

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

20th Mar	9.30am PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord
23rd Mar	7.30pm Chrism Mass (Parramatta) - where we collect the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year
24th Mar	7.30pm HOLY THURSDAY ~ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm)
25th Mar	GOOD FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.00am Stations of the Cross (Sacred Heart Blackheath) • 10.00am Ecumenical Service at St Joseph's Megalong Valley (social activities to follow) • 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Sacred Heart Blackheath) • 5.00pm Sunset Liturgy at Mt Blackheath (departs Sacred Heart Blackheath)
26th Mar	HOLY SATURDAY 1.00pm To Walls Cave to collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass and associated Liturgy
27th Mar	EASTER SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.00am Sunrise Liturgy at George Phillips Lookout, Govett's Leap • 7.00am Mass at St Paul's, Mt Victoria • 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart, Blackheath • 11.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Megalong Valley

(Please note that Fr Paul Hanna is this year unable to share our Easter Masses/Liturgies.)

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: Will be available this Wednesday evening (16th March) from 7.00pm. I, alone, will officiate. Every sin, in one way or another, has a community dimension. It is something that tarnishes the Body of Christ, which together we are. Every sin ought to arouse in us feelings of humble regret and a confident request for pardon. Hence this open invitation to you to attend!

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY: Sunday next (20th March), the 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. Holy Week commences with Passion Sunday and will continue through the last days of Lent and the Easter Triduum.

WEEK AFTER EASTER: Kindly note that there will be no Masses after Easter in our Parish until Friday, 1st April, when I will once again return to the 'fold'. Apologies for that!

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION: Because of the fall of Holy Week and Easter, especially Good Friday, the Feast of the Annunciation will be transferred this year to Monday, 4th April, the day after Divine Mercy Sunday.

God Bless! Father Bob



Fifth Sunday of Lent



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We wish our dear Father Bob a very happy Birthday ~ 83 on 16th March!

~ RAFFLE ~
BRAND NEW Premium Beefmaster 4 Burner Built-in BBQ valued at \$699 with new trolley valued at \$249. All funds raised will go the Parish. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Catalyst Reflection Morning
Saturday 19th March
in the Parish Hall from 10am to 1pm.
Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ will lead the reflection on *Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home*.
Morning tea provided, entry by donation and no need to book. All very welcome.
Enquiries to Carmel on 0417 474 850.

This year we will be having a CAKE and PLANT STALL on Easter Sunday, 27 March. We are asking our wonderful parishioners to support us and bring along a cake and/or a plant to sell. Mark you diary!



~ In memoriam ~
Pete Juhas ~ 14 March
Mary Potts ~ 17 March

In memory - **Judy Harris** (8th March 2014) - Remembering your 'Goodbye Day'. We love and miss you so much!
(Lyn Sutcliffe, Judy's family and many friends at Sacred Heart)

Cosmology Spirituality Morning: The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on **18th March**, 10am till noon. Chapter 19 of *The Cosmic Mystique* will be the subject of discussion. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Sharon Booth; Stan Dochniak; Frank Farsaci; Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP; Kevin Madden and Jack Solomons.
To add someone's name to the list for 'Prayers for the sick', please email the Parish Office: shbheath2@bigpond.com