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Isaiah 60:1-6 **His glory appears**
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6 **Mystery revealed**
Matthew 2:1-12 **Go find the child**

Response to the Psalm: Let All the Peoples
(C. Willcock, S.J.)
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Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord.
Let all the peoples praise you. (repeat)

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of earth, your glory,
when the Lord shall build Sion again,
in all his glory, Alleluia! (R)

Let this be written for ages to come,
peoples of earth shall praise the Lord,
He has come down from His sanctuary on high,
to set the prisoners free, Alleluia! (R)

All of your servants shall dwell on high,
and their race shall last forever.
Let them proclaim the name of the Lord,
we shall worship Him, Alleluia! (R)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise the Word of Truth and Life. (repeat)

Servers

3 Jan Jan Roberts
10 Jan Diane Stewart

Readers

3 Jan 1st Reading Claire Maguire
Ps/Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Ian Maguire
10 Jan 1st Reading Christa Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan
2nd Reading David Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

3 Jan Diana Landsberg
10 Jan Ray Wood and Elizabeth Giddey

Children's Liturgy

No Liturgy during School Holidays

Counters

3 Jan Barbara and Bill
10 Jan Christa and David

Morning Tea

3 Jan To be advised.
10 Jan To be advised.

Church Care

8 Jan Judy Harris and Vicky
15 Jan Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**Epiphany of the Lord
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The prophet Isaiah proclaims the revelation of the Lord: 'above you his glory appears'. The wise men, pagans from a foreign land, come looking for the infant king of the Jews. A star in the heavens guides them to Jesus, a humble child who is God's gift to all, pagan and Jew alike. The wise men offer Jesus gifts of love and adoration. Do we give him ours too?

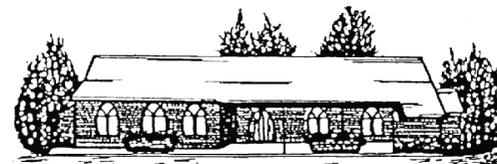
Next week God's beloved Son
Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11; Psalm 103
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Luke 3:15-16.21-22



A Celtic blessing

The very self of the Mary Virgin's Son, to you a kindly lantern may he be, Over your head a guiding, shining one, for the wide rough ocean of eternity.

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: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, phone 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath NSW 2785

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
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturday	9.30am
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd and 4th Saturdays	6.00pm

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).

Care Group - Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate Forbes by 7.00pm Thursday.
Phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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WE THREE KINGS (John H. Hopkins)

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We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.**

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring, to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God most High.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb.



Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Earth to the heavens replies.

*The following greeting arrived on Christmas morning
from our friends in Lithuania. Sr Lyn kindly forwarded it on to us.*

**"Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you,
which will bring great joy to all the people." (Lk 2, 10)**

Beloved brothers and sisters,

All God's promises for us come true in Jesus.
His birth brings Shalom – the blessing of peace,
welfare and completeness, for the world and our lives.

Let's worship the Lord!

Virginija, Monika, Paulius, Inga, Stasys, Justinas,
Aldona OFS, fr. Algis OFM

National Council of Lithuanian Franciscan Youth Fraternity (Christmas, 2009)



Please pray for those who are ill:

John Duggan; Bernadette Ellery; James Ford; Dominic Gilchrist; Rita Jenner;
Roger Johnstone; Ray Lee; Kenneth Kirkham; Irene Peacock; Cecily O'Brien;
Hugo Riggs; Cy Schreiber; Eric Tokoli and John Wilkinson.

**Happy Birthday Tgza Ellis
~ 92 on 9th January ~**

Historical Context – The Magi

In some translations, the 'wise men' of this passage are referred to as 'Magi'. Magi was the name given to the Persian priestly caste. Persia (now, Iran) lies to the east of Israel. These wise men are also sometimes portrayed as astrologers, but that is largely because of the reference 'We saw his star as it rose'. It is interesting that the passage describes 'some' wise men; tradition has developed a specific number of three - based on the three gifts presented. These anonymous (and purely literary) figures have been given names and their 'relics' lie in honour beneath the Cathedral of Cologne. - Liturgyhelp.com

Gospel Focus – Going home

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way.

How could they do anything but go home another way - indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus - in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves - then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

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Liturgical Ministers' Roster

Rosters are available for collection in the Church foyer. Please check your availability during the holiday period and, if unavailable, arrange with another minister to take your place. Thank you.