

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 and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ. *Christ became obedient
for us, even to death, dying on the cross,
therefore, God raised him on high and gave
to him a name above all other names.*
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Servers

13 Apr Jan Roberts
20 Apr Bill Grieves

Readers

13 Apr 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp
20 Apr 1st Reading David Buckley
Intercessions Anthony Simpson
2nd Reading Christa Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Apr Brian and Monica Bright
20 Apr Margaret Davis and Elizabeth Doolan

Counters

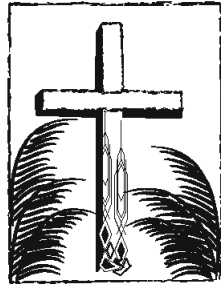
13 Apr Carla and Neil
20 Apr Monica

Morning Tea

13 Apr Mary Batty
20 Apr Carmel Vanny and Barbara Smith

Church Care

25 Apr Angie and Michelle Leman



Palm Sunday
Passion of the Lord
6th Sunday of Lent
Year A

13th April 2014

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 no 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.

Please remember in your prayers: Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans; James Ford; Karen Galiazzo; Bill Grieves; Mary Hart; Fr Kevin Hay; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock and Roma Ziolkowski.

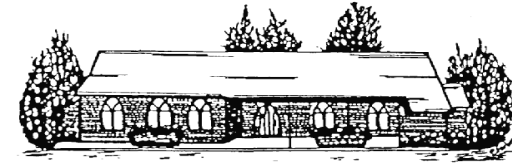
Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th April

13th Palm Sunday; St Martin, Pope & Martyr (d585)
14th Holy Week; Bl. Lidwina, Virgin (1380-1433)
15th Holy Week; St Paternus, Bishop (482-550);
St Hunna, (d679), The Holy Washerwoman
16th Holy Week; St Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin (1844-1879) optional
17th Holy Thursday; St Stephen Harding, Abbot (d1134)
18th Good Friday; St Apollonius, Martyr (d186)
19th Holy Saturday; St Leo IX Pope (1022-1054)



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 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 **Office hours: Wed:** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Parish House: 4787 8811 **Thu:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 0428 878810 (Emergency only) **Fri:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com 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	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
Diana Landsberg (Chair); David Buckley (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: 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



PASSION SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK: Finally, after five weeks of tough Lenten practice, we have reached the last week of Lent - Passion (Palm) Sunday and Holy Week. This coming week is the most significant period in the Church year, for it encompasses the **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus**. The number of liturgies planned for this week is 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. Passion Sunday introduces us to the profound events of Holy Week by demonstrating the changing nature of human behaviour presented for us to ponder 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! As a parish family member, you are, therefore, invited to share the events of this week and the celebrations to follow.

The **Chrism Mass** this year will be held on Wednesday, 16th April, commencing 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please also note that there will be NO Tuesday evening Mass (22nd April) immediately following Easter Monday. Masses will return to normal from Wednesday, 23rd April.

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 there by providing welfare support to local Christians and to assist in the maintenance of the 74 churches and shrines associated with Jesus' life. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Please, also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus who is THE Prince of Peace.

BUILDING & GROUND MAINTENANCE - Lindsay, Lance and their whole team have worked wonders in the grounds. With Joe Landsberg's stump grinder and Murray Stewart's concrete mixer, many tree stumps have now gone from the forest area, and all the potholes on the sealed surfaces have been filled. Congratulations to all concerned! What a great effort!!!

TODAY'S ADDRESS BY PAUL DAVIS: As mentioned in past weeks, today's morning tea will be provided in the parish hall as a lead-in to Paul Davis' information session on the Royal Commission's investigation into Institutional Child Abuse. Hope you can join us for this vital discussion on this vexatious subject. See you there!
God Bless! Father Bob

Catalyst Reflection Morning: The next Reflection Morning will be held on the 4th Saturday of this month - **26th April** in the Parish Hall, 10am-1pm. Catherine Hammond will lead the morning - ***Spirituality on the Threshold***. Catherine is a writer and editor and has been a teacher of moral theology, philosophy and literature. All most welcome. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

In memoriam
Una Woods
14th April
Lila Anthony
16th April
Daisy Perriam
17th April

Easter Sunrise Service - Leura

An Ecumenical Celebration of Easter will be held at Leurralla Amphitheatre, Olympic Parade, Leura on **Easter Sunday, 20th April at 6.30am**.
BYO cushion, torch, blanket. If wet, at Leura Uniting Church cnr Grose & Megalong Streets. Enquiries 4782 2931. Please bring a friend or two.



(Passion Sunday) Sixth Sunday of Lent



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to lift the voices of the poor and promote the dignity of each person, regardless of ethnicity, religion or cultural beliefs. This week we meet Nirangini who grew up in a small peaceful fishing village in Sri Lanka. From 1983 to 2009 a civil war affected Sri Lanka, and Nirangini and her entire community were forced to leave their village. They returned after the war with nothing, but thanks to Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Sri Lanka, Nirangini now has a permanent home and through participating in an income generation program, she and her son are re-establishing their lives. **Please donate to Project Compassion today so partnerships like this can continue to grow.**



SACRED TRIDUUM/EASTER LITURGIES



Holy Thursday - 17th April

7.30pm **Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper ~ Blackheath**
(Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm.)

Good Friday - 18th April

- 10.00am **Stations of the Cross** ~ Sacred Heart Blackheath
- 10.00am **Ecumenical Service** at St Joseph's Megalong Valley*
*(*Arranged by local catechist, Norma Carlon. Social activities to follow.)*
- 3.00pm **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** ~ Sacred Heart Blackheath
- 5.00pm **Sunset Liturgy at Mt Blackheath** *(Fr Paul Hanna will lead the Reflection. We will leave Sacred Heart Church car park at 5.00pm where we can carpool or meet at Mt Blackheath to watch the sunset and darkness come over the land.)*

Holy Saturday - 19th April

- 1.00pm **Walk to Walls Cave** to collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass
- 6.30pm **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night** ~ Sacred Heart Blackheath

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 20th April

- 5.00am **Sunrise Liturgy at Phillips' Lookout, Govett's Leap**
(Prayer, reflection and watching the sunrise. Meet at Govett's Leap at 5.00am to walk to George Phillips' Lookout. Bring a torch and wear warm clothing.)
- 7.00am **Mass at St Paul's Mount Victoria**
- 9.30am **Mass at Sacred Heart Blackheath**
- 9.30am **Mass at St Joseph's Megalong Valley** *(to be followed by a baptism)*

Also note that Fr Paul Hanna and I will be sharing these Liturgies and Masses.

Francesca Huckstopp
~ 15th April ~

Frank Portzelli ~ 15th April



Alma Birrell

'90' on 16th April

Noelzen Cliff

~ 19th April ~

The Fundraising Committee will be holding a **'Cake Stall and Craft Table'** after Mass on **Easter Sunday**. All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome.

Please ensure all ingredients used are noted on your masterpieces. We will also need some volunteers to help sell the cakes. Enquiries to Sue Gracey or Patricia Dee.

