

TODAY

Ezekiel 37:12-14 *God gives life*
Romans 8:8-11 *Home of the Spirit*
John 11:1-45 *I am the resurrection*

Psalm Response: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

Gospel Acclamation:
*Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Servers

6 Apr Pat Wicks
13 Apr Jan Roberts

Readers

6 Apr 1st Reading Christine Helby
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
13 Apr 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

6 Apr Margaret Davis and Ray Wood
13 Apr Brian and Monica Bright

Counters

6 Apr Laurie
13 Apr Carla and Neil

Morning Tea

6 Apr Claire Maguire
13 Apr Mary Batty

Church Care

11 Apr Julie Hodgkinson



5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

6th April 2014

Lazarus, dead for days and bound with cloth, is called forth from the tomb.

This miracle foreshadows Jesus' own resurrection, and is a sign for us that God's life within us is indestructible.

Jesus can help us to turn our lives around when we believe in him. This miracle assures us that one day our bonds will fall away and we will be set free.

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 6th to 12th April

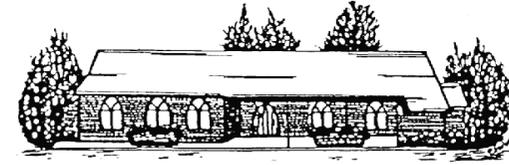
6th St Celestine I, Pope (d.432)
7th St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest & Founder (1651-1719), optional
8th St Julie Billiart, Founder and Mother General of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (1751-1816)
9th St Acacius, Bishop of Amida, Mesopotamia (d.425)
10th St Beocca, Martyr of England (d.870)
11th St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
12th St Zeno of Verona, bishop (d.371)



Next Week
Son of God

Isaiah
50:4-7;
Psalm 21
Philippians
2:6-11;
Matthew
26:14-27:66

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, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.
e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Did you have a long wait for Mass to start today? Perhaps you forgot to put back your clock by one hour last night. Ah, well! That's an hour in bed lost forever were this the case! We have now reverted to normal Eastern Standard Time throughout the winter season soon to be upon us. So, rug up!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Come Friday afternoon next, this year's first school term will end, and school holidays will be here for all children until Monday, 28th April, when the second term commences. Just a word of warning for us to be cautious where holidaying youngsters are concerned, and to be prepared for the unexpected to come from them. We wish all schoolies an interesting, fun break from their studies, and a safe return to school after the holidays.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY: Sunday next, 6th Sunday of Lent, is Passion (Palm) Sunday at which Mass, palms will be distributed to each parishioner. This will follow an entry procession and blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass. Proclamation of Our Lord's Passion will also form part of this Mass. Holy Week commences with Passion Sunday and will continue through the last days of Lent and the Easter Triduum.

MEETING WITH MR PAUL DAVIS: We have invited parishioners from every other Blue Mountains Parish to join with us in our meeting with Parramatta Diocese's Professional Standards Manager, Mr Paul Davis, following next Sunday's Mass to discuss the present Royal Commission into Child Abuse and our situation as both Church and local Catholic community. We do need your support, too!

THANK YOU: Finally, a very special "thank you" to Fr Paul Hanna for standing in for me last Sunday. What, perhaps, is not generally known is that Fr Paul made a special trip from Eastwood to celebrate our 9.30am Mass, and then had to return post-haste after Mass. That's one I owe you, Fr Paul!

God Bless! Father Bob

In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance. - St Thomas Aquinas

For anyone who is interested in liturgy, there is a Conference in Cowra **Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th May - "Liturgy - Celebrating Life in Christ"**

A weekend of inspirational input and practical workshops at **St Raphael's Catholic Church, Cowra**, celebrating 125 years as a parish. Speakers include: **Monica Brown; Br Paul Skippen osa; Sr Michele Connolly rsj** as well as presenters who are working at the 'liturgical coal-face'.

The registration fee is only \$60.00 per person. This includes morning and afternoon tea, Saturday and Sunday lunch, Saturday dinner, attendance at all sessions and the Conference pack.

Enquiries: Fr Laurie Beath (ph) 6342 1369 or lbeath@exemail.com.au or go to <http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/?i=2519&may> for a brochure.

In April 2006, after two weeks of entombment, two men walked out of Beaconsfield Mine - punching their fists in the air! After four days in a tomb, a well and truly dead Lazarus emerges fully alive! The euphoria we experienced gives us a sense of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus comes to set us free too, from all that binds us up. *How and when do we experience this freedom? Martha's faith in Jesus Christ shifts from a question of what he may be able to do, to understanding who he is in her life. She is able to affirm that he is her life, her resurrection, regardless of what happens. What wrappings still bind us or our community from walking forth into freedom in Christ?*

- Journey to the Heart



Fifth Sunday of Lent



Your support for Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia work towards the creation of a world that God desires to be just and compassionate.

Far from home for dialysis treatment, Aboriginal woman Lorraine is reconnecting with her culture and community through an income-generating bush balm program. The program offers people who are chronically unwell, a sense of purpose, comfort and wellbeing.

Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your support ensures that together we are walking alongside Indigenous Peoples in Australia and around the world.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
Wednesday 9th April, at 7.00pm
 Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath
All Welcome.

We especially invite the young people who have made their reconciliation in the last few years and their families.

Happy Anniversary
Joseph & Matilda Tassangi
 56 years on 7th April
Adrian & Robyn Carroll
 31 years on 9th April

*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 by Monday, 7th April.*



Happy Birthday
Hzidi Lamerton ~ 11th April

'Wellspring of Hope' ~ April 11-13
Taize Weekend Retreat

Preparing for Easter with prayer and the music of Taize led by Trisha Watts. Cost: \$250.
 Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville
 Enq: Carla Walker on 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmelite.com

In memoriam
Bernice Inman ~ 7 April
Andrew Ziolkowski ~ 12 April

Scriptural Context - Jesus Wept

'Jesus wept' is the shortest verse in the New Testament. Just two little words carry a world of emotion and speak volumes about Jesus. Pope Leo I used this verse to highlight the two natures of Jesus, pointing out that in his humanity, Jesus wept for the death of his friend, but in his divinity Jesus raised Lazarus to life. Lazarus and his sisters were close friends of Jesus and Jesus is clearly emotional about the death and its effect on Martha and Mary. That Jesus is about to restore Lazarus to life does not deny the grief and mourning at Lazarus' death. - Liturgyhelp

Please remember in your prayers, **Jim Grainger** (friend of Fr Paul), who died on 28th March. We pray for Jim's eternal happiness in the presence of our loving God and for peace and consolation for his family and friends.