



*Isaiah 42:1-4; 6-7 Make ready the way
Acts 10:34-38 Jesus anointed with Spirit
Luke 3:15-16; 21-22 God's beloved Son*

Psalm Response

Bless the Lord, my soul. O, bless the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Baptism of the Lord
Year C

13th January 2013

The prophet Isaiah announces the consolation of the people, because God is coming with forgiveness and salvation.

John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Christ, who will baptise with the Holy Spirit. After Jesus' baptism with water, God proclaims:

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'. Our faith and hope must always rest in Jesus, who offers God's free gift of salvation to all.

Servers

13 Jan Ray Wood
20 Jan Pat Wicks

Readers

13 Jan 1st Reading Ian Maguire
Intercessions Carla Endean
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
20 Jan 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Lillis Family
2nd Reading Frances Huckstepp

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Jan Anthony Gilchrist and Margaret Davis
20 Jan Brian and Monica Bright

Children's Liturgy

13 Jan TBA
20 Jan TBA

Counters

13 Jan Barbara and Bill
20 Jan Marilyn

Morning Tea

13 Jan Dulcie Davis
20 Jan Carmel Vanny/Barbara Smith

Church Care

18 Jan Julie Hodgkinson
25 Jan Angie and Michelle Leman

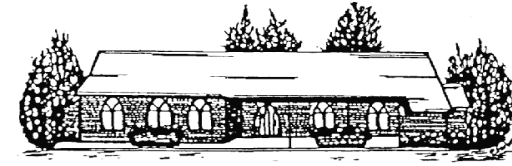
Liturgical Ministers Rosters (20/1/13 - 10/3/13)
are available for collection at the back of church.

Next week: *His glory seen* Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95 1Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th Jan
Sun 13 Jan Bl. Yvette, Christian Prophet (1158-1228)
Mon 14 Jan St Hilary of Poitiers, Doctor of the Church, (315-368)
Tue 15 Jan St Maura and St Britt, (4th century) Martyrs, Virgins
Wed 16 Jan St Dunchaid O'Braoin, (d.988) Hermit, Abbot
Thu 17 Jan St Anthony of Egypt (251-356)
Fri 18 Jan St Margaret of Hungary, (1242-1271), Nun
Sat 19 Jan St Henry, (d.1156), Bishop

In memoriam
Joyce Malkin
14th January
Brian Birrell
19th January
Peter Forster
19th January
Basil Van Horen
whose anniversary
occurs at this time.

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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Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
Marriages & 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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

With this Feast, the Christmas Season ends. The universal nature of last week's celebration of the Epiphany where the Magi represented all Gentiles (us!) means that through Jesus' Baptism, His Divine Mission on earth is directed to, and benefits every one of us. The one born among us, Jesus, is the servant of God who brings to all nations—all peoples—His universal promise of justice and the fulfilment of all our hopes in Him. This saving action of God is accomplished through His instrument, Jesus. He is, literally, our Saviour! He is the light who guides those who live in darkness!

As the heavens opened following his Baptism, Jesus was identified as the beloved one of God. Through our own Baptism, all Christians share in Jesus' prophetic and divine ministry—a commission to commit ourselves to the service of the poor, to the cause of compassion and to bring his love into our own and all other lives. Through Jesus' Baptism, we see a summary of the entire liturgical cycle that will be unfolded for us during the course of this year.

AUSTRALIA DAY REMINDER (and our Parish's 111th birthday)

Australia Day this year falls on a Saturday. The normal 9.00am Mass will be replaced by a **9.30am Mass**. Reconciliation, Exposition and the Rosary will be shared immediately after Mass concludes. Diana and Joe Landsberg have once more opened up their property, 'Withycombe', Church Road, Mount Wilson for us to enjoy each other's company and to picnic in this idyllic setting. This is a BYO everything, except for tea, coffee and hot water which will be supplied. There can be no more relaxing way for us to share with other parishioners all that we hold near and dear on our day—**Australia Day!**

GOD AND A GOANNA

Actually, it was a blue tongue lizard! I first saw it sunning itself in the middle aisle at the rear of Sacred Heart Church on Saturday last week. Maybe 18 inches long (45cm), it was content! As I was running late for Mass at Mt Victoria, I grabbed my vestments and left the lizard to itself until my return later that evening. It was nowhere to be found, so I locked up and went home. Next morning (Sunday), I opened the church early and left the door open so that the lizard could escape. It didn't, though I wasn't to know that at the time. After Sunday Mass, I once more locked up and went on my way. Later that afternoon, Bill Grieves opened the church and saw the lizard at rest in a side aisle. He called for reinforcements! The whole Lillis family turned up, and the hunt was on! Six people looking for one lizard somewhere in our Parish church! Finally, Sean found the blue tongue hiding at the rear of the crib where it had obviously been throughout Mass. Sort of Australianizing (is that a word?) the crib with its presence. I hesitate to even think what might have happened had our intruder emerged from hiding during Mass. Could have been chaos! Postscript: Unharmful, our blue tongue friend may be found somewhere in the side garden at one end of the parking area, if you are game and if you are interested!
God bless! Fr Bob

Please pray for unborn baby Kenny; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Paula Forbes; James Ford; Fr Frank Fletcher MSC; Virginia Hayward; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Lorraine McKelvie; John & Jenny Mackrell; Irene Peacock; Cy Schreiber; Gerard Simms and Martin Steddings.

January Cosmology Gathering
This month's Cosmology gathering will be held on **Friday, 18th January**, at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls from 10am till noon.

The Prayerful reflection will centre on 'New Year Graces' and the discussion will be on Chapter 8 "Our New Freedom - Wonder, Beauty and Belonging" from our book, "From the Stars to the Street". This is an invitation to anyone interested and please feel free to bring along a friend or two.
Enquiries: Sister Jacinta 4757 2290.

Thank you to Anne Hartigan for hosting **Afternoon Capers** at her home on Tuesday. 13 people attended and a lovely time was had by all.

GARAGE SALE: Goods & Helpers Required

If you have any goods for resale, you can now leave them at the Parish Office or, if items need to be picked up, you can call Marilyn on 0414 536 601. Maybe you can help on either of the following days:

Friday 1st February

We need helpers sorting and setting up the room ready for the weekend.

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd February

Selling & clearing up.

A roster sheet will be on notice board from this Sunday. Please put your name, day you are available and time that you can spare. We need at least 10 people on Saturday when we open the doors at 8.30am. Thank you in anticipation for your response.

Social Club members

Farewell Dulcie and Mick Davis and thank you for being an integral part of the fabric of our community.



We wish you happy times in warmer climes.
Happy 80th Birthday to Young Mick for 20th January.

O Breathe on Me, Breath of God

(Traditional)

O breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

O breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I have one will,
to do and to endure.

O breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine.

O breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835-89/Music: Robert Jackson, 1842-1914

'You are my Son: today I have fathered you.'

Jesus has just been baptised by John. There's a crowd nearby. Many of them have also been baptised. Jesus feels the enormity of the occasion and kneels to pray. Then, suddenly, something happens to change everything. The heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove and God speaks to his son.

What an overwhelming experience it must have been for everyone who witnessed the event. Jesus had shown both acceptance of his humanness and solidarity with the people. The loving words of his father must have given him strength and courage to set out on the mission that would lead to the cross. May we too accept the privilege and the responsibility of our own baptism. May it decide how we live our lives. —from Daily Prayer online