

**TODAY**

Isaiah 60:1-6 **Your light has come**  
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 **Mystery revealed**  
Matthew 2:1-12 **Following the star**

Psalm Response  
**Lord, every nation will adore you.**

Gospel Acclamation  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.**  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Servers**

8 Jan Ray Wood  
15 Jan Diane Stewart

**Readers**

8 Jan 1st Reading Ian Maguire  
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe  
2nd Reading Claire Maguire  
15 Jan 1st Reading Monica Bright  
Intercessions Patricia Dee  
2nd Reading Brian Bright

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

8 Jan Margaret Davis and Diane Stewart  
15 Jan Bill Grieves and Ray Wood

**Children's Liturgy**

8 Jan No Children's Liturgy during the holidays.  
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**Counters**

8 Jan Carla and Neil  
15 Jan Monica

**Morning Tea**

8 Jan Carmel Vanny and Barbara Smith  
15 Jan Frances Huckstepp

**Church Care**

13 Jan Carla Endean and Gail Shepherd  
20 Jan Judy Harris and Vicky

Next Week: **Come and see**  
1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Ps 39  
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,  
17-20; John 1:35-42

***We have come  
from the East to  
worship the king.***

***In memoriam***  
**Henry Columbine** ~ 10 January  
**John Lorant** ~ 11 January  
**Gerard Johnston** ~ 11 January

**Feast Days for this week: 8-14 January 2012**

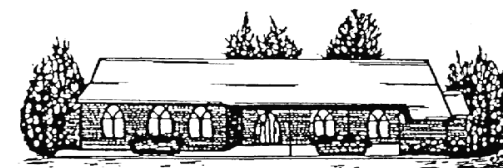
Sun 8 Jan St Apollinaris  
Mon 9 Jan St Julian and St Basilissa, husband and wife, carers of the sick (4th century)  
Tue 10 Jan St William, Archbishop of Bourges, (d1209)  
Wed 11 Jan St Theodosius, monk (423-529)  
Thu 12 Jan St Marguerite Bourgeoys, Foundress of Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame (1620-1700)  
Fri 13 Jan Bl. Yvette, Christian Prophet (1158-1228)  
Sat 14 Jan St Hilary of Poitiers, Doctor of the Church, (315-368)



**EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD**  
8 January 2012

Are we seeking the infant  
king of the Jews, the  
Saviour of all peoples?  
Are we sufficiently  
free of the cares and  
attractions of this  
world to do so?  
What a contrast between  
the dispositions and  
intentions of the  
Magi and Herod!  
The Magi travel from afar,  
coming with gifts and  
homage. Herod, refusing  
to move, is full of fear,  
intending murder.  
Where are we as  
regards Jesus?

# 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 Mobile:** 0428 878 810 (Emergency only)

**Parish Office:** 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143

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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>

<b>Blackheath</b> - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	22nd 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
<b>Mount Victoria</b> - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
<b>Megalong Valley</b> - 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](mailto:shbheath2@bigpond.com)

### ***“His empire will stretch from sea to sea.”***

*The New Testament readings today both speak of the coming of Christ. They show that his coming is to reveal God’s plan to unite the Jews and the gentiles thus forming ‘the same Body and enjoying the same promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel’. We are reminded of the spiritual connections between people of all nations and beliefs.*

*Today’s readings show the reasons for Christ’s coming and demonstrate how Jesus’ human and divine nature is mirrored in us all. They encourage each of us to seek the divine within ourselves and to direct it towards those we meet. Let us pray today to become more aware of the Christ we hold within and to act with reverence towards the earth and all its people, including those who knock on Australia’s doors seeking shelter.*  
*-from Daily Prayer online*

#### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLES - RESULTS**

Thank you to everyone for buying and selling tickets and donations of items for the hamper. We had four prizes:

**1st Hannah** (works at Bookshop Blackheath)

**2nd Charles Hodgkinson**

**3rd Calab Parker** (Megalong)

**4th Rick Goodsell** (Megalong)

Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake was won by **Judy White** - 2.70kg. Thank you to Sheilagh Kirkham for making/donating the cake. The Christmas stocking was won by **Jenny Inman**. Thank you to Anne-Marie Bland for making/donating the stocking.

**Amounts raised: Raffle - \$1,080.00  
Cake - \$51.00 & Christmas Stocking - \$101.00**

The Parish Office re-opens on Wednesday 25 January.

#### **Parish Garage Sale 4th & 5th February 2012 in the Parish Hall.**

You may leave your saleable goods after Australia Day. Helpers are needed for both before with sorting and on the day. Please keep dates available and closer to the date, we will have a list for names and times available.



Please remember in your prayers:

**Iris Austin; Neal Evans; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; James Ford;  
Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Loretta Laird; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder;  
Lorraine McKelvie; Irene Peacock; Lee Piercy and his mother, Kellie;  
Jean Pye; Cy Schreiber; Fr Bob Sheridan; and Matthew Walker.**

Please pray for the soul of **Liam Wild** - a dear friend of Lachlan Gilchrist. Liam died on Thursday morning. Please also remember his family and all his friends. May God be with them and support them through this sad time .



#### **God’s glory made visible**

God’s splendour is the source of life, those who see him share his life. Because he was beyond the reach of man’s mind, incomprehensible and invisible, he made himself visible, intelligible and knowable so that those who see and accept him may possess life. Since it is impossible to live without life and the reality of life proceeds from God, sharing God’s life means seeing God and enjoying his favour.  
**St Irenaeus (c.130-200)**

### **LET HEAVEN REJOICE**

(Composer: Bob Dufford, SJ)  
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**Let heaven rejoice, and earth be glad, let all creation sing.  
Let children proclaim through every land, “Hosanna to our King”.**

Sing a new song unto the Lord, for he has done wonderful deeds.  
Praise him, thank him, dance before him, play before the Lord.

Nations tremble, wise men amazed, a child is born this night  
Wonderful, Counsellor, mighty God, a Father, Prince of Peace.

Songs of angels, “Glory on high and peace to all on earth.  
I bear glad tidings, born this day, your Saviour and your God.”

### **BREAD OF LIFE**

(Composer: Bernadette Farrell)  
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**Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our Brother,  
Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.**

A child is born for us, a son is given to us,  
In our midst, Christ, our Lord and God,  
comes as one who serves.

With our own eyes we see, with our own ears we hear,  
The salvation of all the world, God’s incarnate Word.

You are the hope of all, our promise and our call,  
Radiant light in our darkness, truth to set us free.



### **WE THREE KINGS**

(John H. Hopkins)  
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We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar;  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding; guide us to Thy perfect light.**

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, Gold, I bring, to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God most High.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom.  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now, behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to the heavens replies.

