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*Isaiah 50:4-7 God my help
Philippians 2:6-11 He emptied himself
Mark 14:1-15:47 Son of God*

Response to the Psalm:
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation:
**I will sing of the Lord,
I will sing salvation, I will praise the Lord.**

*The Lord became obedient even to his death
on a tree, even to his death. (refrain)
The Father raised him high,
gave to him a name above all others. (refrain)*

Servers

5 Apr Pat Leeder
12 Apr Jan Roberts

Readers

5 Apr 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
Ps/Intercessions Pat Wicks
2nd Reading Carol Drummond
12 Apr 1st Reading Gerard Nolan
Ps/Intercessions Anne Broomfield
2nd Reading LeGras Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

5 Apr Diane Stewart and Heather Carroll
12 Apr Carla Deane and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

5 Apr Frances Huckstepp
12 Apr Carroll Family

Counters

5 Apr Judith and Frank
12 Apr Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

5 Apr Elizabeth Giddey
12 Apr Carroll Family

Church Care

10 Apr Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
17 Apr Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

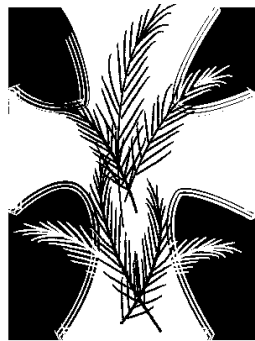
Mass of Compassion

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!



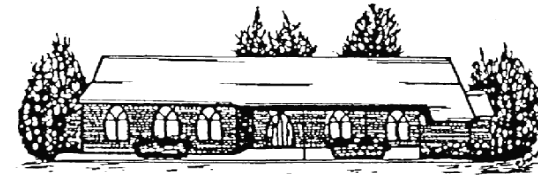
**PASSION SUNDAY
Year B**

This special time of Holy Week begins with the passion narrative of Mark, who gives us a graphic picture of the days when Jesus is tried by his own people and sentenced to death. His communion in prayer with his Father in the Garden of Gethsemane strengthens him to endure this terrible suffering for love of us. He made no resistance, and did not turn away.

Next Week: He has risen!
*Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 117
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9*

In memoriam:
**Bernice Inman ~ 7 April
Derrin McGrath ~ 8 April**

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

HOLY WEEK

Finally, after five weeks of good Lenten practice we have reached the last week of Lent - Holy Week.

This coming week is the most significant period in the church year as it encompasses the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The number of liturgies planned for this week, the days and times of which are detailed below, give evidence of the singular importance of this week in our church year. As we near the Paschal feast of Easter Sunday, we have the opportunity to reflect on our achievement of any personal goals we have set ourselves in terms of reviewing and renewing the practice of our Catholic faith.

Palm (Passion) Sunday introduces us to the profound events of Holy Week by demonstrating the changing nature of human behaviour presented for us to consider on this day. First, we have the crowd's stated intention of installing Jesus as their king; less than a week later that same crowd calls for his crucifixion and death. Thus is highlighted the very fickle nature of human behaviour.

For all the suffering endured by Jesus through his passion and death, the critical act of salvation by Him occurred early on Easter Sunday morning through his resurrection. Without Jesus' resurrection from the dead, the Catholic Church could not have been established and you and I would not be here now. All that occurs during this coming week leads us inexorably to the events of Easter Sunday morning – Jesus' Resurrection.

You are, therefore, invited to share with our parish family, the events of this week and the celebrations to follow.

God Bless! (Fr.) Bob

Sacred Heart Parish

Holy Week & Easter Services ~ 5-12 April

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



Blessing of the Baskets - Easter Vigil

There will be a blessing of Easter Baskets after the Easter Vigil mass. Traditionally, the basket contains a sampling of Easter foods (non-perishable) to be shared with family and friends. The basket is lined with white linen and decorated with ribbons and sprigs of an evergreen plant.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you is extended to all who participated in our Lenten Groups. To the hosts, we also say thank you for your hospitality and leading our community in prayer and reflection. We are blessed to have such generosity of spirit within our small but dedicated community.

There is a saying that points to the importance of our reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians. "What we do with our hearts affects the whole universe." Each day we choose the quality of the day. To rise with a spirit of trust in the Lord for the happenings as they unfold will bring life and grace to our days and to those we encounter.

May we journey together in Holy Week as a community of prayer, trust and compassion.
Peace and blessings, Monica.

Pastoral Conversation

Last year, several Blackheath parishioners attended a six week training conducted by Nepean Hospital Chaplaincy Department under the auspices of Sydney West Area Health Service. The course focused on the skills of "pastoral conversations" to support people going through grief, bereavement, illness, anxiety or other distress.

The course was extremely well conducted and strongly supported by Sr Lyn; and the end result is that our parish now has men and women who are able and willing to spend time with people suffering difficult issues which they may wish to discuss. The essence of a pastoral conversation is active, non-judgemental listening, assisting people to identify their own next directions rather than offering directive advice.

If you'd like to take advantage of this service or you know someone you think may wish to consider it, please feel free to contact the Parish Office or a member of the Care Group.

Loneliness: It's worthwhile recalling that loneliness is a major problem in Australia, across all ages and sectors, but especially for men. To be on the alert to identify and welcome the lonely is a core responsibility of a Christian, as the words of Jesus indicate: "I was a stranger and you made me welcome." Are we sufficiently alert to identify the newcomer or the person apart? When a lonely person comes to my parish, will I be there to greet them with a smile that says, "I'm glad you are here – this is your home!"?



In a world of inequality we are called to hunger and thirst for what is right. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Maria Gaby from Bolivia. She is participating in a Caritas Australia-supported project addressing food insecurity and malnutrition, the loss of local identity from migration and threats to children's rights. Parents and elders join in the activities and games, too. Your donation to Project Compassion enables Caritas Australia to work in partnership with some of the world's most vulnerable communities before, during and after the headlines.

