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Acts 5:27-32,40-41 **Obedient witnesses**
Apocalypse 5:11-14 **All praise him**
John 21:1-19 **It is the Lord**

Psalm Response: I will praise you, Lord;
for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia ...

Servers

10 Apr Michelle Davis
17 Apr Grahame Adams

Readers

10 Apr 1st Reading Brian Bright
2nd Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Robert Forbes
17 Apr 1st Reading Christine Helby
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Ministers of the Eucharist

10 Apr Elizabeth Doolan and Pat Wicks
17 Apr Ray Wood and Diana Landsberg

Counters

10 Apr Robyn and Adrian
17 Apr Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

10 Apr Christine O'Grady
17 Apr Rasa Blansjaar

Church Care

15 Apr Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



3rd Sunday of Easter
Year C
10th April 2016

After Jesus' death, the grieving disciples seek solace in what is familiar to them, their work of fishing. They catch nothing until the person on the shore tells them where to throw the net. The abundance of the catch enables them to recognise Jesus, who calls them to share a meal with him as before. Jesus is always with us, too, even when we don't feel his presence.

Have you filled in your **Census Form**? There are extra copies available today.

Next Week
Mine forever

Acts 13:14,43-52; Ps 99
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30

St Paul's Mt Victoria & St Joseph's Megalong Valley

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.
Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

In memoriam: **Barry Leeder** ~ 11 April; **Michael Hanna** ~ 11 April; **Mary Hart** ~ 12 April;
Andrew Ziolkowski ~ 12 April; **Una Woods** ~ 14 April; and **Lila Anthony** ~ 16 April.

Feast Days of the Week (Sun 10th to Sat 16th April)

10th St Ezekiel, OT Prophet (600BC)
11th St Stanislaus, Bishop & martyr (1030-79)
Memorial, Patron of Poland;
12th St Julius, Pope (d352)
13th St Martin I, Pope & Martyr (d585);
14th Blessed Lydwina, Virgin (1380-1433)
15th St Paternus, Bishop (482-550)
16th St Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin (1844-79)

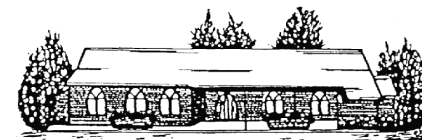


St Bernadette

Finances

Collections ~ Sunday 3rd April
1st: \$161.70 / 2nd: \$761.90
(includes Direct Deposits)
Thank you!
Net profit YTD is \$6216.69.
Our Cake and Plant stall raised \$471.00.

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 land of the Blue Mountains.

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: 02 4787 8811 **Thu** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 04 2887 8810 **Fri** 9.00am - 12.00pm
(Emergency only) For Baptisms, Marriages, & sick calls
Parish Office: 02 4787 8540 contact Parish House.
Facsimile: 02 4787 6143 **e-mail:** shbheath2@bigpond.com

Parish House: 18 Inconstant St, Blackheath.
Sacred Heart Church: 167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

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 Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or David Buckley (Chair); Adrienne Kitching (Deputy Chair) or Carmen Beard (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Monica Bright 4757 3943

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

With Easter now behind us, and the remarkable Feast of Pentecost 50 days hence (15th May) from Jesus' Resurrection, we could be forgiven for thinking that liturgically, a relatively quiet period might be obtained during this time. Nothing could be further from the truth! Read on!

SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP: You may recall that during last November's Parish AGM, a decision was taken to include the formation of a Social Justice Group in our Parish Pastoral Plan. Today, following the 9.30am Mass, a workshop led by Sr Louise McKeogh from the Social Justice Office in the Parramatta Diocese, will give us an opportunity to explore how we as a Parish might best bring this about, utilizing the strengths and opportunities we have available through our volunteers and our other already-committed activities.

Pope Francis himself, in his 2016 World Day of Peace address stated: *"that we all engage with the world around us, not turn our backs on suffering and injustice, and not lose hope in our human ability to conquer evil and to combat resignation and indifference."*

So, please, accept the challenge! Give up an hour of your time after Mass to hear Sr Louise and the invaluable experience and knowledge on this subject that she has come all this way to share with us. Opportunities such as this are few and far between for us. Don't let this one pass you by unheeded. By-the-way, the workshop will follow morning tea also to be held in the Parish Hall. You will be most welcome!

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: Normally, this first contribution for the year would have been levied in February. However, due to the conduct of our own major fundraiser - the Garage Sale - this collection has been put back to today, with another to be made next week to cater for those who miss today's opportunity. The envelopes for today are to be found in front of you in the pews. Elsewhere in this bulletin there are more details regarding the target amount set for us, and the beneficiaries of your contributions, plus other important information such as tax deductibility, etc. Thank you, in advance for your generosity!

53RD 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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Schools 'broke-up' last Friday (8th April) and are not due to re-open until Wednesday, 27th April. I pray that this will be a very happy, healthy and wonderful time for you and your family during this period. May you be safe and your children return unscathed at holidays' end.

PARISH RENEWAL: Just a gentle reminder that this Renewal (we used to call them 'missions') is to be held from Saturday 30th April to Wednesday 4th May and will involve all three communities - Blackheath, Mt Victoria, Megalong Valley - to some extent. Planning is at an advanced stage with many opportunities available for volunteers to join in the conduct of this important contribution to Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy. **God Bless! Father Bob**

Gifts to the DWF benefit ministries that are supported by the Diocese and are overseen by the Bishop of Parramatta.

The DWF Appeal provides funds for Catholic Care Social Services, Holy Spirit Seminary, Ephpheta, Parramatta Institute for Mission, Aboriginal Catholic Services, Hospital, Prison and University Chaplaincies and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to mention just a few groups.

Our own 2016 quota is \$6115.00 for the year or \$2038.00 for each three monthly appeal.

Gifts over \$2 to the DWF are tax deductible. Please give generously!

PARISH RENEWAL ~ Saturday 30 April to Wednesday 4 May

It is only 3 weeks until the commencement of our Parish Renewal - a very important time in the life of our Parish!

Included with today's Bulletin is a personal invitation from Fr Bob and the Parish Pastoral Council - to each and every parishioner - to attend the Parish Renewal. On the reverse side of the invitation is a detailed Program. You are encouraged to mark off all or as many sessions as possible in your diary.

There are also additional copies of the invitation at each of the Church doors - please feel free to take some home and invite your family and friends.

A number of parishioners have already volunteered to assist in a variety of ways over the 4 days. Thank you!

But we still need assistance with drivers willing to bring some parishioners to one or more sessions. Please contact Monica Bright for Wentworth Falls to Blackheath areas (4757 3943); Diane Stewart for Mount Victoria (4787 1357) or Norma Carlon for Megalong Valley (4787 9110).

Happy 33rd Anniversary Robyn and Adrian Carroll for 9 April.

Happy Birthday Frances Huckstepp ~ 15 April and Frank Portelli ~ 15 April

Parish Dinner ~ Friday 27th May: Enjoy a spit roast with trimmings, sweets, tea and coffee in our Parish Hall, with great entertainment by **Pat Drummond**. All welcome! Cost will be \$35pp. We are now taking bookings (see notice board). Monies will be collected closer to the date. Come along! All welcome!

Reflection Morning in the Parish Hall ~ Saturday 16th April 10am-1pm. Rev. Matthew Trounce will lead the morning - **Life Lessons from Pilgrimage**, based on his own experience of walking The Camino. All very welcome and no need to book. Enquiries: Carmel 4787 8706.

After the Resurrection ... the Christian Church: *"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: 'Give them something to eat' (Mk 6:37)." (Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (November 2013), #49)*

Please pray for the sick and their carers: **Sharon Booth; Stan Dochniak; Frank Farsaci; Mary Forster; Frank Mackrell; Kevin Madden and Jack Solomons.**