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Isaiah 50:4-7 *The Lord, my help*  
 Philippians 2:6-11 *One of us*  
 Matthew 26:14-27:66 *Son of God*

**Psalm Response**  
 My God,  
 my God,  
 why have  
 you  
 abandoned  
 me?

**Gospel Acclamation**  
 Glory and praise to you, Lord  
 Jesus Christ. *Christ became  
 obedient for us, even to death,  
 dying on the cross, therefore,  
 God raised him on high and  
 gave to him a name above all  
 other names.* Glory and praise...



**Palm  
 Sunday of  
 the Passion  
 of the Lord  
 Year A**

9th April 2017

We begin Holy Week by reading the passion and death of Jesus. We are invited to accompany him, meditating on the suffering he endured for us. He did no wrong, yet those who could not accept his goodness put him to death. No one defends him, and Jesus does not defend himself. He loved us so much that he laid down his life to free us from sin.

Next Week: **Empty tomb**  
 Acts 10:34 37-43; Ps 117  
 Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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.

Happy 34th Anniversary  
**Adrian & Robyn Carroll**  
 for today.

**Servers**

9 Apr Diane Stewart  
 16 Apr Graham Adams

**Readers**

9 Apr 1st Reading Monica Bright  
 2nd Reading Brian Bright  
 Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
 16 Apr 1st Reading Claire Maguire  
 2nd Reading Pat Wicks  
 Intercessions Robert Forbes

**Communion**

9 Apr Elizabeth Doolan and Michelle Davis  
 16 Apr Ray Wood and Graham Adams

**Counters**

9 Apr Laurie  
 16 Apr Carla and Neil

**Morning Tea**

9 Apr Carroll Family  
 16 Apr EASTER SUNDAY

**Church Care**

14 Apr Gatt Family

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:  
 Hosanna in the highest!

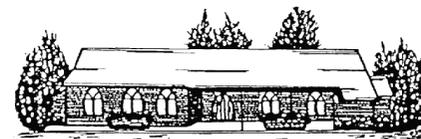
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy  
 O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.  
 Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory?  
 He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

**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  
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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>

<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
<b>Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass</b>	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass</b>	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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

**HOLY WEEK:** At last! After five long weeks of Lenten struggle we have reached the last week of Lent - Holy Week! This coming week is the most significant period in the Church year as it encompasses the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The number of liturgies planned for this week, the days and times of which are detailed in this bulletin, confirm the singular importance of this Season in our Church year. As we near the Paschal Feast of Easter Sunday, we are now able to reflect on how well we have done in our endeavours to achieve those personal goals we have set during this time. Did we review, revise and renew enough to bring us closer to God and neighbour in the practice of our Catholic faith? I certainly hope so, for that is what Lent is all about.

Passion (Palm) Sunday introduces us to the profound events of Holy Week by demonstrating the changing nature of human behaviour presented for us to consider on this day. First, we have the crowd's stated intention of installing Jesus as their king; less than a week later that same crowd calls for his crucifixion and death. Just how fickle can human nature be! For all the suffering endured by Jesus through his Passion and Death, the critical act of salvation by Him occurred early on Easter Sunday morning through his Resurrection. Without Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, the Catholic Church could not have been established and you and I would not have been here now. All that occurs during this coming week leads us inexorably to the events of Easter Sunday morning - Jesus' Resurrection.

You are, therefore, sincerely invited to share with our parish family the events of this week as they unfold, especially the infinite depth of Jesus' love for each of us that far exceeds even his terrible torture, crucifixion and death. Easter, through Jesus' Resurrection, is the ultimate triumph of good over evil. That, surely, is a victory worth waiting for, and celebrating! Also, kindly note that Fr Paul Hanna will be joining us in all of this year's Easter Masses and liturgies. (Please see next page for details.)

**TUESDAY MASS TIME CHANGE:** Please note that this Tuesday's Mass (11/4) will commence at 6.00pm (not 6.30pm as scheduled). This will enable me to help Fr Ted Tyler with St Canice's Second Rite of Reconciliation due to start at 7.00pm. Many thanks to those involved for your co-operation!

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION:** The annual support of the Church in the Holy Land always takes place on Good Friday. God alone knows how much that support is needed at this time in that troubled region of the world. Please, give what you can!

**AFTER EASTER:** Kindly note that the first Mass after Easter Sunday to be celebrated at Blackheath will be the 9.00am Mass on Friday, 21st April when I will once again be in residence. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes!

And don't forget ANZAC DAY which this year falls on Tuesday fortnight (25/4) with Mass here at 9.30am, followed by the Blackheath War Memorial service starting at 10.45am.

**God Bless! Father Bob**

## The Easter Journey

A warm invitation is extended to parishioners, visitors and the wider community to participate in the Holy Week

liturgies as the Easter journey leads each of us closer to the risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

The times for Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, Good Friday services and Easter Vigil Mass are in the bulletin and on the notice board. Changes to outdoor events due to inclement weather will be posted on our Parish Facebook page.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES AND LITURGIES

- 12 Apr 7.30pm **CHRISM MASS** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta (where we collect the Sacred Oils for Parish use over the next year)
- 13 Apr 7.30pm **HOLY THURSDAY—EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
Sacred Heart Blackheath (Altar of Repose quiet time concludes at 9.30pm)
- 14 Apr **GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.00am **Stations of the Cross** (Sacred Heart - undertaken in the forest - weather permitting - otherwise the church will be used)  
10.00am **Ecumenical Service**, St Joseph's Megalong Valley (social activities follow)  
3.00pm **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** (Sacred Heart)  
4.45pm **Sunset Liturgy** at Mt Blackheath (depart Sacred Heart carpark at 4.30pm)
- 15 Apr **HOLY SATURDAY**  
1.00pm **Walk to Walls Cave** and collect water for the Easter Vigil Mass  
6.00pm **The Easter Vigil Mass** and associated Liturgy
- 16 Apr **EASTER SUNDAY**  
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



Participation in the Integrated Community Development Program has offered Aloma a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment. *You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)*

*Happy Birthday*  
**Heidi Lamerton**  
11th April  
**Francesca Huckstepp**  
15th April  
**Frank Portelli**  
15th April

### Working Bee ~ Wednesday 12 April from 8am

All are welcome to come and work with our maintenance team next Wednesday 12 April from 8am. We need your help so that we can prepare our gardens and grounds to look great for Easter. Please bring a sunhat and garden gloves. Call John on 0407 288 957 if you need further information, or just turn up on Wednesday morning.



### CAKE, CRAFT & 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.

**RAFFLE:** 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!).

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