

*Isaiah 60:1-6 Light for all
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Grace for all
Matthew 2:1-12 The wise men*

Ps Response: Lord, every nation will adore You.

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

Servers

6 Jan Jan Roberts
13 Jan Ray Wood

Readers

6 Jan	1st Reading	David Buckley
	Intercessions	Marilyn Rowe
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley
13 Jan	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Intercessions	Carla Endean
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

6 Jan Diana Landsberg and Bill Grieves
13 Jan Anthony Gilchrist and Margaret Davis

Children's Liturgy

6 Jan TBA
13 Jan TBA

Counters

6 Jan Robyn and Adrian
13 Jan Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

6 Jan Mary Batty
13 Jan Dulcie Davis

Church Care


11 Jan Noleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
18 Jan Julie Hodgkinson

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

Next Week:

God's beloved Son Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11;
Psalm 103 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16.21-22

Feast Days of the Week: Sun 6th to Sat 12th Jan

Sun 6th	Epiphany	
Mon 7th	St Emilian, Benedictine recluse (d767)	
Tue 8th	St Frodobert, Benedictine abbot (d673)	
Wed 9th	St Julian and St Basilissa, husband and wife, carers of the sick (4th century)	
Thu 10th	St William, Archbishop of Bourges, (d1209)	
Fri 11th	St Theodosius, monk (423-529)	
Sat 12th	St Marguerite Bourgeoys, Foundress of Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame (1620-1700)	



Epiphany of the Lord

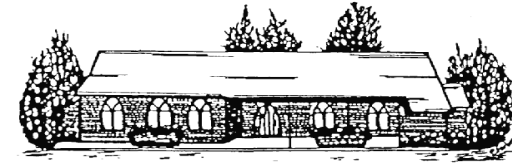
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6th January 2013

Two kings appear in today's Gospel, Herod, fearful, who controls by brutality and intrigue; Jesus, humble and unostentatious, the shepherd king. His palace is a cave, his throne a manger. It is to Jesus that the wise men of the east come to pay homage and offer regal gifts. They symbolise all the nations that are to come into Christ's kingdom.

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; Rod Frazer; 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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<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

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Out with the Old Year: In with the New.

We shared a remarkable turnout through the various Masses and liturgies that have made up the Christmas Season, including the well-attended 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, the wonderfully successful (and crowded) children's Christmas Vigil Mass with its real 'baby Jesus' and period-dressed Mary, Joseph, wise men and shepherds and led with captivating interest by Principal Celebrant Fr Paul Hanna. The two Christmas Day Masses were also well-attended—Saint Paul's at Mount Victoria where about 25 people were present at the 7.00am mass and the main 9.30am Sacred Heart Blackheath Parish mass where the church was over three quarters full. Then came Sunday's (30th December) Holy Family Mass with its capacity crowd, plus New Year's Day's extremely well-attended Solemnity Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. As I pen this report, we are gearing up to celebrate today's (6th January) Solemnity Feast of the Lord's Epiphany, to be followed next Sunday (13th January) by the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism that concludes the Christmas Season. Ordinary Time then follows from Monday, 14th January.

These are the raw figures! They give little indication of the superb contribution made by so many parishioners that enabled us to celebrate this magnificent Christmas/New Year Season in such a physical and spiritually-enriching manner, and which we also happily shared with the many visitors to our beautiful Parish and district. May I extend to each of you, a very humble and sincere 'thank you' in this way, because there are far too many of you to publicly thank for your wonderful personal contribution(s).

Loss of Mrs Maureen Tyler

Father Ted Tyler, Parish Priest from our adjoining Upper Blue Mountains Parish sadly lost his mother, Maureen, on 30th December, 2012. Her funeral was held at Saint Bernadette's Castle Hill Church last Thursday at 2.00pm to a packed congregation. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher and concelebrated by many priests including those of us from the Blue Mountains Deanery. So, let us pray for the safe repose of Maureen Tyler's soul, also for all possible support for her son, Fr Ted Tyler, as he grapples with the consequences of this tragic loss. Rest in peace, Maureen.

Saint Faustina Relic

This afternoon from 3.00pm to 6.00pm at St Bonaventure's Leura Church a first class relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska will be present for our Divine Mercy veneration. This will include both prayer and praise. For more information, kindly contact Stasia and Gabe Very on 02 8113 5794.

Finally, may your New Year be everything that you could desire.

God bless! Fr Bob

"The nations
come to
your light
and kings to
your dawning
brightness."
Isaiah 60:3

Afternoon Capers will be on
Tuesday, 8th January, at 12pm at the
home of Anne Hartigan, 14 Shipley Rd,
Blackheath. Please bring a plate.
It would be appreciated if you would let
Anne (4787 8618) or Diane (4787 1357)
know you are coming. All welcome.

In memoriam
Henry Columbine
10th January
John Lorant
11th January
Gerard Johnston
11th January

*Welcome to our Visitors and a
Happy New Year from the
Sacred Heart Community.
May your mountain holiday be
relaxing and we wish you a
safe return home, well-rested
and ready to embrace 2013
and all it holds for you.*



Gospel Focus Going home

The wise men, or
Magi, are warned
in a dream not to
go back to Herod
and they go home

by a different way. How could they do
anything but go home another way –
indeed, go home as different people?
They are changed by their encounter
with the child Jesus and they go home
a different way; in a different state;
in a whole different frame of mind.
When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in
scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves –
then we cannot go home the same way;
we must go home by a different way
as the Magi did.

Christmas Raffle Results

Christmas Hamper Raffle

- 1st Diana Landsberg
- 2nd Sam Mergan
- 3rd C. Bradshaw
- 4th Michelle Collier

Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake

Norma Longmuir's guess = 2.5kg
Actual weight of the cake = 2.38kg

Funds raised

Hampers = \$1,051.00
Guess the weight = \$56.00
Total = \$1107.00

*Thank you to all who sold tickets,
especially those who made an extra
effort of selling \$100 worth of tickets.*

Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now, let the weak say:
'I am strong',
Let the poor say: 'I am rich',
Because of what the Lord
has done for us. (repeat)

The Servant King

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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.