

TODAY

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 God's choice  
Ephesians 5:8-14 Be children of light  
John 9:1-41 Light of the world

Psalm Response: *The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus;  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.*

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

*Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus;  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Servers**

30 Mar Diane Stewart  
6 Apr Pat Wicks

**Readers**

30 Mar 1st Reading Anthony Simpson  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves  
6 Apr 1st Reading Christine Helby  
Intercessions Ron Davis  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

30 Mar Bill Grieves and Michelle Davis  
6 Apr Margaret Davis and Ray Wood

**Counters**

30 Mar Marilyn  
6 Apr Laurie

**Morning Tea**

30 Mar Monica Bright  
6 Apr Claire Maguire

**Church Care**

11 Apr Julie Hodgkinson



**4th Sunday of Lent  
Year A**

30th March 2014

Today we see an illustration of human perversity and divine compassion.

The blind man could see what the people with sight could not, or stubbornly refused to see. Unlike his parents, the blind man was not intimidated.

Driven away by the Pharisees, he was sought out by the tender compassion of Jesus, who revealed to him more than mere earthly vision. Do we have eyes to see lasting values?

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

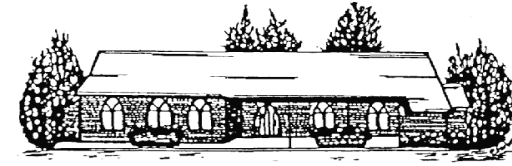
**Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 30th March-Saturday 5th April**

30th March St John Climacus, Abbot (579-649)  
31st St Amos, Prophet OT (c750BC)  
1st April St Hugh, Bishop (1053-1132)  
2nd St Francis of Paola, Hermit (1416-1508), optional  
Pope John Paul II Anniversary of Death 2005  
3rd St Richard, Bishop (1197-1253)  
4th St Isidore of Seville, Bishop & Doctor (565-636), optional  
5th St Vincent Perrer, Priest (1350-1490), optional



Next Week  
**I am the Resurrection**  
Ezekiel  
37:12-14;  
Psalm 129  
Romans  
8:8-11;  
John 11:1-45

# 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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**LAETARE SUNDAY:** Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is one of the two occasions in our church year when the priest is enabled to wear pink vestments should he so wish. I don't possess any pink vestments, nor does Fr Paul who will be substituting for me this weekend. "Laetare" is taken from the Latin, whose meaning is "rejoice with Jerusalem". Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is the other pink vestment Sunday. From this Sunday forward, our attention will particularly focus on Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES ~ 13th to 20th April

To better enable you in your planning of Easter and its associated holidays, I have listed below all Holy Week and Easter Services/Masses as they apply to our Parish from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

#### Palm Sunday - 13th April

9.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

11.00am Paul Davis (Professional Standards Manager from the Parramatta Diocese Chancery Office) will speak about the Royal Commission on Child Sexual Abuse. This will also include a Q&A session.

#### Holy Thursday - 17th April

7.30pm Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper (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

5.00pm Sunset Liturgy at Mt Blackheath

#### 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

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

5.00am Sunrise Liturgy at Phillips' Lookout, Govett's Leap.

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.**

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY (27th April)** is the Second Sunday of Easter. Along with this annual Feast established by Pope John Paul II, this year we will be celebrating a unique event in the history of the Catholic Church - the **Canonization of two recently deceased popes, JOHN XXIII and JOHN PAUL II.** These celebrations are being organised worldwide from the Vatican, the details of which have yet to filter through to us. I will advise everyone once I know what is to happen.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING:** Once again we need to put our clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** from 3.00am next Sunday, 6th April. Probably better if you make the change before you go to bed on Saturday night. At least, that is what I will be doing!

**ROYAL COMMISSION INTO CHILD ABUSE:** I again remind everyone that Mr Paul Davis, Professional Standards Manager for our Diocese, will be with us after Palm Sunday's 9.30am Mass to inform and field any questions and concerns we may have in relation to this matter. As Mr Davis has made special arrangements to be with us that day, your attendance would certainly indicate to him that we really do care about what has happened, what is being done to remedy this situation and where we go from here both as a Church and as a local community.

*God Bless! Father Bob*



### Fourth Sunday of Lent



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to build a just world by enabling vulnerable communities to be architects of their own future.

This week we meet Martina, a teacher in the Solomon Islands. She teaches children songs from Caritas Australia's Disaster Risk Management project which was established because natural disasters threatened the homes and communities of people there. Through the power of nursery rhymes and songs, children are learning how to stay safe during an emergency.

Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your donation means we can help communities around the world to prepare for the unexpected.

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation** ~ Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath at 7.00pm on **Wednesday, 9th April**, with Fathers Bob and Paul. All welcome.

*This year marks the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of Charity in Australia. To honour this occasion, there will be a **Thanksgiving liturgy** followed by afternoon tea in **St Canice's Parish Hall in Katoomba on Saturday, 3rd May at 2pm.** The Sisters invite all their friends, former students and colleagues to join them. Please rsvp to St Canice's School 4782 1260 or email [rscleura@gmail.com](mailto:rscleura@gmail.com) by Friday, 4th April.*



#### SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM

Date: **Saturday 5th April** Time: **9:00am - 4:00pm**

Venue: **Ashfield Town Hall, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield**

To book email: [Social.Justice@Vinnies.org.au](mailto:Social.Justice@Vinnies.org.au)

or call (02) 9568 0282

The Vinnie's Social Justice Statements to be presented are:

**\*Affordable Housing and Homelessness;**

**\*Energy Affordability and Cost of Living Pressures; and**

**\*Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

*Lunch, Morning and Afternoon teas will be provided.*

*This is a cost free event.*

**Happy Birthday**  
**Pat Drummond**  
**62 on 2nd April**

**Afternoon Capers**  
will be held this  
**Wed 2nd April**  
12pm at  
**Weber's Nursery**  
**Cafe, Mt Boyce.**

If you would like a lift please phone  
Diane 4787 1357 or  
Norma 4787 5906.

In memoriam

**Ken Cullen** ~ 1st April; **Edna Moran** ~ 2nd April;

**Mathew Walker** ~ 2nd April; and **Roma Ward** ~ 4th April