

HOLIDAYS

Isaiah 60:1-6 **Light has come**
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 **Spirit's revelation**
Matthew 2:1-12 **Come to worship**

Psalm Response

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! (x2)

We have seen his star in the east
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

ROSTERS

Servers

2 Jan Ray Wood
9 Jan Michelle Davis

Readers

2 Jan 1st Reading Carmel Vanny
Intercessions Barbara Smith
2nd Reading Pat Wicks
9 Jan 1st Reading Frances Huckstepp
Intercessions Claire Maguire
2nd Reading Ian Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Jan Monica and Brian Bright
9 Jan Diana Landsberg and Heather Carroll

Children's Liturgy

2 Jan No liturgy during school holidays.
9 Jan No liturgy during school holidays.

Counters

2 Jan Julie and Lance
9 Jan Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

2 Jan TBA
9 Jan TBA

Church Care

7 Dec Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
14 Dec Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean



Epiphany

Year A ~ 2 January 2011

Jesus was born in Judea.

Today, all the nations
seek to welcome and
adore him, the light
of the world.

The wise men find a
baby in very humble
circumstances, yet they
know that this child is
the one for whom they
are searching.

The star will guide us
too, if we are attentive
to the gentle whisper of
God's voice urging us
to walk in his ways.

Next Week: My Beloved Son
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28
Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

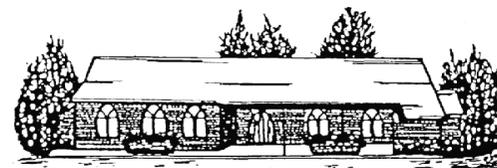


Brilliant star

Mary's virginity was hidden from the prince of this world; so was her child-bearing, and so was the death of the Lord. All these secrets were brought to pass in the deep silence of God. How then were they made known to the world? Up in the heavens a star gleamed out, more brilliant than all the rest. The other stars and the sun and moon gathered around it in chorus, but this star outshone them all...The age-old empire of evil was overthrown, for God was now appearing in human form to bring in a new order, even life without end.

Ignatius of Antioch (died c.110)

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.

Parish Priest: Father Bob Sheridan

Parish House: 4787 8811 Parish Office hours:
Parish Mobile: (24 hrs/7 days) 0428 878 810 Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Fax: 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
email: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls, ph 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 Fr Bob or Michelle Davis (Chair), Marjanna Gilchrist (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

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

Bulletin Items: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

Epiphany of the Lord

In a sense, Christmas celebrates the coming of Christ to Israel. Epiphany celebrates his coming to all humanity. No wonder that in some countries Epiphany is seen as more important than Christmas. For them, Epiphany is the time for gift-giving, based on the gifts of the Magi.

In a country of immigrants like Australia, Epiphany is a celebration of God's call for us to form one family, without losing our own traditions - unity enriched by diversity. Acceptance and tolerance flourish in such an atmosphere of respect.

Epiphany invites us to overcome our prejudices and stereotypes and to be open to all people.

Epiphany invites us to welcome the Jesus who came for everyone and who was welcomed at his birth by representatives of different nations and races.

Epiphany invites us to welcome mystery - the reality of life that surrounds us but which escapes our full understanding.

Epiphany invites us to be open to the possibility of 'returning by a different way' after meeting Jesus.

- from Break Open the Word



The following Christmas greeting is from our WYD friends in Lithuania.



Beloved brothers and sisters,

*Together with St. Francis our wish for you is...
May this Christmas time wake up baby Jesus
for a new life in the human heart.*

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MAY OUR GOD ABUNDANTLY BLESS YOU AND YOUR LOVED
ONES WITH HAPPINESS, GOOD HEALTH AND PEACE.

Eucharist

He was old, tired and sweaty.
Pushing his homemade cart down the alley,
Stopping now and then to poke in somebody's garbage.

I wanted to tell him about Eucharist.
But the look in his eyes, the despair on his face
The hopelessness of somebody else's life in his cart
Told me to forget it
So I smiled, said "Hi" - and gave him Eucharist.

She lived alone, her husband dead, her family gone
And she talked at you, not to you
Words, endless words, spewed out
So I listened - and gave her Eucharist.

Downtown is nice
Lights change from red to green, and back again.
Flashing blues, pinks and oranges.
I gulped them in,
Said, "Thank You, Father" - and made them Eucharist.

I laughed at myself and told myself
"You with all your sin and all your selfishness.
I forgive you, I accept you, I love you."
It's nice and so necessary to give yourself Eucharist.

My Father, when will we learn -
you cannot talk Eucharist -
you cannot philosophise about it. You do it.
You don't dogmatise Eucharist.
Sometimes you laugh it, sometimes you cry it,
often you sing it
Sometimes it's wild peace, then crying hurt,
often humiliating, never deserved.

You see Eucharist in another's eyes,
give it in another's hand held tight
Squeeze it in an embrace
You pause Eucharist in the middle of a busy day,
speak it in another's ear,
Listen to it from a person who wants to talk.

For Eucharist is as simple as being on time
And as profound as sympathy
I give you my supper
I give you my sustenance
I give you my life
I give you me
I give you Eucharist.

(Peter Maurin, New York 1953)

**The Parish Office
and will re-open on
20th January, 2011.**

Any urgent matters,
please phone the parish
mobile on 0428 878810.

**Please remember in your
prayers those who are ill:**

Trish Carey;
Kim Crawford;
Marion Crowley;
John Duggan;
Barry Finch; James Ford;
Virginia Hayward;
Miriam Helby;
Kenneth Kirkham;
Fran Knight; Ray Lee;
Barry Leeder;
Cecily O'Brien;
Irene Peacock;
Hugo Riggs and
Cy Schreiber.

*~ 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.*

A VOCATION VIEW

More valuable than
material gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh,
is the invaluable gift of
our lives. There is no
greater gift than to lay
down one's life for
one's friends.