

TODAY

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

Psalm Response:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
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!

ROSTERS

Servers

17 Apr Pat Wicks
24 Apr Michelle Davis

Readers

17 Apr 1st Reading Brian Bright
Intercessions Robyn Burns
2nd Reading Monica Bright
24 Apr 1st Reading Christa Buckley
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading David Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

17 Apr Michelle Davis and Elizabeth Giddey
24 Apr Diana Landsberg and Marg Davis

Children's Liturgy

17 Apr No children's liturgy during the holidays.
24 Apr No children's liturgy during the holidays.

Counters

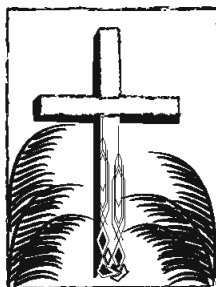
17 Apr Judith and Frank
24 Apr Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

17 Apr Elizabeth Giddey
24 Apr Monica Van Horen

Church Care

22 Apr Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
29 Apr Julie Hodgkinson



Passion Sunday

Year A
17th April 2011

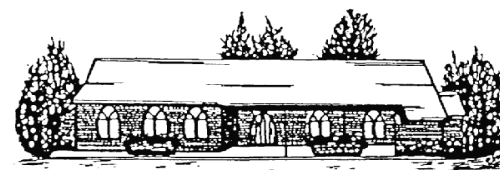
We begin Holy Week by reading the passion and death of Jesus.

We are invited to accompany him, meditating on the suffering he endured for us. He did not wrong, yet 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.

A VOCATION VIEW:
Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

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

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

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,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, ph 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

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



Sixth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday: Many people face and live with discrimination. Even in our own land, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people struggle to access healthcare and educational benefits that other Australians enjoy. On this final Sunday of Lent we meet Judy, a Murrwarri woman from Western Sydney, who is a part of a Caritas Australia-supported training program at Aboriginal Catholic Social Services. We are called, by the life of Jesus to stand in solidarity with our indigenous sisters and brothers. The work of Caritas Australia gives us this opportunity. Please donate to Project Compassion today.



A big **THANK YOU** to **Marilyn Rowe** for 'sourcing' our palms for Palm Sunday, and another big **THANK YOU** to **Jan Roberts, Anne Hartigan, Norma Longmuir, Anne Dooley, Marilyn and Patricia** for making the palm crosses for distribution.



Happy Birthday
Nozleen Cliff for 19th April

Please note your diary:
Parish Dinner on 1st July at St Mount's Trattoria.

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 graduate from a schoolIn 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. "

In memoriam:
† **Daisy Perriam** ~ 17th April

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, 24th April, 6.00 am
Leuralla Amphitheatre,
Olympian Parade, Leura.

BYO cushion and blanket recommended.
If WET: Leura Uniting Church,
cnr Grose & Megalong Streets.
Breakfast at the Uniting Church - \$3.00
Enquiries: Srs. Therese & Jacinta 4782 2931

EASTER SUNDAY CAKE & CRAFT STALL

The Fund Raising Committee will be holding a cake stall and craft table after mass on Easter Sunday, 24th April. All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. PLEASE NOTE: all food items to have a list of ingredients attached and it would be appreciated if all items are wrapped and priced ready for sale.



Please pray for those who are ill:
Madge Boylan; Tom Byrne;
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
and Cy Schreiber.



Sacred Heart Care Group

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact our Care Group if you think we can help. Call Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Today's gospel begins with betrayal and ends in a tomb. In between is pain, despair and defeat. If the most divine aspect of Jesus is revealed in the resurrection, it is his humanity which is on full display during his last days on earth. One of his inner circle hands him over to be crucified and his best friend denies him not once but three times. He is flogged, stripped and mocked. As he is dying on the cross he asks why God has abandoned him. We might reflect on the darkest times of our own lives when we too have felt abandoned by God. The psalm promises that God will never despise us and will always hear our cry for help. Through Jesus, we have a God who knows suffering.
-from Daily Prayer online

LOVE CALLS ME BACK

Kevin Bates sm
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Come to my table,
taste of my Word,
bring me the life that you've lived.
Bring in the dancing, bring in the pain,
bring me the whole of your journey.

The parts of the story
no-one's ever heard,
the times on the road you were scared.
Bring me the gifts
no one wanted to share,
let's open the whole of your journey.

There's nothing in you
that can't taste my Word.
There's nowhere our spirit can't fly.
I've laughed in the dancing
and cried in the pain,
I've loved the whole of your journey.

I've lived in the desert
where hearts have run dry,
I've lived in the gaol of your pain,
I live in the poor
and I give you my name,
I live the whole of your journey.

Remember my arms
open wide on the tree,
Remember the tears in my eyes,
Remember the wonder
when death fell away
and love called you back
to the journey.

Repeat Verse 1

Happy 59th Anniversary
Pat & Barry Leeder for 23rd April