

Isaiah 50:4-7 *A disciple's lot*
 Philippians 2:6-11 *Death on a cross*
 Luke 22:14-23:56 *Father, forgive them*

Psalm Response:
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation
 I will sing of the Lord, I will sing salvation,
 I will praise the Lord. (twice)
*Christ became obedient even to his death
 on a tree, even to his death.*
*Therefore, God raised him high,
 gave to him a name above all others.*
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Servers
 24 Mar Michelle Davis
 31 Mar Jan Roberts

Readers
 24 Mar 1st Reading Barbara Grieves
 Intercessions Patricia Dee
 2nd Reading Michelle Davis
 31 Mar 1st Reading Ian Maguire
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist
 24 Mar Anthony and Jonathon Gilchrist
 31 Mar Bill Grieves and Margaret Davis

Counters
 24 Mar Carla and Neil
 31 Mar Monica

Morning Tea
 24 Mar Claire Maguire
 31 Mar Barbara Grieves

Church Care
 29 Mar Angie and Michelle Leman
 5 Apr Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

Please pray for the sick: Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC;
 Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; John & Jenny Mackrell;
 Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Cy Schreiber and Roma Ziolkowski.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th March
 Sun 24th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Mon 25th Holy Week
 Tue 26th Holy Week
 Wed 27th Holy Week
 Thu 28th Holy Thursday
 Fri 29th Good Friday
 Sat 30th The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night



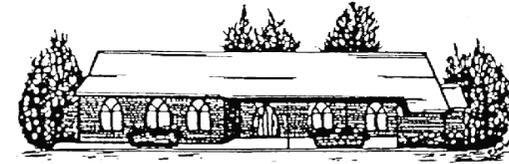
Passion Sunday
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 24th March 2013

Jesus has completed his journey to Jerusalem, instructing his disciples on the way. He now enters the city of David acclaimed as Messiah. Within days, however, he is led outside the city as a criminal and crucified. This is his ultimate lesson in discipleship: Jesus surrenders himself unreservedly to the human condition he has undertaken freely. Are we able to follow this far?

Next week: Risen from the dead
 Acts 10:34.37-43; Psalm 117
 Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Our Sacred Heart Care Group
is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please call Carmel 4787 8706 or Michelle 4757 2638.

SACRED HEART PARISH



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

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of the Blue Mountains' 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 Office hours:
Parish House: 4787 8811	Wednesday: 9.30am - 1.30pm
Parish Mobile: 0428 878810 (Emergency only)	Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm
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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	Saturdays	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

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR BOB — CELEBRATING 3 YEARS AS OUR PARISH PRIEST TODAY.

HOLY WEEK: Finally, after five weeks of good Lenten practice, we have reached the last week of Lent - Holy Week. This coming week is the most significant period in the church year as it encompasses the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The number of liturgies planned for this week give evidence of the singular importance of this week in our church year. As we near the Paschal feast of Easter Sunday, we have the opportunity to reflect on our achievement of any personal goals we have set ourselves in terms of reviewing and renewing the practice of our Catholic faith.

Palm (Passion) Sunday introduces us to the profound events of Holy Week by demonstrating the changing nature of human behaviour presented for us to consider on this day. First, we have the crowd's stated intention of installing Jesus as their king; less than a week later that same crowd calls for his crucifixion and death. Thus is highlighted the very fickle nature of human behaviour. For all the suffering endured by Jesus through his passion and death, the critical act of salvation by Him occurred early on Easter Sunday morning through his resurrection. Without Jesus' resurrection from the dead, the Catholic Church could not have been established and you and I would not be here now. All that occurs during this coming week leads us inexorably to the events of Easter Sunday morning - Jesus' Resurrection. You are, therefore, invited as a parishioner to share the events of this week and the celebrations to follow as one of our parish family.

There will be a **Chrism Mass** held on 27th March commencing 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Also note, there will be no Tuesday evening Mass held at Sacred Heart on 2nd April. Masses will continue as normal from Wednesday, 3rd April.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES: Below are listed all Holy Week and Easter Services/Masses applicable to our parish dating from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

HOLY THURSDAY ~ 28th March			Fr Paul Hanna and I will be sharing these Liturgies and Masses, while the special Good Friday Ecumenical Liturgy Service at St Joseph's Church, (Megalong Valley) has been arranged by local catechist, Norma Carlon. Please note that following this Service*, a social get together will take place at the church.
Mass of The Lord's Supper	Blackheath	7.30pm	
GOOD FRIDAY ~ 29th March			
Stations of the Cross	Blackheath	10.00am	
Ecumenical Church Service*	St Joseph's	10.00am	
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Blackheath	3.00pm	
HOLY SATURDAY ~ 30th March			
Easter Vigil	Blackheath	7.30pm	
EASTER SUNDAY ~ 31st March			
Masses	Blackheath	9.30am	
	St Paul's	7.00am	
	St Joseph's	9.30am	

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians and is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus (Prince of Peace).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 7TH APRIL: During the Mass of canonization of St Faustina on April 30th, 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this 2nd Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." The readings on that Sunday are always about mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sins. This feast adds so much more meaning to Easter celebrations. We would urge you to attend the celebrations commencing at 2.45pm on Sunday, 7th April at St Bonaventure's Church, Leura, and spread the word to your friends.
Blessings! Fr Bob

REFLECTIONS—GOOD FRIDAY SUNSET and EASTER SUNRISE GATHERINGS

Good Friday ~ Fr Paul Hanna will lead a Reflection at **Mt Blackheath** departing Sacred Heart Church car park at **5.30pm** where we can carpool or meet at Mt Blackheath to watch the sunset and darkness come over the land.
Easter Sunday ~ Greeting the dawn: Prayer, reflection and watching the sunrise. Meet at Govett's Leap at **5.30am** to walk to **George Phillips' Lookout**. Bring a torch and wear warm clothing. All welcome! (Please note: Fr Paul will NOT collect water from Wall's Cave this year as the path is not accessible due to the recent heavy rains).

Caritas Australia Sixth Sunday of Lent



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to work through right relationships to bring lasting positive change for some of our world's most vulnerable communities. This week we meet Rollen whose path to education didn't begin until she was 17. With assistance from Mercy Works, Rollen graduated school and received training in business and finance. Please donate to Project Compassion today so people like Rollen can enjoy open doors through education.

CATHOLICISM - THE SERIES

As the Easter Vigil Mass is on Saturday, 30th March, the next film in the Catholicism Series will be shown on **Saturday 6th April, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Hall**
Episode 8: "A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints"
The story of the Church is told in the examples of some of the Church's greatest heroes - their extraordinary examples display both the passion and creative potential of the Catholic Church. Fr Barron shares with us the stories of Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

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 feels 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.

On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome You as our King and Saviour, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross. Hosanna! we cry. Blessed are You who comes in God's name to save us. Hosanna! Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise. Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light. We need You, Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Hosanna!

**Happy 57th Anniversary
Ken & Sheilaigh Kirkham for 24th March**

EASTER CAKE & CRAFT STALL: Sue and Judy's annual cake and craft stall will be held on Easter Sunday. We are looking for donations of cakes, craft, pickles, jams and chutneys to sell. We know there are a lot of master chefs in the parish. Don't forget to put the list of ingredients on the items and price them ready for sale. *Thank you.*

**Happy Birthday
Ray Wood
28th March**