

Acts 3:13-15,17-19 *God raised him*
 1 John 2:1-5 *Christ our advocate*
 Luke 24:35-48 *You are witnesses*

Psalm Response

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! (3x)
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
 make our hearts burn with love when you speak.*

ROSTERS

Servers

19 Apr Jan Roberts
 26 Apr Michelle Davis

Readers

19 Apr 1st Reading Monica Bright
 Intercessions Pat Wicks
 2nd Reading Brian Bright
 26 Apr 1st Reading David Buckley
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
 2nd Reading Barbara Grieves

Ministers of the Eucharist

19 Apr Christa and David Buckley
 26 Apr Margaret Davis and Robert Forbes

Counters

19 Apr Carla and Neil
 26 Apr Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

19 Apr Margaret Davis
 26 Apr Mary Batty

Church Care

24 Apr Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**THIRD SUNDAY
 OF EASTER
 Year B**

19th April 2015

When Jesus appears in the midst of his disciples they cannot believe the evidence of their own eyes. Jesus convinces them by showing the wounds of his crucifixion and inviting the disciples to touch him. He opened their minds to understand what was written about him in the Scriptures. Jesus stands in our midst today; he opens the Scriptures to us and feeds us with his Bread.

Next Week **The good shepherd** Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

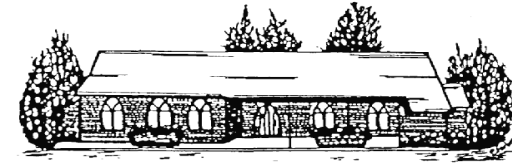
Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell and also their carers:
 Siobhan Atkin; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford;
 Kenneth Kirkham; Frank Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie; Fr Laurie Mooney OSA;
 Junko Odawa; Cathy Salier; Frances Slater; Nicole Warner and Pat Wicks.

This Week's Feast Days for Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th April

19th St Leo IX Pope (1022-1054); Election of Pope Benedict XVI - 2005
 20th St Agnes of Montepulciano, Virgin (c1268-1317)
 21st St Anselm Bishop & Doctor (1033-1109), optional Feast
 22nd St Caius, Pope (d296); St Opportuna, Virgin & Abbess (d770)
 23rd St George, Martyr (d 4th Century) - Patron of England
 24th St Fidelis, Priest & Martyr (1578-1622), optional Feast
 25th St Mark the Evangelist, Patron of Notaries



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:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish House: 4787 8811 **Thu:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 0428 878810 (Emergency only) **Fri:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
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, 3rd and 5th 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 Dennis Doherty (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

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: This year's first DWF Appeal is to take place today, hence the envelopes arrayed in front of you in the pews. This collection has been deferred from earlier this year because of the Lenten/Easter commitment to the Caritas Charity collections. Please give generously to this fund as it helps numerous charitable activities within our Parramatta Diocese. A few of the ministries that the DWF supports include priests and religious training, Catholic social services, family support and youth activities. So thank you in advance for your generosity. Please also note that a second round of collections will be available next week for those unable to contribute today.

52ND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Next Sunday is "Good Shepherd Sunday". This is the time when we focus on vocations - your vocation and mine - whether that be the priesthood, religious or secular life including under that heading marriage, family, profession, trade or the single lifestyle. Pope Francis invites everyone to seriously re-examine our present status in life, particularly in the relationship we have with the Church and each other through our present vocations. He also invites us to review, revise and perhaps recast those vocations to more fully serve God and our neighbour, and thus be drawn ever closer to Him.

CENTENARY ANZAC DAY: Come Saturday next, 25th April, we as a nation (including New Zealand) will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings by our inexperienced youthful soldiers, so many of whom failed to survive even that first day in action - let alone the eight months they spent going nowhere on that hell-hole of a beach and impassable cliff face.

Here at Sacred Heart, we will have our normal 9.00am Mass, suitably themed towards the ANZAC experience. This will be followed by the scheduled reconciliation, rosary and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Time will then be available for those interested to attend the major memorial service at the highway War Memorial, Blackheath commencing at 10.45am. Wreaths will also be laid during that service - including one from our Parish.

Other ANZAC services to be held on the day will include the 6.30am Dawn Service at the Blackheath War Memorial, 10.00am Assembly of Marchers at the Sub-Branch Hall and, finally, the 4.45pm Special Sunset Service at the Gallipoli Steps (behind the swimming pools in the pool park).

Aside from these general commemorative activities, there will undoubtedly be other more limited services to be held locally. By way of example, I attended my first function last Friday evening (17/4). You will be most welcome to share in any or all of these events to commemorate the sacrifices made by both service men and women in all wars, their families and their communities!

BAPTISM TODAY: About 12 noon this day, tiny five months old **Arabella Ava Klaunzer**, daughter of Lucy and Stephen is to be baptised in St Joseph's, Megalong Valley. In passing, I recall marrying Lucy and Stephen about two years ago at St Paul's, Mt Victoria. And what a beautiful little baby girl they have!

God Bless! Father Bob

 **THANK YOU** PROJECT *Caritas Australia would like to* **COMPASSION** *THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion.*

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Thank you for supporting programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.
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We send our prayers and condolences to Pat Leeder on the death of her dear husband, **Barry**. Barry died on 11th April (12 days before their 63rd wedding anniversary). We pray Pat and family will find peace and strength in the coming days. May Barry rest in the loving embrace of God.
R.I.P. Barry.

Happy Birthday
Noelzen Cliff
for today!

If you missed yesterday's **Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning**, there is still one more before the Winter Break. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, 16th May**. The presenter will be **Leonard Blahut - Jesus the Man... Life on the 'Streets'**
Further details: Carmel 4787 8706.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION DAY ~ 17th May

This **Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery** includes presentations, introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange.

Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Concludes about 3pm. The Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia.

BYO picnic lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Books and CDs for sale. All welcome.

Gospel Focus - Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' - he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too! (Liturgyhelp)

PALM SUNDAY RALLY rescheduled to TODAY

This year the organisers of the Palm Sunday Rally have rescheduled it to Today, 19 April, as Palm Sunday fell the day after the NSW state election. The Rally will begin at 1pm in Belmore Park near Central Station.

