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Is 49:1-6

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

Acts 13:22-26

Christ's coming is announced by John

Lk 1:57-66, 80

John is his name.

Psalm Response

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

24 Jun Ray Wood
1 Jul Pat Wicks

Readers

24 Jun 1st Reading Ian Maguire
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
1 Jul 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Brian Bright

Ministers of the Eucharist

24 Jun Bill Grieves and Diane Stewart
1 Jul Diane Stewart and Ray Wood

Children's Liturgy

24 Jun TBA
1 Jul TBA

Counters

24 Jun Carla and Neil
1 Jul Monica

Morning Tea

24 Jun Christine Burke
1 Jul Mary Batty

Church Care

29 Jun Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
6 Jul Gatt Family

Next Week: Jairus' daughter is healed

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 2Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-24, 35-43

Happy Birthday

Marion Crowley
for 26th June

Louise Noyes
for 28th June

In memoriam

Kathleen Duggan ~ 24th June
Josip Naraj ~ 24th June

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HIS NAME IS JOHN



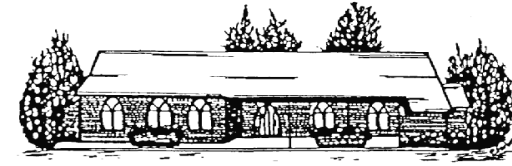
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Year B

24th June 2012

The name 'John' originates from the Hebrew language and means 'God has shown favour (grace)'. The name given to John the Baptist and Zechariah in granting them a son and also the favour that God showed to the people through John. John's whole ministry was to call people back to God; to recognise that they were in God's favour and to respond accordingly through the way they lived their lives.

In Luke's gospel, when Jesus announces the commencement of his ministry he announces the coming of the Lord's year of favour.

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: 9.30am - 1.30pm

Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

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 4th Sunday of each month (after 9.30am mass). If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Frances Huckstepp (Chair), Diana Landsberg (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (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

FIRST RECONCILIATIONS

Congratulations to **Chantelle Burke, Oliver Burke, Nina Coetsee, Ruby Coetsee** and **Maddison Tebbet** on making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, 16th June. Thanks also to Colette Lillis for instructing these children prior to receiving this Sacrament. We extend our appreciation to their parents and families, and we now look forward to preparing them for the making of their First Holy Communion in September.

COMMISSIONING OF CATECHISTS

Following today's homily, Catechists for this year are to be commissioned. As part of the Commissioning Liturgy, there is provision for the congregation to support our Catechists as follows:

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, realising that we all share in this ministry of Special Religious Education, do you pledge your support for these parishioners of ours called by God from out of our midst and commissioned by us as SREs in our parish religious education program.

Community: We do.

Celebrant: Will you endeavour through prayer and witness to be ministers of God's Word to each other, so that we may grow together in sharing in this work of the Lord?

Community: We do.

Celebrant: Let us continue with our liturgy, seeking our Father's blessing on this work which we undertake.

Community: Amen.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Holy Land Collection - \$446.75 was raised by this community through the Good Friday collections. Well done, everyone!

Peter's Pence Collection - this collection is to take place today as a leaving donation. Our Diocese sees itself as a strong supporter of the Holy Father and his charitable works for which this collection is used. Examples of the works he supports include providing shelter and assistance to victims of civil war and unrest, assistance to those seeking liberation from slavery and oppression and vital infrastructure to communities overcoming the devastating effects of natural disasters. The collection also assists in funding the Vatican congregations which ultimately assist not only the Holy Father but dioceses like ours.

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER

Congratulations to all for making this dinner a resounding success. Held at Blackheath Golf Club, 56 parishioners and friends had a great evening with superb food provided by the new caterers - Canton at Blackheath, which we recommend highly. Particular thanks are due to our organizers, Patricia and Marilyn. Thanks also to Janelle Heeley who knitted and donated the beautiful scarves which were snapped up like hot cakes!

God Bless! Fr. Bob

Feast Days for this week (24th - 30th June)

Sun 24 th	Birth of John the Baptist, Prophet & Martyr, Solemnity
Mon 25 th	St Prosper of Reggio, Bishop (d466)
Tue 26 th	St Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, Priest & Founder of Opus Dei (1902-1975)
Wed 27 th	Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor (c370-444), Optional
Thu 28 th	St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (c130-208), Memorial
Fri 29 th	Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles, Solemnity
Sat 30 th	First Martyrs of Rome, optional; St Bertrand, Bishop (533-623)

July Benedictine Spirituality

On Friday 6th July 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls, the monthly first Friday gatherings on Benedictine Spirituality continue. Discussion and input on "The Monastery of the Heart" Chapter 4 on "Prayer". Recitation of the Prayer of the Church, lectio divina, silent prayer, morning tea included. All welcome. Enquiries: Srs. Therese and Jacinta at 4757 2290



The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. (Rev 22:21)

In this 'Year of Grace' We are being invited on a journey of the heart seeking an experience of Jesus, to **deepen our relationship** with Him, rather learning more about Jesus.

- How can we best reflect the Face of Christ to our family, neighbours and work colleagues?
- As you wash the dishes, mow the lawn, cook a family meal or spend time with your work colleagues, reflect on the love that brings you to do these everyday tasks. What may sometimes seem drudgery is often borne out of our deep love for those around us.
- Sit with children and other family members at the end of the day naming the things and people they are thankful are part of their lives.

Please pray for those who are ill: Marion Crowley, Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Arthur Fowler; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Kellie and Lee Piercy; Jean Pye; Cy Schreiber and Shane Watson.

† In memoria – Eusebio Dizon – 22nd June 2011 †