

*Isaiah 50:4-7 A disciple's lot
Philippians 2:6-11 Death on a cross
Luke 22:14-23:56 Father, forgive them*

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ. Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

For Holy Week and Easter Liturgical Ministers' Roster, please see loose sheet inside the bulletin.

Servers

1 Apr Ray Wood

Readers

1 Apr 1st Reading Wayne Evans
Ps/Intercessions Terry Beaver
2nd Reading Catherine Beaver

Ministers of the Eucharist

1 Apr Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg

Children's Liturgy

1 Apr Julie Hodgkinson
8 Apr No Liturgy during the holidays

Counters

1 Apr Barbara and Charles
8 Apr Monica Van Horen

Morning Tea

1 Apr Mignon Dwyer
8 Apr Fiona Evans and Jo Gauci

Church Care

6 Apr Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves
13 Apr Peter and Jennifer Ticehurst



Passion (Palm) Sunday

Jesus has completed his journey to Jerusalem, instructing his disciples on the way. He now enters the city of David acclaimed as Messiah. Within days, however, he is led outside the city as a criminal and crucified.

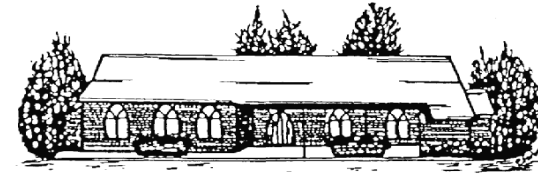
This is his ultimate lesson in discipleship: Jesus surrenders himself unreservedly to the human condition he has undertaken freely. Are we able to follow this far?



Nobility of the Passion: The hearts of Jesus and Mary, in that darkest of nights, let the violence break over them. Their senses were overwhelmed by events that seemed wholly opposed to the designs of God, but unshaken, they continued along the path of love and obedience. They concentrated on what they themselves had to do and left God to do what he wanted. They endured the whole tremendous burden of his action, groaned under its weight, but did not pause for a single moment. They believed that all would be well, provided they continued along God's path and left everything else to him.

Jean-Pierre de Caussade (1675-1751)

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

Reconciliation

April 7: Easter Saturday 10.00am Second Rite of Reconciliation

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

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| April 4: | Wednesday | 7.30pm | Chrism Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta |
| 5: | Holy Thursday | 7.30pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper (Blackheath) |
| 6: | Good Friday | 10.00am 10.00am 3.00pm | Stations of the Cross (Blackheath) Prayer Service (Megalong Valley) Celebration of the Lord's Passion |
| 7: | Holy Saturday | 7.30pm | Easter Vigil |
| 8: | Easter Sunday | 9.30am | Sunday Eucharist |

As **Good Friday** falls on the first Friday of the Month there will be **no Mass at Mt Victoria**.

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will meet on Tuesday, 3rd April at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

David Luland, the father of Anastasia and Andrew who were baptised here on 4th March, has been diagnosed with cancer and the family requests prayers please.

Chrism Mass: Wednesday, 4 April at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. You are invited to celebrate the Chrism Mass with Bishop Manning, the priests, deacons and people of the Diocese of Parramatta. During the Mass the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick are blessed, and the Oil of Chrism is consecrated. These holy oils are then given to parishes for use during the year. Bishop Manning and the priests also renew their commitment to priestly service.

Thank you from Sr Colleen for your welcome and kind words last Sunday.

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, 14 April from 10am-12 noon. Theme: *Compassion and Contemplation*.

Enquiries: Sister Mary 4784 2055.

St Vincent de Paul Society is desperately seeking two people to work every second Thursday for three hours in the Food Bank at Katoomba. If you can help in this very worthwhile activity please speak to Catherine or Terry after mass or ring 4787 1224. *Terry Beaver*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

✠**Ken Cullen**
- Today
✠**Norman Bland**
- Today
✠**Edna Moran**
- 2nd April
✠**Bernice Inman**
- 7th April

Working Bee

Easter Saturday Morning from 7.30am to 9.00am. If you have an hour or so to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.



Project Compassion

This week we meet Ellen, a Wiradjuri woman from the Wilcannia-Forbes diocese, who is participating in 'Manage Your Life, Manage Your Income' program run by Centacare. It teaches budgeting skills to Indigenous communities and highlights the importance of regular savings. It also fosters self-confidence and encourages participants to become role models who can then mentor other members of the community in financial management. *The Social Justice Group.*

Claiming the date: Saturday 16 June for "**The Parish Dinner**". Please make a note in your diaries. Thank you! *The Social Committee.*

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

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.

The answer to the St. Patrick's day word scramble: **nMwaye = Maewyn** which was St Patrick's given name.

Hymns of Glory ABC TV today at 11.30am features singing from St Patrick's Cathedral at Parramatta.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment.

In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a saviour who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. *from Liturgyhelp.com*

Revesby CYO - 50 Year Reunion

Saturday, 28 April, 2007.
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