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*Acts 3:13-15,17-19 God raised him
1 John 2:1-5 Christ our advocate
Luke 24:35-48 You are witnesses*

Response to the Psalm:
Lord, let Your face shine on us.

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

Servers

26 Apr Wayne Kelly
3 May Ray Wood

Readers

26 Apr 1st Reading Julie Hodgkinson
Ps/Intercessions David Buckley
2nd Reading Ron Davis
3 May 1st Reading Christa Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns
2nd Reading Robyn Burns

Ministers of the Eucharist

26 Apr Ray Wood and Barbara Smith
3 May Jan Roberts and Anthony Gilchrist

Children's Liturgy

26 Apr Carol Drummond
3 May Carmel Vanny

Counters

26 Apr Barbara and Bill
3 May Christa and David

Morning Tea

26 Apr Michelle Funnell
3 May Moira McNair

Church Care

1 May David and Christa Buckley
8 May Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Liturgy Rosters
are now ready for
collection in the
Church foyer.

Please pray for those who are ill:
Russell Ellis; James Ford; Judy Frazer;
Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Irene Peacock;
Cec O'Brien; David Ridoutt and Hugo Riggs.



Companion on the road of life During the time between the Lord's resurrection and ascension he joined the two disciples as their companion on the road; and by rebuking them for their timid and fearful hesitation he dispelled the darkness of doubt from all our minds. Their enlightened hearts received the flame of faith; cool before, they glowed when the Lord unfolded the scriptures to them. As they ate with him, their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread – opened happily to the revealed glory of our nature... Pope St Leo the Great (c.400-461)

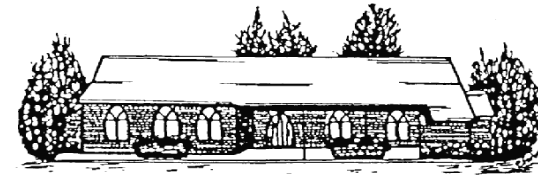


3rd Sunday of Easter

When Jesus appears in the midst of his disciples they cannot believe the evidence of their own eyes. Jesus convinces them by showing the wounds of his crucifixion and inviting the disciples to touch him. He opened their minds to understand what was written about him in the Scriptures. Jesus stands in our midst today; he opens the Scriptures to us and feeds us with his Bread.

Next Week: **The good shepherd**
Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117;
1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

SACRED HEART PARISH



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

We wish to acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,
the original custodians of this land.

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.

Administrator: Fr Bob Sheridan Parish Office hours:
Parish House: 4787 8811 Wednesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.30am - 2.30pm
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8540.

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Communion Service	Monday	9.00am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am to 10.00am
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd Saturday of month	6.00pm

Care Group - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Fr Bob, Monica Bright (Chair), Adrian Carroll (Deputy Chair) or Chris Le Gras (Secretary).

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.
Phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Anzac Day Reflection



By the time you read this, Anzac Day will have come and gone for yet another year! Special Anzac Day services were held at Blackheath RSL consisting of a Dawn Service, later march and fraternity—the first two of which I shared! We laid a wreath at the soldiers' memorial on behalf of all parishioners. We shaped our Saturday 9am Mass to encompass a special moving Anzac Day Liturgy as a tribute to all servicemen and women from this area who placed their lives at risk in war for our benefit.

In order to get the 'feel' for our remembrance of this day, I quote from a Dawn Service Eulogy which I led at Katoomba in 2006. *"As we gather here this morning in God's world to welcome in a new day in our lives, we are reminded of another early morning on this day in 1915 - 94 years ago when, on the other side of the world, a group of volunteer Australian and New Zealand soldiers waded ashore at a small beach on the Gallipoli Peninsula to face in battle, the full force of the Turkish Army. By the end of that first day, some 2,000 of our mostly very young and inexperienced soldiers lay dead on the beach now known as Anzac Cove.*

Despite overwhelming odds, our Anzacs fought on for a further eight and a half months before the remaining 35,000 troops were evacuated. By then, the same number of our soldiers, our Anzacs, had either been killed or wounded.

This same Anzac Spirit has been in evidence time and again since Gallipoli in every war and skirmish in which our armed forces have been involved. That Spirit of Anzac - the total giving of self for the greater good of loved ones, and for our nation as a whole, is why we are here this morning! It is not about war and its promotion. Never was! It is all about maintaining in ourselves and our society, those qualities of life we hold most dear - freedom, tolerance and a fair go for all! And in the tough times, commitment, courage and perseverance engaged with humanity and compassion, as we look after each other in those circumstances.

That is the message of Anzac. That message is etched in the lives of those who have returned for all wars, and in the blood of those who have died fighting for that just cause, mostly on foreign soil. May we, through the commemoration of Anzac Day, always remember them and their contribution to our way of life and the freedoms we enjoy! The Spirit of Anzac is our heritage! Ours to keep and nurture! Lest we forget!

Blessings, Fr. Bob.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008: The youth department of the Pontifical Council for the Laity has published a special "WYD Magazine" dedicated to World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. Issued in four languages, the magazine was published by the John Paul II Foundation for Youth. The 184 page colour magazine features a variety of photos and articles allowing readers "to relive the different stages of this Australian event, from the pilgrimage of the Cross in Oceania to the visit of Pope Benedict XVI." Other sections focus on the catechesis sessions, the festival of youth, the Way of the Cross through the streets of Sydney, the Vigil and the Mass at the Randwick Racecourse, and the journey home.

Special thanks is extended to Tony and Michelle for the framing of the Angel Gabriel, a gift from our Lithuanian pilgrims to our community. This gift has special symbolism and I thank Tony for his explanation to us on Easter Sunday morning mass. "Let brotherly and sisterly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:1)

We are called to be Easter people. May we continue to pray for our Afghan asylum seekers and for those who minister to them.

The gospel of today takes us through a range of emotions which the disciples experienced; amazement at the story of the disciples from Emmaus; terror on seeing Jesus, joy in their recognition of Jesus.

We too, are called in our daily lives to recognise the Jesus before us, those who are sick, those who are suffering, those who are oppressed and those that are our family. Peace of the Risen Lord and blessings, Monica.



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion.

If you still have a box or set of envelopes, please return them as soon as possible.

If you are wondering how you could make a difference in the struggle against poverty in your daily life then visit www.bemore.org.au and take up the challenge to BE More!

Happy Birthday
Sue Gracey
for 26th April
Sheilagh Kirkham
for 29th April

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: Contributions for the Diocesan Works Fund help many different services, some of which are: Clergy Health, Catholic Missions, Social Justice and Child Protection services, to name a few. Envelopes will be left on the church seats over the next two weeks, with collection on **Sunday, 3rd May**. Thank you for your continued support.

Annual Sacred Heart Parish Dinner, Saturday, 13 June at the Manor House, Mt Victoria.

Pilgrim Walks and Celtic Journeys
Michael and Andrea Begg (from Ireland) will return to Blackheath for two more talks. Don't miss this opportunity to hear them.
Thursday 30th April 11:30am in the Parish Hall 5.00pm at Hargreaves Lookout
Michael is a pastor, counsellor, friend, teacher, pilgrim, but most of all a **STORYTELLER**.
Enquiries: Maureen Williams on 0429 304 594 or email on maureen@loveknots.com.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
As advertised last week, meditation takes place on a Monday morning, 10.30 at 227 The Mall, Leura.
For those who cannot make the daytime session, there will be a meeting on Thursday evenings: 7.30 at Blackheath.
For more information, ring Barbara: 4787 6032