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Acts 10:34,37-43 We are witnesses
Colossians 3:1-4 Life in Christ
John 20:1-9 Empty tomb

Responsorial Psalm: (see bulletin insert)
This day was made by the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

ROSTERS

Servers

23 Mar Wayne Kelly
30 Mar Jan Roberts

Readers

23 Mar 1st Reading Yvonne Thomas
Ps/Intercessions Sr Lyn
2nd Reading Mary Duggan
Gospel Ron Davis
30 Mar 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey
Ps/Intercessions Peter Ticehurst
2nd Reading Mary Duggan

Ministers of the Eucharist

23 Mar Elizabeth Giddey and Pat Wicks
30 Mar Monica Bright and Heather Carroll

Children's Liturgy

23 Mar Children remain in the Church.
30 Mar Elaine Phillips

Counters

23 Mar Judith and Frank
30 Mar Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

23 Mar Carroll Family
30 Mar Fiona Evans and Jo Gauci

Church Care

28 Mar Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
4 Apr Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



Easter Sunday

Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb while it is still dark. The body of Jesus is not there! She runs to Peter and John who run to see for themselves. Their amazement is intensified when they find the cloths but not the body of Jesus. They ponder these things, and then remember that Jesus had said he would rise from the dead. Christ our light is risen indeed. Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK: Believe and live Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117 | Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



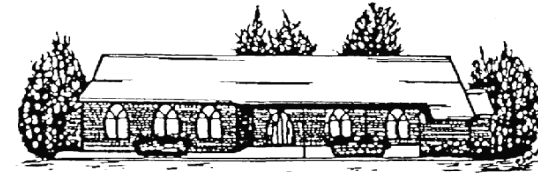
echoes from the past

A hidden event

The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus didn't rise from the grave to baffle his opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified him that he was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death... The world didn't take notice. Only those whom he called by name, with whom he broke bread and to whom he spoke words of peace were aware of what happened. Still, this hidden event freed humanity from the shackles of death.

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)

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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Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday	7.00 pm
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm

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, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Blessings of Easter Joy, Peace and New Beginnings! Throughout Lent we have been invited to "Journey to the Heart". The Lenten Book concludes with some Wisdom for the Journey. I share this one with you.

"Travelling Companions. You weren't thinking of journeying alone were you? While Jesus will be with you always, also remember you belong to the church, your family in faith. Who are the people you can walk the journey with and so share the joys and struggles?" **Blessings, Lyn.**

Next Sunday, 30th March, we will welcome to the Waters of Baptism **Hugh Samuel Driver.**

We pray for Hugh, his parents Clarissa and James, and family who will gather to celebrate this special occasion. We will also welcome our children beginning their preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation for this year.

"He saw and he believed."

We have just passed through the saddest week of the year, which is also the greatest expression of love the world has ever seen. We now rejoice at an empty tomb. How do we believe such a thing after the battered body of Jesus has been removed from the tree and laid in his mother's arms?

I was touched by the cloth 'rolled up by itself'. It reminded me of how Hebrew carpenters used to put their towel aside in a place by itself to show their work was finished. Did Peter and the beloved disciple recognise this sign from Jesus, saying his commission from the Father was done and now the task fell to his followers?

Our joy at the Resurrection carries a challenge to continue to bring this dream of God into the twenty-first century. This dream the angels sang of at Jesus' birth - peace on earth and good will towards all.

(from Daily Prayer online)

WYD08

114 Days to go!

Young people from more than 171 nations and all around Australia are coming to Sydney to celebrate World Youth Day.



Those coming are called pilgrims. Pilgrims are people on a journey of faith to places of religious significance. There is a strong tradition of people offering hospitality to pilgrims on their journey. Pilgrims treasure forever the hospitality shown to them by their host families, parishes and school communities.

A big thank you to all who have offered hospitality and a welcome to our Lithuanian pilgrims.

HOMESTAY HOSTS MEETING

Tuesday 6th May is the date set aside for the interviews with the host families. Interviews will commence from 4pm. If you work and would like a late appointment, please contact Marilyn at the office or email a suitable time to shbheath2@bigpond.com



A Special Thank You



to the many parishioners who have contributed to these Easter ceremonies that

have been so meaningful – taking us all into this Sacred Time of suffering, death and resurrection.

Thanks also to our celebrant Fr Paul Hanna for keeping us in touch with our cosmos, earth and our ancestors.

May the blessings of Easter be each of us

as together we continue to become more fully the Body of the Christ for one another and our world.

Happy Birthday

Oliver Burke ~ 3 Today
Maria Cora for 26th March
Ray Wood for 28th March

The Parish Pastoral Council meets this Wednesday evening, 26 March at 7.30pm.

The Quilt for the Sisters of Charity Orphanage in Awasa, Ethiopia was raffled last Sunday. All who gathered had a great afternoon during which Mekdes, (who was in the orphanage) drew the winning ticket. We congratulate Terrie Fletcher, a frequent weekend member of our community! The money from the raffle, \$1800, will go directly into the orphanage account for much needed items and medicine. Thanks to Norma for the beautiful quilt, Maureen for bringing to our awareness the needs of this orphanage and, especially, all who contributed so generously to the raffle.

MONSTER GARAGE SALE

17th & 18th May

Goodies are starting to come in for our monster sale. Please keep looking for those items that you no longer want taking up space at home. Books, tools, toys, utensils... just about anything can be sold. Contact Marilyn on 0414 536 601 if you need help bringing them to the hall.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2008 HAPPY EASTER!

Thank you to those who have generously supported this year's Caritas Project Compassion Campaign. Thus far we have received \$1255.40 ... so we are almost half way to exceeding last year's total of \$3145.46.

It would be appreciated if all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes could be returned over the next two weeks. With the problem we experienced with having boxes and envelopes delivered, some may have missed out. If you would like a Caritas envelope, please contact David Buckley (4787 5105).

just want justice... a call to action

Happy 52nd Anniversary Ken and Sheilagh Kirkham for 24th March

CAKE AND CRAFT SALE AFTER MASS TODAY



Please pray for those who are ill at this time:
Marjory Cowell, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock and David Ridout.