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Acts 13:14,43-52 Mission to the world
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 Tears wiped away
John 10:27-30 Eternal life

Responsorial Psalm:

We are God's people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"The sheep of my flock", says the Lord,
"hearing my voice they will listen."

"They will follow me, for I know them,
they are mine."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Servers

29 Apr Diane Stewart
4 May Pat Leeder (Mt Vic)
6 May Ray Wood

Readers

29 Apr 1st Reading Kevin Burns
Ps/Intercessions Julie Hodgkinson
2nd Reading Steve Gauci
4 May 1st Reader Catherine Beaver
2nd Reader Terry Beaver
6 May 1st Reading Gerard Nolan
Ps/Intercessions Pat Waters
2nd Reading Robyn Burns

Ministers of the Eucharist

29 Apr Norma Longmuir and Diana Landsberg
6 May Heather Carroll and Michelle Davis

Children's Liturgy

29 Apr Carroll Family
6 May Bettina Le Gras

Counters

29 Apr Robyn and Adrian
6 May Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

29 Apr Michelle Funnell
6 May Marie Johnston

Church Care

4 May Kevin and Noeline Phelps
11 May Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen

A **HOME MASS** will be celebrated on 9th May at 7.30pm at the home of Laurie & Louise Noyes, 8 Days Cres, Blackheath. All welcome.



4th Sunday of Easter - Year C

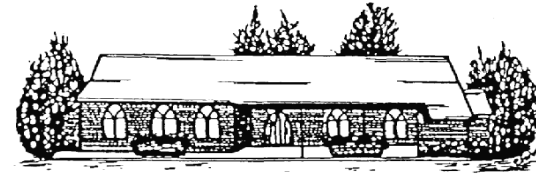
The Lamb who was slain is our Shepherd. Are we sheep who listen to his voice and follow him? If so, he will lead us to springs of living water, he will give us eternal life. What is eternal life? It is to know and love him truly, to know and share in his oneness with the Father.

Next Week: Love one another
Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144
Apocalypse 21:1-5;
John 13:31-35

REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held on Saturday, 12th May from 10am to 12 noon at their home at 227 The Mall, Leura. Theme: "Life. BE - in it." Enquiries: Sister Mary 4784 2055.

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

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| Blackheath - Mass | Sunday | 9.30 am |
| Liturgy of the Word | | |
| and Communion Service | Wednesday | 9.30 am |
| Praying the Gospel | Wednesday | 10.00 am |
| Praying the Rosary | Thursday | 2.00 pm |
| Prayer of the Church | Friday | 9.00 am |
| Christian Meditation (one hour) | Tuesday (4787 7098) | 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 |
| 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

Inspired Music

On 18 November, 1995 Itzhak Perlman, the violinist, came on stage to give a concert at the Lincoln Centre in New York. If you have been to a Perlman concert, you know that getting on stage is no small achievement for him. He was stricken with polio as a child and so he has braces on both legs and walks with two crutches. He walks painfully, yet majestically, until he reaches his chair. Then he sits down slowly, puts his crutches on the floor, undoes the clasps on his legs, tucks one foot back and extends the other foot forward. Then he picks up the violin, puts it under his chin, nods to the conductor and proceeds to play. But this time something went wrong. Just as he finished the first few bars, one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap. There was no mistaking what that sound meant. There was no mistaking what he had to do. He would have to get up, put on the clasps again, pick up the crutches and limp his way off stage to find another violin or another string for this one. But he didn't. Instead, he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signalled the conductor to begin again. And he played with such passion, power and purity as we had never heard before. Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a symphonic work with just three strings. You could see him modulating, changing, recomposing the piece in his head. When he finished there was an awed silence and then people rose and cheered in an extraordinary outburst of applause from every corner of the auditorium... *(continues next column)*



It's a miracle!

...He smiled, wiped the perspiration from his brow, raised his bow to quiet us, and then he said – not boastfully, but in a quiet, pensive, reverent tone:
 “You know, sometimes it is the artist’s task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left.”
 What a powerful line that is. It has stayed in my mind ever since I heard it.
 Here is a man who has prepared all his life to make music on a violin of four strings, who all of a sudden in the middle of a concert, finds himself with only three strings, so he makes music with three strings. And the music he made that night with just three strings was more beautiful, more sacred, more memorable, than any he had ever made before, when he had four strings.
 So, perhaps our task in this shaky, fast-changing, bewildering world in which we live is to make music, at first with all that we have, and then, when that is no longer possible, to make music with what we have left.

Jack Riemer, Houston Chronicle,
Feb 10, 2001

In Memoriam: † **Herbert Johnstone** - 3rd May; and † **John Johnstone** - 3rd May

St Patrick’s Cathedral is featured in ‘Sunday Arts’ on ABC TV, **today at 5pm**, in a program about **Aldo Giurgola**, the Cathedral’s architect. Last year’s Chrism Mass was filmed as part of this program which also includes Cathedral artworks.

Young Adults’ Prayer and Discussion Nights

The CAFé program ‘Knowing God Better’ is a fun and engaging series of seven talks designed to help young Catholics get more out of their faith. Sessions include music, mime, icons, testimonies and opportunities for prayerful reflection. After each talk, questions and discussion take place in small groups over a cup of coffee. Where: St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall on the last Sunday each month after 6pm Mass, commences 29 April.

Inquiries: Fr Dave Hume - 8839 8416,
dave@stpatrikscathedral.com.au

The World Community for Christian Meditation offers a 6 week Introductory Course

to Christian Meditation beginning Wednesday, 2nd May (runs for 6 weeks on consecutive Wednesdays) at 7.30pm for one hour each week at the Santa Maria Hall, GW H’way, Lawson. Enquiries: Terry O’Donnell - 4758 7683.

The next meeting for the **Blackheath Conference of St Vincent de Paul** will be on Tuesday 8 May at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

Happy Birthday
Shcilagh
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today.

Interfaith forum: On Sunday 6 May Parramatta Diocese is co-hosting a public forum on “The Role of Religion in Achieving Peace in the Middle East.” Speakers: *His Excellency Metropolitan Elias Chacour*, Archbishop of Galilee in the Melkite Catholic Church; *Mr Muhammad Sammak*, Secretary General of the Christian-Muslim Committee for Dialogue. 7.30-9.15pm, St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall. RSVP 4 May tel 9683 6277.

MEN’S BREAKFAST Saturday, 5th May Breakfast at 8am.

As always, we will have an interesting speaker:

JASON STEFFLER A Canuck Downunder.

And as always, no shortage of great food, great company and plenty of laughs– so all men folk, young and older – most welcome!

RSVP **Frank Mackrell TODAY. (4787 8840)**

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- * Brigidines celebrate 200 yrs – special feature
- * Refugees worse off than animals, says QC
- * Notre Dame students meet Pope Benedict
- * Imbalance in workplace, says bishop
- * Church takes new look at limbo
- * Archbishop backs TV’s Catholic Guy
- * Koreans pray for US victims
- * Young urged to share talent in WYD
- * Priest converts his jailers
- * Students raise \$11,000 for mission
- * The case against GM foods
- * Youth minister ‘watching the young grow’
- * in Church
- * Dollars and Sense
- * Marcellin all-rounder on fire
- * Exploring the Scriptures
- * Special subscription offer – save 20 per cent