huge thanks once more to each of you for making possible the success of each of the liturgies, particularly, Palm Sunday and those conducted in the Easter Triduum.

God Bless! Fr. Bob

Afternoon Capers is on this Tuesday, 3rd May, from 1pm to 3pm.

Good conversation, board games and more.

If you need a lift or want to know more, please phone Diane on 4787 1357.

SEE HIS HANDS

Composer: Sandra Sears

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See his hands, see the cruel marks
of bitterness and shame.
See his hands reaching out to take
the whole world's pain.
O see his hands, O see his wounds,
O see his hands reaching out to the world.

Feel his hands, feel his touch upon
your tear-stained face,
Feel his hands gently lifting you to
beauty and grace.
O feel his hands, O feel his wounds,
O feel his hands reaching out to your pain.



Take his hands in your own,
touch those precious scars.
Take the love from his wounds,
heal your wounded heart.

O take his hands,
O touch his wounds,
O feel his love flowing into your heart.

May Benedictine Spirituality

The May Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on **Friday, 6th May**, from 10 am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The reading in preparation is on the Introduction of our new book, "The Rule of Benedict for Beginners" (\$12). The input by Sr Therese will be on the same subject. 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.

CAKE AND CRAFT STALL

THANK YOU to all those who contributed to last week's stall - the cake bakers, the craft makers and the those who purchased the goodies. We raised \$550.75 - a wonderful result.

Happy Birthday Ken Kirkham for 6th May



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Please pray for those who are ill:
Madge Boylan;
Kim Crawford;
Marion Crowley;
John Duggan;
Barry Finch;
Fr Frank Fletcher MSC;
James Ford;
Virginia Hayward;
Miriam Helby;
Kenneth Kirkham;
Ray Lee;
Barry Leeder;
Cecily O'Brien;
Irene Peacock;
Lee Piercy and
Cy Schreiber.

