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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**

Psalm Response

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Servers

15 Apr Diane Stewart
22 Apr Bill Grieves

Readers

15 Apr 1st Reading Ron Davis
Ps/Intercessions Carla Endean
2nd Reading Barbara Smith
22 Apr 1st Reading David Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

15 Apr Brian and Monica Bright
22 Apr Anthony Gilchrist and Ray Wood

Children's Liturgy

15 Apr No Children's Liturgy during the holidays.
22 Apr No Children's Liturgy during the holidays.

Counters

15 Apr Marilyn
22 Apr Laurie

Morning Tea

15 Apr Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith
22 Apr Frances Huckstepp

Church Care

20 Apr Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
27 Apr Gatt Family

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

Feast Days for this week: 15th—21st April 2012

Sun 15th St Paternus, Bishop (482-550)
Mon 16th St Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin (1844-1879), optional
Tue 17th St Stephen Harding, Abbot (d1134)
Wed 18th St Apollonius, Martyr (d186)
Thu 19th St Leo IX Pope (1022-1054); Election of Pope Benedict XVI - 2005
Fri 20th St Agnes of Montepulciano, Virgin (c1268-1317)
Sat 21st St Anselm Bishop & Doctor (1033-1109), optional Feast



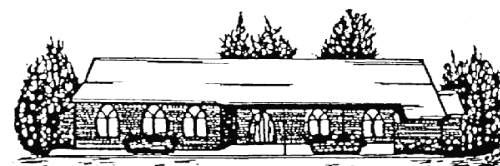
**Second Sunday
of Easter
Year B**

15th April 2012

Jesus came to his disciples on the evening of his Resurrection with the greeting of peace and with the gift of his Spirit. In the beginning God breathed life into his creation, now Jesus breathes his Spirit into his disciples in the new creation. Thomas, who refused to accept the testimony of his fellow disciples, receives the personal reassurance of Jesus, not only for himself but also for us.



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 Office hours:

Wednesday: 9.30am - 1.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am - 1.00pm

All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

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

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Blackheath/153850768029631>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and 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
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
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 4th Sunday of each month (after 9.30am mass).
If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Frances
Huckstepp (Chair), Diana Landsberg (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or 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

LAST WORD ON EASTER

Quite remarkable the number of local parishioners and visitors who attended our Triduum Liturgies and Masses. All churches experienced above average attendances, particularly, Good Friday activities at Blackheath and Megalong Valley, Sunday Mass at Blackheath where overcrowding was experienced and house-full attendances at both Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley Masses. Overall, everyone who contributed to the planning and conduct of our Holy Week and Easter activities have every reason to be very happy indeed with the results we have enjoyed. Congratulations to all concerned, especially our Parish Council Chairperson, Frances Huckstepp; our musicians, Kate Forbes and Mary Kingston; and, of course, Fr Paul Hanna who helped to make the whole experience a breeze. To everyone else, a huge thank you on behalf of all parishioners and visitors.

Particular congratulations to our four new parishioners who were baptised over the weekend, three at the Saturday Vigil Mass - Laila, and daughters Nina and Ruby Coetsee and on Sunday, Edward Dignam. Laila also was Confirmed and received her First Holy Communion during the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass.

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. In Jesus' words, "the soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (within 10 days before or after today), shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

Devotions in celebration of this Feast will take place today at St Bonaventure's Leura, commencing at 2.45pm. Prayers and devotions relating to this feast continue to 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.

MATTHEW WALKER

Matthew's funeral was conducted on Wednesday last, here at Sacred Heart. Principal Celebrant was his uncle, Bishop David Walker from Broken Bay Diocese. Concelebrants were Fr Paul Hanna and myself. The church was filled with family, relatives and friends of Matthew, including a whole host of local parishioners. Matthew has bequeathed to Sacred Heart Church, a Crucifix which I will have on display at today's Mass. Should you have any preferences as to where best to display this Crucifix in our Church, would you please advise a member of the Parish Council or myself? A decision will then be taken to provide a permanent home for that icon.

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CAKE STAND - EASTER SUNDAY

Thank you to Sue Gracey, Judy Harris and helpers for the wonderful job of raising \$514.00 from the cake and gift stand on Easter Sunday. Thank you also to all who made and donated items and to our wonderful cooks who made all the delicious goodies that were gladly bought and devoured. What would we do without you all?

Easter Blessings! Fr Bob.

Reflection Morning: The next Catalyst Reflection Morning will be held in the Parish hall on **Saturday, 21st April, 10am - 1pm**. All welcome, morning tea provided and no bookings required. Come and enjoy the silence and quiet time. **Sr Eileen Quade rsm**, Solo Parent Ministry Coordinator in the Parramatta Diocese, will lead the reflection - **'Grief and Loss: The Tasks of Grieving'**. For more information, contact Carmel on 4787 8706.

April Cosmology Gathering: The theme of the meditation will be **"Autumn Glory"** for our gathering on **Friday, 20th April**, at 10a.m. till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The discussion will centre on Ch. 1 "Beauty Shines Forth" in our new book "From the Stars to the Street" (\$27) by James Conlon. A special feature will be a new DVD "Savouring Blackheath Sunset". Prayer for the sick and other needs, as well as morning tea, will be included in the morning's gathering. New guests are always welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290



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Happy Birthday
Francz Huckstepp for Today
Frank Portelli for Today
Dulciz Davis for 12th April
Alma Birrell for 16th April
Noelzen Cliff for 19th April

Please pray for **John Duggan;**
Neal Evans; James Ford;
Fr Frank Fletcher MSC;
Arthur Fowler; Virginia
Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham;
Loretta Laird; Ray Lee;
Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie;
Irene Peacock;
Kellie and Lee Piercy; Jean Pye
and Cy Schreiber.

In memoriam:
Una Woods ~ 14th April
Lila Anthony ~ 16th April
Daisy Perriam ~ 17th April
Please remember in your prayers,
Matthew Walker; and Fr Paul's younger brother, **Michael Hanna**, who died on Wednesday, aged 65. May Matthew and Michael rest in the loving embrace of Jesus, our Risen Lord.

New Office Hours
Please note that the Parish Office hours are now **Wednesday 9.30am - 1.30pm** and **Thursday 10am - 1pm**.
Due to family commitments, the Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, 18th April**.