



1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 Dedicated to God
 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Children of God
 Luke 2:41-52 Totally God's

Ps Response:

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)
 May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
 Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)

Servers

30 Dec Michelle Davis
 6 Jan Jan Roberts

Readers

30 Dec	1st Reading	Monica Bright
	Intercessions	Patricia Dee
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
6 Jan	1st Reading	David Buckley
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley

Ministers of the Eucharist

30 Dec Diane Stewart and Margaret Davis
 6 Jan Diana Landsberg and Bill Grieves

Children's Liturgy

30 Dec TBA
 6 Jan TBA

Counters

30 Dec Julie and Lance
 6 Jan Robyn and Adrian

Morning Tea

30 Dec Barbara Grieves
 6 Jan Mary Batty

Church Care

4 Jan The Gatt Family
 11 Jan Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston

Next Week: The wise men

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 71 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgical Ministers Rosters (20/1/13 - 10/3/13)
 are available for collection at the back of church.

Feast Days of the Week: Sun 30th Dec to Sat 5th Jan

Sun 30th Dec	Holy Family
Mon 31st Dec	St Sylvester
Tue 1st Jan	Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity)
Wed 2nd Jan	St Basil the Great (330-379), Bishop of Caesarea
Thu 3rd Jan	St Genevieve (c422-512), Virgin
Fri 4th Jan	Bl Angela of Foligno (c1248-1309), Mystic
Sat 5th Jan	St Emiliana (c550), Mystic



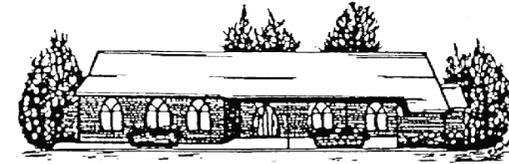
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

30th December 2012

The Gospel shows a scene from family life: a lost child. Naturally the parents are worried and search everywhere. Meanwhile the Child, serenely oblivious, is doing what he wants to do. He is in his Father's house. Yet, Son of God as Jesus is, he goes with Mary and Joseph and lives under their authority. Later there will be another three days' loss, from the Crucifixion to the Resurrection.

Please pray for Andrew & Tracey Kenny's unborn child who has been diagnosed with a serious heart defect; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Robert Graham; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; John & Jenny Mackrell, Irene Peacock; Cy Schreiber; Gerard Simms; Martin Steddings and Roma Ziolkowski.

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.

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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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Reflection

We live in an era when we are constantly hearing about the demise of the family and the demise of family values. It seems that the family is under constant attack. Divorce rates are at an all-time high and a huge number of young people are raised in single-parent families, divided families or blended families. To talk about a 'typical' family is increasingly irrelevant. What we are learning to appreciate more and more is the diversity of family experience. Despite all this, there is no disputing the value of the family unit. Family is at the heart of our society; at the heart of our development; and at the heart of our Church. When we stop and think about it, the Holy Family that we honour today wasn't exactly what we might describe as a 'typical' family and yet they provide a model for all families.

In today's gospel, we get a snapshot of family life for Jesus, Mary and Joseph at a time when Jesus was 12 years old. We're reminded that the family was a faithful Jewish family, attending the Passover celebrations in Jerusalem every year. We're also reminded that it is at the Passover celebrations some 20 or so years later that Jesus will be tried and crucified. When Mary chastises the boy Jesus, he reminds her that he needs to be busy with his Father's affairs. Mary and Joseph are confused by this, perhaps forgetting momentarily that Jesus is referring to his heavenly Father. This incident, so often dismissed as background 'colour' to the gospel narrative, conveys the significant truth that Jesus shared a family relationship with Mary and Joseph, but also shared a family relationship with God, his Father. It reminds us that Jesus called all of us to enter into the relationship he shared with his Father.

by Greg Sunter (Liturgyhelp online)

'Just Because ...'

Coffee? Dinner? Dessert?

Many of our Sacred Heart Parish family will be away on holidays at this time but that's no reason for everyone else not to get together at the **Gardner's Inn, Blackheath, on Tuesday, 8th January from 6pm.** Buy a coffee or a meal, meet old friends or make new ones. Visitors to our beautiful part of the world are most welcome to come along.

In memoriam

Les Thomas ~ 31st December

Please remember in your prayers, **John Humphreys, father of Jeanette Boyd** (a former parishioner). John died earlier this month. May Jeanette, Ray and family find peace and comfort in the memory of his love. May John rest in peace. Amen.

GARAGE SALE 2013:

The Parish Garage Sale is to be held on the **weekend of 2nd/3rd February.** Please leave your items for donation at the Parish Hall (during open hours, if possible). All items MUST be able to be resold.

This is one of our Parish's important fundraising events. The holidays are a good time to weed out those items you just do not need anymore - we can certainly use them!



Sacred Heart Care Group

is here to assist parishioners in times of need. Please call Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638.

A JOURNEY REMEMBERED

Composer: Kevin Bates sm
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**O praise the Lord, my soul.
My God, how great you are.
My heart and my soul
sing out your praise.
My God, how great you are.**

You have carried me within your arms
whenever I've known fear.
You have waited patiently for me
then you drew me near.
You have run beside me even when
I didn't want to know
that you are my home and my joy.

In the doubting times
you touched my hope
and showed me how to be.
In the hours of fear and hopelessness
your truth set me free.
In the memory of family
I learnt to know your name,
learnt that you are my home and my joy.

Lord, bless the place where I was born
and those who carried me.
Lord, bless the many smiles
who have kindly set me free.
Lord, bless the many little ones
who've shown your face to me.
You are my home and my joy.



Yesterday, here at Sacred Heart, we welcomed into the Christian Family, through the waters of Baptism, **Carter Remy Smith**, son of Caroline Coquet-Smith and Adam Smith. We pray that our Loving God will continue to graciously bless Carter and his family all the days of their lives.

Saint Faustina Relic brought from Poland to Australia for Divine Mercy Devotion will be at St Bonaventure's Church, Leura (cnr Railway Parade and Hartley Esplanade)
Sunday, 6th January 2013, from 3pm to 6pm with Mass at 5.00pm.

"Tell the world of my mercy."
Veneration of First Class Relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska of Poland including beautiful prayer and praise.
Information: Fr Ted Tyler 4782 2804 or Stasia and Gabe Very 02 8113 5794.

THE SERVANT KING

Composer: Graham Kendrick
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From heaven you came
helpless babe
Entered our world,
your glory veiled
Not to be served, but to serve
And give your life,
that we might live.

**This is our God,
the Servant King
He calls us now to follow him;
To bring our lives
as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.**

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load, he chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn,
Yet not my will but yours, he said.

Come, see his hands and his feet;
The scars that speak of sacrifice.
Hands that flung stars into space,
To cruel nails surrendered.

So, let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him.
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving.