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*Jeremiah 31:31-34 New covenant*  
*Hebrews 5:7-9 Source of salvation*  
*John 12:20-30 The hour has come*

**Response to the Psalm:**  
Create a clean heart in me, O my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Servers**

29 Mar Ray Wood  
3 April Diane Stewart (Mt Vic)  
5 April Pat Leeder

**Readers**

29 Mar 1st Reading Mary Duggan  
Ps/Intercessions Steve Gauci  
2nd Reading Ron Davis  
3 Apr 1st Reader Catherine Beaver  
2nd Reader Terry Beaver  
5 Apr 1st Reading Carmel Vanny  
Ps/Intercessions Pat Wicks  
2nd Reading Carol Drummond

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

29 Mar Diana Landsberg and Elizabeth Giddey  
5 Apr Diane Stewart and Heather Carroll

**Children's Liturgy**

29 Mar Julie Hodgkinson  
5 Apr Frances Huckstepp

**Counters**

29 Mar Monica  
5 Apr Judith and Frank

**Morning Tea**

29 Mar Sue Holz  
5 Apr Elizabeth Giddey

**Church Care**

3 Apr Julie Hodgkinson  
10 Apr Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



**5th Sunday of Lent**

The time is drawing near for Jesus to manifest the ultimate expression of his love for us. His preaching touches the hearts of some Greeks, who then want to meet Jesus. If we are impressed with the words of Jesus, we must also live this out in our lives. Like the grain of wheat, we have to die to our selfishness so that we can live fully in Christ.

Next Week: Son of God  
Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21  
Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

In memoriam:  
**Ken Cullen** ~ 1st April  
**Norman Bland** ~ 1st April  
**Edna Moran** ~ 2nd April  
**Roma Ward** ~ 4th April

**Mass of Compassion**

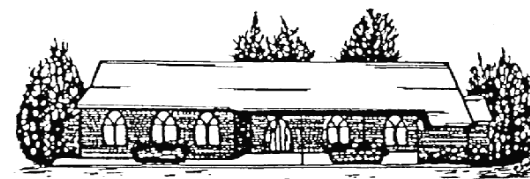
**Memorial Acclamation:**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus Christ, until you come, until you come in glory.

**Great Amen:**

We sing Amen! We sing Amen!  
All glory and praise be yours, O God.  
We sing Amen! We sing Amen!  
With faith and hope and love, we sing Amen!

# 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>

<b>Blackheath</b> - 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
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - 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](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

## PLANNING FOR EASTER

As we enter the fifth week of Lent, the sixth week being itself Holy Week, we also enter the final stages in our preparation for the liturgies of the Easter Triduum [Latin for the “sacred three days”] – that period which includes Maundy [Holy] Thursday evening, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Events incorporated in the Easter Triduum are the Last Supper, Passion and Death of Christ. The Paschal Feast of Easter itself in which the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is recognized and celebrated is, of course, the culmination of all that has occurred throughout Lent and the Easter Triduum. The celebration commences with the Easter Vigil Mass which takes place after dark on Holy Saturday evening.

Behind the scenes, for quite some time now, a number of parishioners have been investing much of their energy attending to the detailed planning for all the liturgies that will be shared during this climax to the most holy period in the entire Church year. The dedication and commitment of these devoted people to this task has to be seen to be appreciated. Mostly, I suspect, that the only reward to come their way will be a sense of personal satisfaction and the knowledge that they have contributed significantly to the successful conduct of all these liturgies. “THANK YOU” on behalf of all parishioners for your endeavours in this regard.

Finally, our external celebrations have little value unless they are accompanied by a concurrent internal renewal of our faith in, and love for, God and neighbour through Jesus. Let not this sacrifice be wasted on you!

God Bless! (Fr.) Bob

There will be a Healing Mass here on 4 April at 9am.

### Sacred Heart Parish

#### Holy Week & Easter Services ~ 5-12 April

Palm Sunday: 9.30am Mass  
Tuesday: 7.00pm Reconciliation (Rite 2)  
Holy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Good Friday: 10.00am Stations of the Cross  
10.00am Prayer & Reflection at  
St Joseph's, Megalong Valley  
3.00pm Passion of Our Lord  
Holy Saturday: 7.00pm Easter Vigil & Mass  
Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass

### Sacred Heart Care Group

This is just a reminder that our Care Group is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please contact our Care Group if you think we can help.  
Carmel Vanny  
4787 8706 or  
Michelle Funnell  
4757 2638.



## Congratulations!

Our Material Girls of our community are to be congratulated for their wonderful quilts on display at Wentworth Falls. Each quilt told a unique story and the creativity of our sewers is to be celebrated. I thought back to Sr Lyn's Farewell and how she used her quilt you all made for her birthday, to say thank you to our community. It was such a treasure for her. Story is such an important part of our life and it is always unique. “We come to share our story. We come to break the bread. We come to know our rising from the dead.” (Song of the Body of Christ: David Haas)

## Reflection

Caroline Jones in her book “An Authentic Life” invites us to see our home as a ‘revealing symbol of our inner state. It reflects one's character in its décor, its state of order and the space allocated to various activities... ‘ We are invited to reflect on the following: ‘What do you do to make home a sacred place of nurture, respect, trust, security and faith in life for all who live there. Is there a place at your table for the unexpected guest? Do you live in harmony with your natural environment and with local bird and animal life?’

Let us give thanks for Lent when we are called to be reflective and to grow closer to our God and our family and our Sacred Heart Community. Just as the leaves are changing their hues, they too, are a symbol of the change that needs to touch our lives in faith and compassion and trust.

Peace and blessings Monica.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pat Drummond for 2nd April  
Joanne Gauci for 5th April



## Easter Sunday Cake Stall

All donations of cakes, jams, biscuits, pickles and items suitable for the cake and craft stall will be very welcome.

Food items are to have a list of ingredients attached.

It would be appreciated if all items are wrapped and priced ready for sale.

## Men's Breakfast ~ Saturday, 18 April

Speaker: Robert Forbes  
‘A Mathematical Mystery Tour’  
As always, great food and friendship.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Russell Ellis;  
Judy Frazer;  
Barbara Hunt;  
Roger Johnstone;  
Travis Kingston;  
Irene Peacock;  
Cec O'Brien,  
David Ridoutt  
and  
Hugo Riggs.



God calls us not only to life, but to live life to the full. This week's Project Compassion story introduces us to Bluey, who lives in one of Australia's most isolated desert communities, Wirrimanu (Balgo). He is participating in a project supported by Caritas Australia that encourages Indigenous youth to participate in employment and training, social and crisis support, and cultural and spiritual activities. Your Project Compassion donation enables Caritas Australia to continue addressing the social and emotional wellbeing of young people in Indigenous Australian communities.

