

**TODAY**

*Acts 4:32-35 Believers united  
1 John 5:1-6 Faith overcomes all  
John 20:19-31 Peace be with you*

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

**Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;  
His love endures for ever.**

Gospel Acclamation: (sung)

**Alleluia!**

**Servers**

23 Apr Michelle Davis  
30 Apr Ray Wood

**Readers**

23 Apr 1st Reading Mary Duggan  
Ps/Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson  
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp  
30 Apr 1st Reading Catherine Beaver  
Ps/Intercessions Wayne Evans  
2nd Reading Terry Beaver

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

23 Apr Bill Grieves and Marion Crowley  
30 Apr Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg

**Children's Liturgy**

23 Apr Children remain in Church  
30 Apr Children remain in Church

**Counters**

23 Apr Monica Van Horen  
30 Apr Judith and Frank Mackrell

**Morning Tea**

23 Apr Marie Johnston  
30 Apr Helen Chadwick

**Church Cleaning**

28 Apr Robyn and Kevin Burns  
5 May Betty Zeman and Jan Barnier



**Second Sunday  
of Easter Year B  
23 April 2006  
Jesus came to his  
disciples on the  
evening of his  
Resurrection with the  
greeting of peace and  
with the gift of his  
Spirit. In the  
beginning God  
breathed life into his  
creation, now Jesus  
breathes his Spirit  
into his disciples in the  
new creation. Thomas,  
who refused to accept  
the testimony of his  
fellow disciples,  
receives the personal  
reassurance of Jesus,  
not only for himself  
but also for us.**

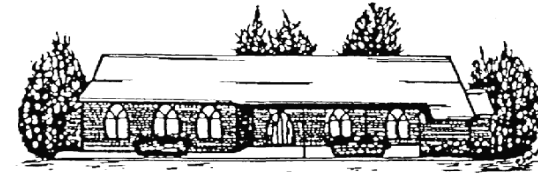
**NEXT WEEK**

**You are  
witnesses**

*Acts 3:13-15,  
17-19;  
Psalm 4  
1 John 2:1-5;  
Luke 24:35-48*

**PEACE BE WITH YOU:** As part of my ministry I offer a weekly Mass at two retirement villages. I notice that the elderly worshippers remain fairly passive during the Mass. They listen attentively to the readings and prayers with no apparent emotion. But when the greeting of peace comes about, they become quite animated: reaching out, smiling, even walking a little to greet each other with words, gestures and smiles. I feel privileged to be the celebrant for them. (DJA)

# SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath  
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria  
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

**Our Mission Statement**

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.

**All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriage and sick calls  
to the Parish House.**

**~ Pastoral Director ~ Sister Lyn Eastmure O.P. ~**

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Parish Office 4787 8540 email: shbheath@hermes.net.au

**Blackheath**

Mass Sunday 9.30 am  
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service Wednesday 9.00 am  
Praying the Gospel Wednesday 9.30 am  
Prayer of the Church Friday 9.00 am  
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music 4th Saturday of month 2.00 pm

**Mount Victoria**

Christian Meditation (one hour) Every Wednesday 7.00 am  
Mass 1st Friday of month 7.00 pm

**Megalong Valley**

Liturgy of the Word 1st Friday of month 9.00 am

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

**Bulletin Items:** please contact Kate Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email D\_P\_I@telpacific.com.au

# Peace be with you!

Dear Friends,

Today's story of Thomas might prompt us to reflect on the following questions: Have you ever been "locked in" because of fear or trapped in a certain way of thinking or responding? What was it that liberated you? Are there times when you expect God to behave as you want rather than being open to the presence of the risen Christ in unexpected ways?  
Blessings, Lyn.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, 13th May**  
8am-10am. Good food, good company  
and a very special Guest Speaker.

## Happy Birthday

Susan Kerr  
for 26th April  
Suz Gracey  
for 26th April  
Shzilagh Kirkham  
for 29th April



**CAKE AND CRAFT STALL**  
Thank you to all  
who contributed to  
last week's stall.  
We raised \$673.65  
- a record amount.

Let us pray for all those in need of our prayers,  
especially **Yvonne Thomas, Michael Cooper,**  
**Pat Leeder and Cathy McGloin.**

## Faith and doubts

We live at a time when many people are asking: what is faith? Faith is a simple trust in God, an indispensable surge of trusting undertaken countless times over in the course of our life. All of us can have doubts. They are nothing to worry about. Our deepest desire is to listen to Christ who whispers in our hearts: 'Do you have hesitations? Don't worry; the Holy Spirit remains with you always.' Some, to their surprise, have made this discovery: God's love can come to fulfilment even in a heart touched by doubts.

Br Roger Shutz of Taizé (1915-2005)



echoes  
from  
the  
past

## Community.

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**Thank you**  
Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting **Project Compassion.** If you still have a box or envelopes please bring them back next week.



## It only takes a little to make a big change. What your dollars could do -

- \$2 could enable one person in Papua New Guinea to be tested for the HIV virus.
- \$5 could provide equipment for one Indigenous woman to make baskets to sell for income.
- \$20 could provide seeds for one year for a family vegetable garden in Bolivia.
- \$65 could enable the installation of a tap for a community of 500 people in Tanzania.
- \$100 could provide trauma counsellors in the Solomons with the resources to travel to communities in need of support.
- \$525 could provide a water pump in Tanzania.

## A VOCATION VIEW

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you..."

## Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

and to celebrate this special feast, Divine Mercy Prayers and Devotions commence at 3.00pm at St Bonaventure's Leura. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity of Confession. For those who wish to stay this will be followed by 5.00pm Mass.



**Church Flowers:** We are very much in need of new volunteers to take on the role of decorating the church every few months. We will shortly lose one of our small group so this is an opportunity to contribute to this rewarding work. We are not sexist and no experience is necessary. Please see Jan Roberts or Barbara Grieves after Mass.

**CelebrateLove** Be the best you can be... together. Celebrate your love with this two day seminar for couples in loving marriages. Presented in a Catholic context, the seminar is a private experience for couples of any faith.

<b>Part I</b>	<b>May 21 Kensington</b>	<b>Part II</b>	<b>May 28 Chatswood</b>
	<b>May 27 Chatswood</b>		<b>Jun 18 Kensington</b>
	<b>Jun 4 Chatswood</b>		<b>Jun 25 Chatswood</b>

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