

RECONCILIATION – SECOND RITE

Arrangements have been finalised for interested parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation via the Second Rite on Tuesday next, 12th April, commencing at 7.30pm. We are reminded that the decision taken at the 4th Lateran Council in the Year 1215, that every catholic should receive this Sacrament at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. As this will be the only opportunity for you to receive the Second Rite of Reconciliation during this Lenten/Pascal season, it could be a good time for you to fulfil this obligation.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Sunday next, the Sixth Sunday of Lent is Passion (Palm) Sunday, at which palms will be distributed to each attending parishioner. This will follow an entry procession and blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass. Proclamation of Our Lord's Passion will also be part of this Mass.

Those attending weekday Masses will note that from Tuesday, 12th April, we begin the lead-in to Our Lord's Passion via the introduction of the Preface of The Passion of Our Lord. Holy Week will commence with Passion Sunday and will continue through the last days of Lent and the Easter Triduum.

In passing, we thank those who have this year supplied palms for all parishioners.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Following the end of Term 1 last Friday, our schoolchildren are now enjoying a well earned break from their studies until schools return on 28th April. The 2nd Term will continue until Friday, 1st July, for those interested.

AFTERNOON CAPERS

Last Tuesday, about 12 lucky retirees attended this month's 'Afternoon Capers'. Once again, a great time was had by all, and we thank Anne Hartigan and Diane Stewart for giving those present a presentation of their quilting skills. Should you know of someone who would enjoy spending an afternoon of fun with our wonderful team, please see Diane for more information. The next Afternoon Capers is pencilled in from 12 noon on Tuesday, 3rd May. Be there!!

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Would those persons and families who have committed themselves to organise the various Holy Week activities, please contact myself or Michelle Davis to finalise the details of those activities sometime this week as a matter of urgency?

BACK ON DECK!

Congratulations to both Julie O'Keeffe and Bill Grieves on their speedy recovery from their recent foot and hip operations. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are also extended to others of our Parish family who are incapacitated at this time.

God Bless! Fr. Bob

This week's Saints

Sunday 10 th	St Ezekiel, OT Prophet – 600BC
Monday 11 th	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr (1030-1079), Memorial, Patron of Poland St Gemma Galgani, Virgin (1878-1903)
Tuesday 12 th	St Julius, Pope (d352)
Wednesday 13 th	St Martin, Pope & Martyr (d585) St Hermingild, Martyr (d585)
Thursday 14 th	Bl. Lydwina, Virgin (1380-1433)
Friday 15 th	St Paternus, Bishop (482-550)
Saturday 16 th	St Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin (1844-1879), optional

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT SACRED HEART PARISH

BLACKHEATH

Palm Sunday	April 17 th	9.30am
Holy Thursday	April 21 st	7.30pm
Good Friday	April 22 nd	
Stations of the Cross		10.00am
Passion of our Lord		3.00pm
Easter Saturday	April 23 rd	7.00pm
Easter Sunday	April 24 th	9.30am



EASTER SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH MOUNT VICTORIA

Easter Sunday April 24th 7.00am

EASTER SERVICES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH MEGALONG VALLEY

Prayer and Scripture Service – Good Friday 22nd April 10am

Easter Mass – Sunday April 24th 12 noon



We are urgently in need of at least 2 volunteers to be house keepers of the Lord on a rostered basis. They work as a team of 2 and the cleaning only entails about 1-1½ hours maximum every 6 weeks or so.