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

**Responsorial Psalm:** (sung)

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation:** (sung)

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Servers**

9 Apr Wayne Kelly

16 Apr Ray Wood

**Readers**

9 Apr 1st Reading Brian Bright

Ps/Intercessions Dominic Gilchrist

2nd Reading Monica Bright

16 Apr 1st Reading Carol Drummond

Ps/Intercessions Christa Buckley

2nd Reading David Buckley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

9 Apr Anthony Gilchrist and Jan Roberts

16 Apr Heather Carroll and Norma Longmuir

**Children's Liturgy**

9 Apr Anne Broomfield

16 Apr Children remain in Church

**Counters**

9 Apr Irene Peacock

16 Apr Barbara and Charles Hodgkinson

**Morning Tea**

9 Apr Fiona Evans / Jo Gauci

16 Apr Marion Crowley

**Church Cleaning**

14 Apr Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

21 Apr Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

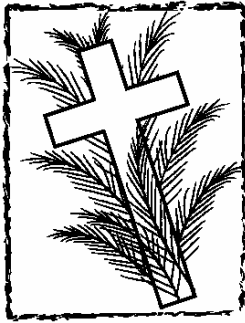
Let us pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially  
**Yvonne Thomas, Michael Cooper and Pat Leeder.**

**NEXT WEEK**

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

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Adrian and Robyn Carroll**  
♥ for Today ♥

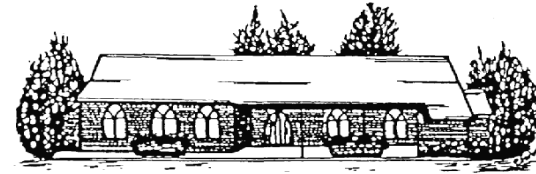
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Heidi Lamerton for 11th April  
Francesca Huckstepp for 15th April



**Passion Sunday**  
**Year B**  
**9 April 2006**

**Jesus makes his entry into Jerusalem, the royal city, amidst acclamation and spreading of cloaks. As today's liturgy proceeds, however, the mood changes completely. The responsorial psalm takes up the lament: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? All who see me deride me. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.' We are accompanying Jesus in his Passion.**

# 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	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm

**Mount Victoria**

Christian Meditation (one hour)	Every Wednesday	7.00 am
Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm

**Megalong Valley**

Liturgy of the Word	1st Friday of month	9.00 am
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**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

## Dear Friends,

Today we begin that most solemn of all weeks in our Liturgical Year. As we recall the final days of Jesus, his suffering and death, let us unite all the evil and violence of our world, and our personal suffering with that Jesus.

...*"it is our faith that Jesus' cross is his - and our - path to glory. And it is our hope that Jesus' death upon that cross - his willingness to be destroyed rather than take up violence himself - will ultimately bring us lasting peace and eternal glory".* (Daily Prayer 2004 p.127 ) **Blessings, Lyn.**

### Holy Week Celebration

As a fitting conclusion to our weekly Lenten gatherings there will be a special Holy Week Celebration at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls at 10am on Wednesday, 12 April. The celebration will include appropriate prayers, poems, song, silence and sharing. It will conclude with a light Agape luncheon by noon. It is open to all whether you did the Lenten program or not. Each is invited to bring a friend and, if possible, a plate. Enquiries: Sr Mary Maguire 4784 2055 and Sr Jacinta Shailer 4757 2290.

### Easter Sunrise Service

This will be held at 6am on Easter Sunday 16 April at Leuralla Amphitheatre, Olympian Parade, Leura. In case of rain it will be held at Leura Uniting Church (corner Grose and Megalong Streets). The ceremony includes prayerful song, silence, dramatic reading of the Gospel, dance, lighting of the new fire and water blessing. If you come along you may need a cushion. There will be breakfast at Leura Church afterwards if you so wish. Enquiries: Louise Mattay 4782 2931 and Sr Jacinta 4757 2290.

### Individual Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) this Monday, 10 April at 7.30pm.

**Pray and Walk for Peace:** Prince Alfred Park, Cnr Church St and Victoria Rd, Parramatta. 1.00pm Christian liturgy (under the auspices of the NSW Ecumenical Council) followed by prayers by people of other faiths. Walk to Parramatta Town Hall. An appropriate day to express our faith, hope and commitment to peace by joining with others who work for peace.

### Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Since the 17th Century the Popes have urged that Good Friday also be a day of alms giving on behalf of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land and for the maintenance of the Sacred Sites. We are only too well aware that all people in the Holy Land are living a life full of tension, amid violence and terror. Their needs and the support required for the sacred places, education and charitable institutions in the Holy Land are great. On behalf of those Christians who live in the places where Jesus walked, taught, lived and died, may we generously support of the Annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

### World Youth Day

Today, Palm Sunday we celebrate World Youth Day. Luke and Veronica, from the Youth Apostolate Parramatta, are on their way to Rome, to be part of the delegation receiving the World Youth Day Cross in a special ceremony on Palm Sunday, with the Holy Father. Some sixty youth delegates from across Australia, representing every Catholic diocese, are gathering tonight for a special Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney in preparation for the start of Sydney's role as host of World Youth Day 2008.

## Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

### APRIL

- 12: Wednesday St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta  
7.30pm Chrism Mass
- 13: Holy Thursday  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Blackheath)
- 14: Good Friday  
10.00am Stations of the Cross (Blackheath)  
10.00am Prayer Service (Megalong Valley)  
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 15: Holy Saturday  
10.00am 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Blackheath)  
7.30pm Easter Vigil
- 16: Easter Sunday  
9.30am Sunday Eucharist.



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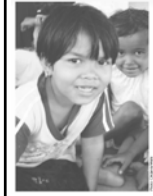
### ROADSIDE CROSSES

Bikies really have to watch the road...literally! They could run into anything: a badly canted road; those treacherous, slippery, white stop lines; a car driver suddenly turning into a driveway; animals darting out in front; road crests with a truck just over the rise; gravel, glass, ice on the road; children racing home from school... Of course, bikies don't just watch the road, but what's on the side of the road.

Very often I see crosses on the roadside. Frequently, they are covered or surrounded with flowers. They all tell a tragic story of loss and pain. They mark the spot of a fatality. They also mark the spot of faith. Someone believes death is not the end, and there is hope in the roadside death of Jesus of Nazareth. His roadside death was a turning point for all deaths. Because of his death we have come to believe that death is not the end. Although there were no flowers to adorn his cross, that cross itself became the tree of life. And so, although every death on the roads is a tragedy, it is not the end. The road and the journey continue into eternity. (A)

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:** † Andrew Ziolkowski - 12 April;  
† Una Woods - 14 April; † Dorothy Usher.

**Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes next week - Easter Sunday.**



God calls us to be open to new life even after suffering, death, loss, grief and destruction. We need look no further than to our neighbours who are rebuilding their lives after the tsunami and will continue to do so for years to come. Thanks to your support your donation to Project Compassion will enable Caritas Australia to respond to other emergencies when they happen.

### EASTER SUNDAY ~CAKE STALL~

All donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles and items suitable for the craft stall will be very welcome. Food items to have a list of ingredients attached. It would be appreciated if all items are wrapped and priced ready for sale.

