

Today

Acts 2:14,22-33 **Resurrection proclaimed**
 1Peter 1:17-21 **Reason for faith**
 Luke 24:13-35 **It is true**

Psalm Response:
 Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

30 Apr Pat Wicks
 7 May Ray Wood

Readers

30 Apr	1st Reading	David Buckley
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
7 May	1st Reading	Brian Bright
	2nd Reading	Monica Bright
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe

Communion

30 Apr Jan Roberts and Elizabeth Doolan
 7 May Elizabeth Doolan and Paul Harris

Counters

30 Apr Julie and Lance
 7 May Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

30 Apr Carla Endean
 7 May Claire Maguire

Church Care

12 May Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



They recognised him in the breaking of the bread

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

30th April 2017

Jesus joins two disciples as they walk away from Jerusalem in despair after his death. They share their hopes and longings with him, and Jesus patiently explains why events happened as they did. He breaks bread with them, and suddenly they recognise him. No longer hopeless, they rush back to rejoin the disciples, who by now are convinced that Jesus has risen. The joy of the resurrection is spreading!

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

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

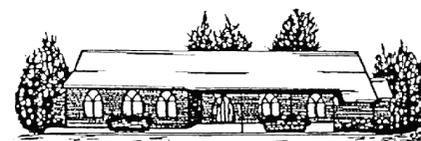
Next Week: **Fullness of life** Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 22; 1Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

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

Feast Days of the Week (Sunday 30th April — Saturday 6th May)

30th Apr	St Pius V, Pope (1504-1572), Optional
1st May	St Joseph the Worker, Optional
2nd	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor (296-373), memorial Feast
3rd	Sts Philip and James, Apostles, Feast Day
4th	St Florian, Martyr – Patron of Poland (3rd-4th Century)
5th	Blessed Edmund Rice, Founder Christian Brothers (1762-1844)
6th	St Dominic Savio, Youth (1842-1857)

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
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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

With Easter and ANZAC Day now behind us, and the remarkable Feast of Pentecost a little over a month away (4 June), we could be forgiven for thinking that liturgically, a relatively quiet period might be expected for us to get our collective breath back after Easter. Nothing could be further from the truth! God never rests. Neither should we!

ANZAC DAY REVIEW: ANZAC Day occurred last Tuesday (25 April), a glorious early Indian summer day that attracted huge numbers of both residents and visitors to the main 11.00am Blackheath War Memorial Commemorative Service. Jan Roberts and David Buckley laid an eye-catching, native-flowered wreath made by David on behalf of our Sacred Heart Parish. For those many parishioners and visitors who earlier that morning had attended the ANZAC themed 9.30am Mass, the 'Rising Sun' flowers inside the church were absolutely stunning. Congratulations once again to the entire flower group for adding another most colourful and relevant dimension to our commemoration of ANZAC Day.

SCHOOL'S BACK: While on the subject of recent events, Wednesday last saw the return of our children to school after the Easter holiday break. 'Learning' has once more taken precedence over 'leisure' in our students' lives. I certainly hope that the welcome break from study was both enjoyed and shared with family, relatives and friends - and with safety! To our students: learn well while you can as I have never found a substitute for knowledge, nor have I ever found its acquisition easy! Once gained, however, I have found that 'knowledge', combined with life's 'experience' forms the best tool for us to use in life! So! Go to it!

BAPTISMS: Over the past week, we have also been privileged to welcome into our Catholic family two local tiny tots. First, last Saturday evening at Megalong Valley's St Joseph's Church, little Mikayla TOFLER, daughter of Chloe (related to the Carlon family) was baptised, while yesterday at Blackheath, three months old Ethan Oliver GADD, son of Cassandra and Simon, also was baptised. Congratulations to all parents involved as we **welcome Mikayla and Ethan** into our caring and supportive Blackheath Parish 'family'.

MAY - THE MONTH OF "MARY", THE MOTHER OF GOD: Tomorrow (Monday) is the first of May, Mary's month dedicated to Marian devotion, a popular tradition dating back to the sixteenth century. Although May is a form of Mary, the name of the month actually comes from the Latin for "the month of Maia", the Roman goddess of grain. Hence the people of ancient Rome celebrated the first day of May by honouring Flora, the goddess of flowers. Dances around a flower-bedecked maypole were common, especially on the first day of May. Often a May queen was chosen as part of the festivities. St Philip Neri (1515-1595) initiated devotion to Our Lady on the first day of May. He also began the custom of decorating the statue of the Virgin with spring flowers in that northern hemisphere. So we have yet another pagan custom/festival given a Christian dimension. Today, in many parts of the world, floral tributes, processions and crowning of Our Lady's statue takes place. Too, on many occasions - as with us during this month - a flower decorated statue of Mary will be presented as a Marian shrine. Rosary time!!! Please, also remember that tomorrow (1 May) is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker!

54TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. This is the time when we focus on vocations - yours and mine - be it secular or religious-based. More next week on this topic!

God Bless! Father Bob

**Sunday, 7 May, is
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS.**

In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

COFFEE CAPERS
will be held at the "Hartley Fresh" stop on the Highway at Hartley, next Wednesday, 3 May, commencing at 12pm. All welcome!

Happy Birthday
Marilyn Rowe ~ 4 May

Happy Anniversary
Monica & Brian Bright
39 years on 6 May

**The next BENEDICTINE
SPIRITUALITY MORNING**
will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday, 5 May, 10am-12pm. Ch 9 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
AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Saturday, 10 June, (and Sunday morning from 10.30) is the launch of our **POP UP SHOP and TEAROOMS** giving you the chance to buy beautiful preloved and new fashions. And join us for a High Tea at Miss Pretty's Tearoom.

FOR ALL THINGS NAUGHTY BUT NICE!

We are taking donations of **good, resaleable** clothing items now. If you can help on the Saturday OR Sunday morning after Mass, please let Marilyn or Patricia know.

Please also note your diary, that our annual **PARISH DINNER** will be held in the Parish Hall on **FRIDAY 16TH JUNE**. Spit Roast, great company and entertainment. All welcome!

Please note that the Parish Office Hours for **Wednesday 3 May** only will be **9am till 12pm**.

**Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group
Trivia Night ~ Saturday 17 June**

Despite the wonderful news regarding Patrick receiving Refugee Status, there are still many thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum that need assistance - in a whole range of ways. Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group continues to do an outstanding job in helping to fulfil the needs of many. To do this, BMRSG needs money! The Trivia night on 17 June is an opportunity for a social get-together, fun and fundraising to assist with the continuation of BMRSG's great work.

Venue: Mavis Wood Hall, Lawson. **Time:** 7pm. Teams of 6, 8 or 10 can be accommodated. **Cost:** \$25 per person.

Numbers are limited and table bookings will fill up quickly - so if you would like to join a Team from Sacred Heart Blackheath, please contact David Buckley ASAP - 47875105 or by email at dbuckley45@bigpond.com

In memoriam: **Miriam Helby ~ 4 May**