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Daniel 7:13-14 All shall serve him
Apocalypse 1:5-8 Faithful witness
John 18:33-37 Witness to the truth

Psalm Response

The Lord is King! He is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Servers

25 Nov Jan Roberts
2 Dec Ray Wood

Readers

25 Nov 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Pat Wicks
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp
2 Dec 1st Reading Barbara Grieves
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Michelle Davis

Ministers of the Eucharist

25 Nov Brian and Monica Bright
2 Dec Anthony and Jonathon Gilchrist

Children's Liturgy

25 Nov TBA
2 Dec TBA

Counters

25 Nov Marilyn
2 Dec Laurie

Morning Tea

25 Nov Carroll Family
2 Dec Carla Edean

Church Care

30 Nov Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
7 Dec Julie Hodgkinson



**Feast of Our Lord Jesus
Christ the King**

25th November 2012

Jesus instructs us on
the transience of life
and of all things
here below.
Even the universe is
constantly changing.
Jesus lived his earthly
life as one of us, died,
was buried, rose from
the dead and was taken
up into his Father's glory.
He promises to come
again, and call all who
desire it to share in
his glory in his
Father's kingdom.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: John & Marion Crowley; Leslie Dee; John Duggan; Neal Evans; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Frances Leighton; Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Kellie & Lee Piercy; Cy Schreiber and Martin Steddings.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 25 November to Saturday 1 December

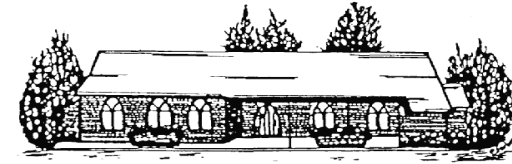
Sun 25 Nov Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Mon 26 Nov St John Berchmans, Patron Saint of Altar Servers 1599-1621
Tue 27 Nov St Maximus, Bishop (d460)
Wed 28 Nov St James of the March - Priest (1391-1476)
Thu 29 Nov St Saturninus, Bishop & Martyr (d257)
Fri 30 Nov St Andrew - Apostle - Feast
Sat 1st Dec St Eligius, Bishop - (590-660)



NEXT WEEK

There will
be signs
Jeremiah
33:14-16;
Psalm 24
1 Thess
3:12-4:2
Luke 21:
25-28; 34-36

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: 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143

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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	Saturdays	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

ADVENT: The present church year ends next Saturday, 1st December. Sunday next begins the new church year, The Year C (Sundays), and Year 1 (Weekdays) in your missals. New church years seldom have the same starting date because Advent always commences on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St Andrew, which is celebrated on the 30th November. (This year, the 2nd December is the First Sunday of Advent, and is, therefore, the first Sunday of our new church year.) Advent has a twofold character – as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is, thus, a period for devout and joyful expectation.

ADVENT WREATH: Next Sunday, 2nd December, is the beginning of the season of Advent. The word advent means 'coming' and we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Christ came to us as a baby in Bethlehem on the first Christmas. He comes to us daily in prayer, grace, word and sacrament. Then, there is yet another coming when he will come in majesty at the end of the world to judge the living and the dead. Christ comes in history, mystery and majesty. Let us prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming. Before the commencement of the opening hymn during the next four Sundays of Advent, we will light the Advent candle and say a prayer in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. As a community 'striving', we will have strips of yellow paper and for every extra prayer you say or good deed you do, you can take a slip of paper and put it in the crib to make the crib a comfortable place for baby Jesus, throughout this Advent season.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASSES: These have now been finalised as follows -

Sacred Heart Blackheath	Monday 24 th December - Christmas Vigil (Children's Mass) Carols from 7.15pm with Mass at 7.30pm
	Tuesday 25 th December – Christmas Day – 9.30am
St Paul's Mt Victoria	Tuesday 25 th December – Christmas Day – 7.00am
Sacred Heart Blackheath	Tuesday 1 st January – New Year's Day – 9.00am

Please note that **there will be no Christmas Day Mass at St Joseph's in Megalong Valley.** However, there will be a special **Second Rite of Reconciliation** available at **Blackheath on Wednesday, 19th December, at 7.00pm.**

Also note that normal Mass times will apply on Saturday, 22nd December (9.00am Blackheath and 6.00pm Megalong Valley) and Sunday, 23rd December (Blackheath). There will be no masses celebrated on 26th, 27th and 28th December, while normal Mass times apply on Saturday, 29th December (9am Blackheath). Normal Masses will apply from 2nd January, 2013. A full Mass timetable will be on the notice board from next Sunday.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - St Francis Xavier's Church, Wentworth Falls: Just a reminder that the relic of St Francis Xavier will be making a visit to that church on Wednesday, 28th November, commencing from 4pm. The relic will remain in the church until 11pm. Mass will be celebrated from 7.30pm on that day. *(St Francis Xavier's Feast Day is 3rd December and 2012 marks 460 years since his death in 1552.)*

NOVEMBER REMINDER: This is a final reminder to you to remember our departed loved ones in a special way by entering their names, if you haven't yet done so, in the Remembrance Book located near the Baptismal Font.

LIGHT OVER THE MOUNTAINS: The new edition of this publication is produced by the Blue Mountains Interfaith Group and is now available. We have a few hard copies of this booklet available in the church OR you may download this and previous editions via <http://bluemountainheart.net/interfaith>

MARY KINGSTON: Once again, we congratulate Mary Kingston upon receipt of the Diocesan Medal of Honour to be presented by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP at today's 11am Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Supported by many of our local parishioners, including the music group, we are well represented at this singular honour to be bestowed upon Mary for her wonderful work, given so freely over many years.
God bless! Fr Bob

Updating the Parish Website: Pat Drummond, our webmeister, requests all parish groups / committees / ministries / and social groups, email him a short report of one page or less detailing the function of their particular group and also the contact person's info. Pat's email is patdrum@lisp.com.au

**Happy Anniversary
Francis and Craig
Huckstapp
for 27th November**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Once again, we are starting with an empty basket and asking you to donate suitable items to help fill it. There is a list of suggestions on the notice board and books of 10 tickets are available.



Please check 'use by dates' on all items. Sheilagh Kirkham has again offered to make a Christmas cake for the 'Guess the Weight' competition.

Afternoon Capers will be held on **Wednesday, 5th December, 12pm** Weber's Nursery Café, Mt Boyce. If you need a lift or information, please phone Diane - 4787 1357.

Sanctus at Katoomba

Please note that NEW weekday Missals are now available for \$79.95. Also, they have a wide range of Christmas Cards priced 8 for \$2.50 plus others. Mary and the Saints, and Divine Mercy Calendars are also available.

In memoriam

John Brodie ~ 25th November
Jason Bentley ~ 25th November
Louise Davis ~ 27th November

*CHRISTMAS *STALL*

We will be holding a Christmas Stall sale, sometime early in December, as a fundraising initiative and are looking for donations of Christmas items. If you have any decorations, etc., in good condition, please leave them in the church for collection at your convenience. Many thanks!

CLEANING ROSTER: It is time for the new cleaning roster! If you would like to become a new helper, (once every nine weeks) or if you are unable to continue in the new year, please let me know by the end of the month. Thank you! Mary Kingston, ph 6352 1706 or email: marykingston@bigpond.com

Vinnie's Christmas Cards are available for **\$6.00 per pack.** You can also purchase **Columban calendars (2013) for \$9.00 each.** Please see Laurie after mass today.

'Singing Light and Peace'
Advent workshop retreat with Trish Watts on the Songs and Prayers of Taize.
TODAY, 2pm - 5pm followed by evening prayers 5.30 - 6.30pm.

We will weave prayer and meditation through this reflective afternoon and enjoy afternoon tea together.
At Leura Uniting Church, cnr of Grose & Megalong Sts, Leura. Donation of \$20 to cover costs of the workshop. Enquiries to Naomi 0404 137 149 or naomicooke@yahoo.com.au