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Acts 2:42-47 Christian life 1Peter 1:3-9 New birth in Christ John 20:19-31 Believe and live

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word of the Lord lasts for ever, What is the Word that is living? It is brought to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will meet this Tuesday, 1st April at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

<u>Servers</u>

30 Mar Jan Roberts

4 Apr Pat Leeder (Mt Vic Mass) 6 Apr Wayne Kelly

6 Apr **Readers**

30 Mar 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey

Ps/Intercessions Peter Ticehurst
2nd Reading Mary Duggan

4 Apr 1st Reader Catherine Beaver

2nd Reader Terry Beaver 6 Apr 1st Reading Jane Nolan

1st Reading Jane Nolan Ps/Intercessions Ian Maguire

2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

30 Mar Monica Bright and Heather Carroll

6 Apr Ray Wood and Pat Wicks

Children's Liturgy

30 Mar Elaine Phillips 6 Apr Frances Huckstepp

Counters

30 Mar Julie and Lance 6 Apr Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

30 Mar Fiona Evans and Jo Gauci

6 Apr Barbara Grieves

Church Care

4 Apr Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

10 Apr Robyn and Kevin Burns



2nd Sunday of Easter

On the evening of resurrection day the disciples are filled with fear, and Jesus himself comes to them and gives them his peace and joy.

A week later Jesus comes again, to convince Thomas that he has truly risen. The faith of Thomas resounds down the centuries and today we can be glad that Thomas took some convincing.

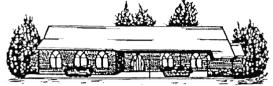
Our hearts can echo his words:

'My Lord and my God!'

A VOCATION VIEW
Through the gift of the Holy
Spirit we are sent to share
the peace of Christ.
Believe in Jesus'
call to you. Act on it!
(John 20:19-31)

NEXT WEEK: It is true Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 151 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

SACREDHEARTPARISH



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.

Today the Risen Jesus appears with his wounds of his suffering still very much on show. How often we try to cover up our wounds, our sufferings, Thomas is given the opportunity to touch Jesus. Touch can provide healing and comfort; it can be an act of support or compassion. There are times when like Thomas, we can reach out to touch another or like Jesus, we may need to allow others to touch us in our woundedness. **Blessings**. Lvn.

WYD08 107 Days to go!

Young people from more than 171 nations and all around



Australia are coming to

Sydney to celebrate WYD. 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

iourney. Pilgrims treasure forever the hospitality shown to them by their host families, parishes and schools' communities.

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

THE SEASONS OF GRIEF IN YOUR LIFE

Praver Day at the Augustinian Centre for Spirituality. 2 Hewitt Avenue, Greystanes, on Thursday 3rd April from 9.45 am - 3.00pm.

Praying in Response to Jesus' Invitation "I will call you friends". A time to pray and reflect on Jesus' invitation to choose to receive His infinite love for us and His call to grow in the intimacy of His personal friendship. This day will be led by Fr John McCall OSA.

For bookings and further information phone 9896-6794 or e-mail osaspirit@bigpond.com.au

JOURNEY OF THE CROSS AND ICON TO OUR PARISH

Tuesday 15 April 3.00pm

St Paul's, Mt Victoria:

4.45pm

Mt Blackheath - Sunset Service; 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath.

Wednesday 16 April 5.00am

Govett's Leap Information Centre 5.20am

Walk to Lookout and sunrise service; 6.40am

Handover to Richmond Parish.

We are able to accommodate 8 of the WYD team on the Tuesday night but if anyone can accommodate Fr Chris and/or Mr Sultana (driver of the WYD van), please contact Sr Lyn if you can assist. Posters and flyers are available. Your participation and ideas will be most welcome. Coordinators: Heather Carroll, Carmen Beard: Diane Stewart and Sr Lvn.

Baptism: This morning we welcome to the waters of Baptism Hugh Samuel Driver and his parents, James and Clarissa, their family and friends. We pray that they may be specially blessed through this Sacrament of New Life.

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

Join us for our next

Men's Breakfast Saturday, 12 April from 8am.

Be entertained by the musings of a Bomb Disposal Man.

Tony Jacques has titled his talk:

"Bombs & Things that go **Bump in the Night"** Subtitle: "How NOT to go up in the world!"

As always, great food and great company. If you know anyone who has not been, invite him along and remind the regulars. For catering purposes, please let Christa or David know if you will be attending (4787 5105).

REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held at their home at

227 The Mall. Leura on Saturday, 12th April from 10am to 12 noon.

Theme: On being fully alive! Enquiries: Sr Mary 4784 2055.

Sacramental Program 2008

Today we specially welcome Jacinta Laird, John Paul Lillis, Freva McNair, Edwina Ruse and Brigid White to our Sacramental Program. Let us keep them and their parents especially in our prayers as they begin this special time.

Dialogue - Where Young Adults Meet:

Sunday 6th April, 7:30pm Topic: Surviving the Workplace Today

Join highly successful business woman Carolyn Betts as she talks about family, gender and surviving in the workplace today. St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 19 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay from 7.30-9.30 pm. Donation is \$5 including refreshments. For more information go to yucan.org.au.

Change of Date for MONSTER GARAGE SALE NOW ... 24 & 25 MAY

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to change the date of the garage sale. Now you have one extra week to rummage through all your unwanted goodies. Contact Marilyn if you need help bringing them to the hall (0414 536 601).

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

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

Caritas Australia would like to Caritas THANK YOU for supporting AUSTRALIA Project Compassion. If you still

have a box/set of envelopes, we encourage you to please bring them back next week.

~In memoriam~ Ken Cullen ~ 1 April Norman Bland ~ 1 April Edna Moran ~ 2 April Roma Ward ~ 4 April