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*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 ...



Fifth Sunday of Lent
Year A

2nd April 2017

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.

Next Week: **Son of God**
Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Phil 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Barry Bowden;
Madge Boylan;
Margaret Clancy;
John & Marion Crowley;
Danielle Moir; Paul Kalmar;
Norma Longmuir;
Kevin Madden;
Philia Portelli;
Amber Simmonds;
Paul Windle and
Roma Ziolkowski.

In memoriam
Edna Moran ~ 2 April
Mathew Walker ~ 2 April
Roma Ward ~ 4 April

Servers

2 Apr Michelle Davis
9 Apr Dianne Stewart

Readers

2 Apr 1st Reading Christa Buckley
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves
Intercessions Patricia Dee
9 Apr 1st Reading Monica Bright
2nd Reading Brian Bright
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe

Communion

2 Apr Monica and Brian Bright
9 Apr Elizabeth Doolan and Michelle Davis

Counters

2 Apr Marilyn
9 Apr Laurie

Morning Tea

2 Apr Michelle Funnell
9 Apr Carroll Family

Church Care

14 Apr Gatt Family

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

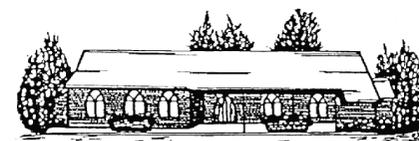
Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Feast Days of the Week (Sunday 26th Mar — Saturday 1st Apr)

2nd St 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
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)

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 1735 5479 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 Karen Hayward (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

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTERS' COMMISSIONING: Immediately following the homily in today's Mass, the annual commissioning of our Catechists will take place - Catechists first, then the Parish Co-ordinator. Other parishioners present may themselves then make their commitment in the following terms:

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, realizing that we all share in this ministry of Special Religious Education, do you pledge your support for these parishioners of ours called by God from out of our midst and commissioned by us to be SREs in our parish religious education programme.

Community: We do.

Celebrant: Will you endeavour through prayer and witness to be ministers of God's Word to each other, so that we may grow together in sharing in this work of the Lord?

Community: We will.

Celebrant: Let us continue with our liturgy, seeking our Father's blessing in this work which we undertake.

Community: Amen.

Note: Celebration of the re-commissioning of our 2017 Catechists will take place as part of our normal post-Mass social get-together, on this occasion to be held in our parish hall.

PLACEMENT & BLESSING OF A TAPESTRY GIFT: Donated by parishioners Maria and Mark Slater, this significant tapestry of the Holy Spirit in dove form will be welcomed and blessed into our parish following today's Mass. To be positioned on a wall in the parish hall, the blessing will form part of the total celebration also involving our catechists. So please, come and join us after Mass. Enjoy!

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: Will be available this Wednesday evening (5th April) from 7.00pm. Fr Paul Hanna and Michelle Davis have collaborated to produce the liturgy, while Fr Paul and myself will be available to hear confessions. Every sin, one way or another, has a community dimension. It is something that tarnishes the Body of Christ of which we are part. Each sin should arouse in us feelings of humble regret and a confident request for pardon, hence the open invitation for you to seek God's forgiveness, support and strength through the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Holy Week and Easter.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY: Sunday next (9th April), the sixth 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 21st April when once again I will 'return to the fold'. However, daily Masses will continue to be held in the Katoomba Parish, should you wish to avail yourself of that opportunity.

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'

Blackheath
Phoenix
Choir

Palm
Sunday
9 April 2pm

Blue
Mountains
Theatre &
Community
Hub,
Springwood.

Tickets
\$28pp
& \$23

concession.
If you are
interested
in joining
a Parish
Group,
please call
Joe
4788 1136
or David
4787 5105.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

This week's edition is available after Mass both at the church and in the parish hall. Cost is \$2.00 per copy. Please take home a copy!

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Well! Did you enjoy the extra hour in bed last night? OR, were you very early for Mass this morning! So, back to Eastern Standard Time until next October when we go through this same process all over again!

God Bless! Father Bob



The People's Community Network is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



**Happy 65th Birthday
Pat Drummond ~ 2 April**

ECUMENICAL SUNRISE CELEBRATION
Easter Sunday ~ 6.00am at
Leuralla Amphitheatre,
Olympian Pde, Leura
(if WET in the Leura
Uniting Church corner
Grose & Megalong sts).
BYO cushion, torch,
blanket.
Enquiries: Sr Jacinta
4757 2290.

The next **Benedictine Spirituality morning** will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on **7th April, 10am till noon.** Chapter 8 in "*Seeking God*" will be discussed. Morning prayer and a time of silence in the garden as well as morning tea will be part of the program. New friends are very welcome. Enquiries: Sr Jacinta 4757 2290

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS - FUNDRAISING EVENTS
Kindly donated by Catholic Church Insurance, a beautiful **Easter Hamper** valued at \$150 will be drawn on Easter Sunday after Mass. Tickets are now available at **\$2 each or 3 for \$5.** A list of the contents are on the noticeboard (yum!)

CAKE, CRAFT AND PLANT STALL
Calling all our cooks, gardeners and crafty people - our annual cake, craft and plant stall will again be held on **Easter Sunday** before and after mass. All donations are welcome to support our fundraising efforts for the Parish. Please note your diary.



Coming to the Parish Hall on **Saturday 10th June** is our **POP UP SHOP and TEA ROOMS.** Beautiful pre-loved and new fashions for sale. And join us for a High Tea at Miss Pretty's Tearoom.



For all things naughty but nice!

As part of our Lenten journey towards Easter, there is anticipation and preparation for the liturgies that begin on Palm Sunday and travel us through Holy Week to the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

An invitation is extended to all parishioners (and visitors) to take part in the Easter Liturgies. Please add your name to the lists that will be displayed on the Church noticeboard over the coming weeks. (*Frances Huckstepp*)