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Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 The Lord is coming
2 Peter 3:8-14 While you are waiting
Mark 1:1-8 Prepare a way

Psalm Response

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Change your lives, he's coming, the one who will
baptize with the Holy Spirit. Change your lives,
he's coming. The Lord is coming soon.
Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord is coming soon.

Servers

4 Dec Bill Grieves
11 Dec Jan Roberts

Readers

4 Dec 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Carla Endean
11 Dec 1st Reading Barbara Smith
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

4 Dec Michelle Davis and Pat Wicks
11 Dec Anthony Gilchrist and Bill Grieves

Children's Liturgy

4 Dec TBA
11 Dec TBA

Counters

4 Dec Julie and Lance
11 Dec Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

4 Dec Claire Maguire
11 Dec Barbara Grieves

Church Care

9 Dec Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
16 Dec The Gatt Family

Next Week: **John, a witness** Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11; Ps Luke 1:46-54 1Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

Feast Days for this week: (Sunday 4th to 10th December)

Sunday 4th Dec St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor (676-749), Optional
Monday 5th Dec Blessed Mary Frances Schervier, Founder (1819-76)
St Crispina, Martyr (d304)
Tuesday 6th Dec St Nicholas
Wednesday 7th Dec St Ambrose (c340-397)
Thursday 8th Dec Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 9th Dec St Peter Fourier (1565-1640) Founder of the Congregation
of Notre Dame
Saturday 10th Dec St Gregory III, (690-741), Pope (731-741)



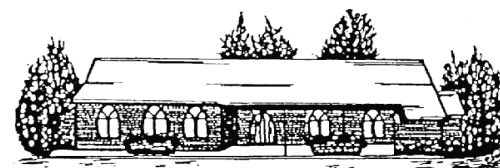
2nd Sunday of Advent

Year B

4th December 2011

St Mark introduces his Gospel as 'the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.' John the Baptist preaches a change of heart, asking us to prepare a way for Jesus in the wilderness of this life. Great crowds come to John to be baptised and confess their sins, while John looks towards the greater One who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

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

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Parish Office hours:

Wednesday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Thursday: 10.00am - 1.00pm

All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Blackheath/153850768029631>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and 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
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
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), Frances Huckstepp (Deputy Chair) and Diane Stewart (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or 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

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Preparations are now in full swing for our Christmas Liturgies. To help with the planning of our Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, please see Julie Hodgkinson or phone her at home on 4787 8096 if you have children/young people who would like to be involved with readings, prayers or the Christmas Nativity play. We are trying to gauge how many children/young people may be present - so please let Julie know, especially, if you think they may be interested in taking an active role in the Mass.

Priest Supply for Sunday Mass during Fr Bob's absence

11 December	Fr Paul Maloney
18 December	Fr John Hogan
Christmas Eve	Fr Paul Hanna
Christmas Day	Fr Paul Hanna
1/8/15 January	Fr Paul Hanna

Ecumenical Advent Festival

The Festival will consist of song and silence, readings and ritual. Guest musicians will be Ron Marks (trumpet) and Jane Elworthy (drums). There will be a DVD of a Nativity play by Japanese children. A plate of finger foods would be appreciated for early lunch. It will be held at Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls on Friday, 16 December, 10am till noon. All are welcome. RSVP: Srs Therese and Jacinta on 4757 2290

Happy Birthday

Tony Bland for 6th December
Julie Hodgkinson for 9th December
Jan Roberts for 10th December

DWF COLLECTIONS: Thank you to all parishioners for their contributions. The parish raised a total of \$1008.60.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Parish on Wednesday, 14 December, at 7.30pm.

This Rite will be a celebration of forgiveness and healing for us as individuals, the community as a whole and for the world. It will consist of prayers, readings, reconciliation and healing. Our ordained celebrant will be Fr Paul Hanna.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am at Saint Bonaventure's, Leura. The Rosary will be said at 12 noon here in Blackheath. Please join us on Thursday for this great Feast.

Afternoon Capers

has a change of location for this month. It will be held at 126 Evans Lookout Road at 11.30am. All are welcome to come along and join the fun and conversation and, if you could, please bring a plate. Enquires: Marilyn 4787 5276.

Prayers are requested for: Gabrielle Byrne; Marion Crowley; Neal Evans; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Jan Pettit; Lee Piercy; Jean Pye; Fr Bob Sheridan; Fr John Smith; Cy Schreiber and Roma Ziolkowski.



Louise Davis passed away last Sunday at Bodington. Her funeral was held at Leura Memorial Gardens on 30th November. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mick and Dulcie. May Louise rest in the loving embrace of God.

Rosters for the period 18th Dec 2011 to 18th Feb 2012 are available for collection at the back of the church.

FR BOB'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

We would like to present Fr Bob with something special this Christmas from the parishioners. A basket will be available after Mass today if you would like to contribute. It will NOT be chocolates! A card will be available in the next few weeks for everyone to sign.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

Remember to get your tickets for our fabulous Christmas Hamper Raffle. A separate raffle will also be held, with the lucky winner to receive a beautiful Christmas stocking, made and kindly donated by Anne-Marie Bland.

WORKING BEE

A Working Bee will be held in the parish grounds on Saturday, 10th December, commencing at 7am. Lindsay and Lance really need helpers with the Christmas clean-up. I'm sure YOU can help, after all, we cannot leave it all to Lindsay and Lance, can we?

~ Mark your diary ~
GARAGE SALE to be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday and Sunday 3-4 Feb 2012.

Advent Chant

Composer: Phil Porter
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Twilight then darkness, night falls and candles glow,
gently surrounding us - a new birth of hope.
Watching, waiting, awakening a new birth of hope.

Comfort, comfort, all my people

Composer: Robin Mann

Comfort, comfort all my people with the comfort of my Word. Speak it tender to my people, all your sins are taken away.

Though your tears be rivers running,
though your tears be an ocean full
though you cry with the hurt of living,
comfort, comfort.

Every valley shall be lifted,
every mountain shall be low
every rough place will be smoother,
comfort, comfort.

Though your eyes see only darkness,
though your eyes can see no light
Though your eyes see pain and sorrow,
comfort, comfort.

Every night will have its morning,
every pain will have an end
Every burden will be lightened,
comfort, comfort.

Though we build strong walls for prisons,
though we feast while others starve
Though we fill this world with weapons,
comfort, comfort.

Every prisoner will be rescued,
every hungry mouth be filled.
Every gun will rust, forgotten,
comfort, comfort.

Though we fracture God's creation,
though we stand so far apart
Though we fail to love each other,
comfort, comfort.

Every wall will crack and crumble,
every stranger will be a friend
Every one embrace another, comfort, comfort.

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