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Acts 10:34,37-43 God raised Jesus
Colossians 3:1-4 Look to heaven
John 20:1-9 Risen from the dead

Responsorial Psalm:

This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice; let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord.
Let us rejoice in salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Now he is living, the Christ,
out of the tomb he is risen.
He has conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Servers

8 Apr Jan Roberts
15 Apr Jan Roberts

Readers

8 Apr	1st Reading	Mary Ellen Duggan
	Ps/Intercessions	Clare Maguire
	2nd Reading	Anne Bloomfield
15 Apr	1st Reading	Fiona Evans
	Ps/Intercessions	Elizabeth Giddey
	2nd Reading	Peter Ticehurst

Ministers of the Eucharist

8 Apr Norma Longmuir and Heather Carroll
15 Apr Monica Bright and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

8 Apr No Children's Liturgy during the holidays
15 Apr No Children's Liturgy during the holidays

Counters

8 Apr Monica Van Horen
15 Apr Judith and Frank Mackrell

Morning Tea

8 Apr Fiona Evans and Jo Gauci
15 Apr Barbara Grieves

Church Care

13 Apr Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst
20 Apr Pat Waters and Phil Wicks

Happy Anniversary
Adrian & Robyn Carroll
for 9th April

Happy Birthday
Heidi Lamerton
for 11th April



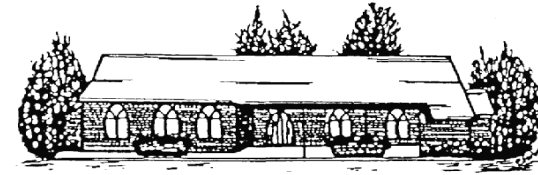
Easter Sunday

Israel's faith was built on remembering God's mighty deeds, his promises and their fulfilment. Our Christian faith goes further, seeing the Old Covenant fulfilled in the coming of Christ, his life, death and resurrection. His Passover from death to life is not only *his* victory, but by it he has won our redemption, our Passover in him to life eternal. Christ has risen from the dead, Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK: Sent to forgive
Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 117
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19;
John 20:19-31

I would like to thank all, for the warm welcome I received during my stay at Blackheath. I enjoyed my time with you and hope to return sometime in the future. Blessings to you all for the Easter Season. Sr Ann Keys, O.P.

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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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

Look to heaven



church below the rooftops

This is a story of two of our children. Sally was born on 25 November 1970 and Greg had been born the previous year on 10 August. Sally was our sixth child when our eldest was only six. That was the time when mothers were minding their children, baking their biscuits, making their clothes and feeling very sorry that Russian mothers had to leave their children in community nurseries to go to work.

Our world fell apart when Sally was two years old and she was diagnosed with leukaemia. When she was in remission we moved to the country town where I had been born and where my husband had employment. We were hoping for a less hectic life. Many long stays in Brisbane ensued and much treatment.

Sally's most favourite possession was 'dolly'. I made her dollies and if one wore out or got lost there'd be a new one next morning. 'Dolly' was her last word before she passed away on 22 November 1975.

Greg asked one day when we were going to bring Sally home. He was only six and had lost his little sister. It was hard to understand she'd gone to Heaven. Turn the calendar forward to 17 November 1998 and I am sitting with Greg as he is about to depart this life. Greg had been battling cancer for twenty months. I was lucky he could be at home with me as I had promised he would be. We talked about Sally and I told him he'd see her in Heaven...

God gives strength and life

...When he died I just sat quietly with him. I said, 'Greg, we have a secret. No-one knows you have gone.' It was a precious time. Greg was now with his little sister.

Why do I want to tell you this story? Because I want people to know what strength God gives to His people. We are still here. The family members are still living their lives. Sometimes we hear that if you have faith all will be healed. Not everyone can be healed. God gives his people strength and I want you to know that. Sure our hearts have been broken, but by God's wonderful power we are still here. There is no way we would be without His divine support. (Maureen)

*Through the resurrection of his Son God has granted us healing.
May he fulfil his promises, and bless you with eternal life. (Solemn Blessing)*

Mary Magdalen saw him

We must reflect upon the ardent love in the heart of Mary Magdalen, who would not leave the Lord's grave, even after his own disciples had gone away. She continued seeking him whom she could not find; in tears she kept searching; and, afire with love, she yearned for him whom she believed had been removed. Thus it happened that she alone saw him, she who had remained behind to seek him... She had already sought and found nothing. But she persevered, and therefore found the object of her love. (See John 20:11-18)

Pope St Gregory the Great (c.540-604)



echoes from the past

Transformed by Easter

Christian history reaches its crescendo point in the Resurrection of Jesus. The risen Jesus is the final revelation of the heart of God - a God who teaches love rather than hate, forgiveness rather than blame, non-violence rather than violence.



The Resurrection of Jesus tells us that there is no victory through domination. There is no such thing as triumph by force. By his life, death and resurrection Jesus stops the cycle of violence and challenges the notion of dominating power. This is a power that seeks to change things from the top down, from the outside in. Instead, Jesus invites us to relational or spiritual power, where we are not just changed but transformed. And not transformed from the top down but from the bottom up, not from the outside in but from the inside out. Transformed into God. (Excerpt from article by Fr Richard Rohr, O.F.M. in EveryDay Catholic April 2001)

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/EDC/ag0401.asp>

THANK YOU!

As a community we wish to express our thanks to **Fr Paul Hanna** for celebrating Lent and Easter with us. Fr Paul has made himself available to guide the very special liturgies that the community has prepared. We thank you for your generous spirit and great love of the beautiful environment in which we live and are called to be stewards of the land in the Blue Mountains.

As we journey together with the Lord we would like to acknowledge the many wonderful parishioners who have prepared very meaningful liturgies. Much reflection and preparation has taken place behind the scenes. These include the Liturgy Group, Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Musicians and Servers. The Liturgical symbols and floral arrangements all reflect the love and dedication of our community. We will also think of Sr Lyn and pray for her in Africa.

May we journey together with a prayerful spirit and may the Risen Lord bless us with His hope and joy and peace. Easter blessings to you all.

Monica Bright

Project Compassion: Our grateful thanks to all who were able to contribute to Caritas Australia who support such diverse needs in many overseas countries. At this point we have collected over \$1000. We would request Project Compassion boxes to be brought to the Sunday Mass after Easter Sunday.

The Social Justice Group

Please pray for those who have recently died, especially, †**Roma Ward**; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

†**Derrin McGrath** - 8 April

†**Andrew Ziolkowski** - 12 April

†**Una Woods** - 14 April

A VOCATION VIEW

We're no longer nobodies. Jesus rose from the dead. He promises to take us to heaven, too. *Our Ultimate Vocation: Union with God!*