

H O L I D A Y

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 **God's chosen one**
Acts 10:34-38 **Lord of all people**
Matthew 3:13-17 **My Beloved Son**

Psalm Response:

The Lord will bless his people with his peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! (x2)

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

Servers

9 Jan Michelle Davis
16 Jan TBA

Readers

9 Jan	1st Reading	Frances Huckstepp
	Intercessions	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Ian Maguire
16 Jan	1st Reading	TBA
	Intercessions	TBA
	2nd Reading	TBA

Ministers of the Eucharist

9 Jan Diana Landsberg and Heather Carroll
16 Jan TBA

Children's Liturgy

No children's liturgy during the school holidays.

Counters

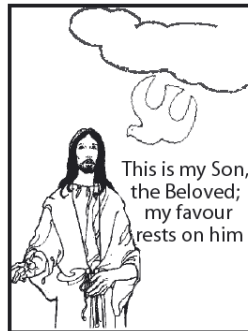
9 Jan Robyn and Adrian
16 Jan Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

9 Jan TBA
16 Jan TBA

Church Care

14 Jan Peter Ticehurst and Carla Endean
21 Jan Judy Harris and Vicky



Baptism of the Lord
Year A

Like the Nativity and the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord is a revelation of who Jesus is, and of his mission.

In the birth of Jesus we see one who shares our humanity, in the Epiphany we see this same Jesus as the light for all peoples, in the Baptism we glimpse Jesus' relationship with his Father. He is the Son, the Beloved, to whom we must listen.

Next Week: **Baptist's witness** Isaiah 49:3,5-6; Psalm 39 1Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

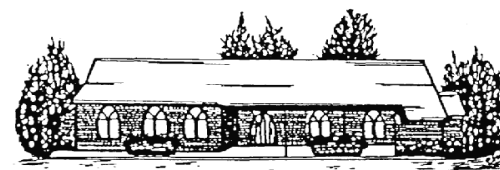


Anointed with the Spirit

Today the Holy Spirit floats over the waters in the form of a dove, so that by this sign it might be known that the world's universal shipwreck has ceased, as the dove had announced to Noah that the world's flood had subsided. Nor does this dove carry a branch of the old olive, but it pours the whole richness of the olive on the head of the author of the new anointing, in order to fulfil what the prophet foretold: 'Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above other kings.'

St Peter Chrysologus (c.400-c.450)

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, Marriages and sick calls, ph 4787 8811.
email:	shbheath2@bigpond.com	

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

God's beloved

Sometimes I feel I am meant to be in a certain place at a certain time. At times it seems that I have been 'sent' or 'led' there to receive a message I needed, or to be with someone who needed help at a crucial time.

I received a 'message' recently when I just popped for a breather into one of the numerous waiting rooms dotted throughout the hospital where I work. In the waiting room at the same time, unbeknown to me, was another chaplain, similarly taking a breather. We just 'happened' to bump into each other. As we were sharing some experiences and our personal lives he suddenly said, 'Do you know God loves you and blesses your work and is very happy with you?' I was very taken aback by this. He said, 'I can see you are surprised but I believe that while we carers go about telling everyone else that good news, very few people actually tell us. Has your Bishop or Superior rung you lately to say this to you?'

He then went on to relate how he had suffered severe burnout from his ministry, and how he and a colleague had set up a Ministry for Carers to support those in chaplaincy work. As part of his ministry he now takes the opportunity to tell other carers of their worth and their value in God's eyes. I thought this could easily apply also to parents, nurses, doctors, managers, parish priests, school principals and...you name them! So I thanked God I 'accidentally' found myself in the right place at the right time! (Laurie)
(from Peoplespeak)

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.

May the vital, loving strength of this community help them on their journey to wholeness.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

"When we live in community and everyday life is busy and difficult, it is absolutely essential for us to have moments alone to pray and meet God in silence and quietness." - Jean Vanier

If you would like to experience this ancient and gentle form of prayer, come and join us on Monday mornings at 10:30, at 227 Leura Mall, Leura.

Sessions last one hour, sometimes less, consisting of some teaching, meditation and discussion.

There is also a session at Blackheath at 4pm on Saturdays if that is more convenient.

We have members coming from Springwood to Mount Victoria, and places in-between, as well as a few from Sydney! Enquiries: please contact Barbara on 4787 6032.

Happy Birthday
Cassie Huckstapp
for 10th January
Janz Schmudg
for 14th January

The Parish Office will re-open on 20th January. Please call the parish mobile on 0428 878810 for urgent matters.

In memoriam:
John Lorant
11th January
Gerard Johnston
11th January

Dear Sacred Heart Community,

Happy New Year! May this year be a year filled with health, happiness and hope for us all and our loved ones.

During last year's AGM, I mentioned a few ministries in the Parish that require volunteers to help them continue to serve the wider community. Now we have survived the Christmas Season and the new year has commenced, you may be more aware of your new commitments and time constraints. I want to ask you to pray about what you may be able to do to serve the parish, what gifts, skills and time availability you may have for the coming year.

The Ministries in need are:

- *SRE - we need catechists and catechist helpers - if interested, please talk to Noeleen Cliff.*
- *Children's Liturgy - please talk to Fiona or Wayne Evans.*
- *Sunday Morning Teas - please talk to Christa or David Buckley.*
- *Gardening and Working Bees - Please talk to Lindsay Inman.*

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all in ministry, especially those that go unseen (which are many). Our Community is richer for your contribution and involvement.

Michelle Davis



AUSTRALIA DAY and our 109th PARISH BIRTHDAY ~WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2011~

Mass will be held at 9.30am on this day.

Diana and Joe Landsberg have kindly invited us, once again, to their beautiful historic property, "Withycombe", Church Rd at Mount Wilson.

This is a BYO everything, although hot water, tea and coffee will be provided. Within the grounds, there is play equipment to keep the children entertained and plenty of room for them to run!

There is lots of shade for adults to sit and chat! Do come along!

Bring a picnic lunch to share and enjoy good company and relaxing surrounds. It is also a chance to meet new parishioners on this day. ALL WELCOME.

I have made you a covenant of the people.

On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we think on the good things our own baptism has endowed us with. On being baptised, we enter into a new relationship with God the Father, becoming truly his children; we are filled with the Holy Spirit and enfolded into the Body of Christ, the church. No longer slaves to sin, we die with Christ and are born in Christ with a new and restored humanity; a humanity reclaimed, purified and elevated by Christ.

What a tremendous gift and choice baptism is! Let us remember and renew our baptismal promises as we say a special prayer for those being baptised today. As they are welcomed into a celestial and human family, may we continue to strengthen our familial bonds with our brothers and sisters in Christ, founding our love for each other on Christ our covenant.

-from Daily Prayer online