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Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3 **A son promised**
Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19 **Lives of faith**
Luke 2:22-40 **Child of God**

Psalm Response

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

28 Dec Michelle Davis
4 Jan Ray Wood

Readers

28 Dec 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Pat Wicks
2nd Reading Brian Bright
4 Jan 1st Reading Pat Wicks
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves

Ministers of the Eucharist

28 Dec Christa and David Buckley
4 Jan Margaret Davis and Robert Forbes

Counters

28 Dec Marilyn
4 Jan Laura

Morning Tea

28 Dec Carla Edean
4 Jan Mary Batty

Church Care

2 Jan Angie and Michelle Leman

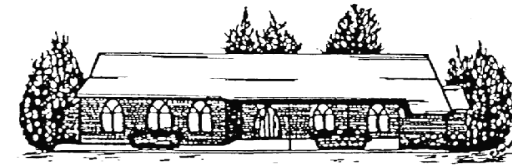


**The Holy Family
Year B**

28th December 2014
Jesus is one of us and
belongs in a family.
As the firstborn,
he is presented in the
Temple, where Simeon
recognises that Jesus is
the one to save his people.
The Light has come into
the world! This baby has
come into our lives too,
and has the power to
sharpen our perception so
that we also can recognise
him in the ordinary
events of daily life.

Next: **Following the star**
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people,
the traditional custodians of the Blue Mountains' 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 **Office hours: Wed:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish House: 4787 8811 **Thu:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 0428 878810 (Emergency only) **Fri:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com 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
Diana Landsberg (Chair); David Buckley (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: 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

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and also their carers:
Siobhan Atkin; Leslie Dee; Neal Evans; Anne Farindon; James Ford;
Anthony Gilchrist; Kenneth Kirkham; Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie;
Junko Odawa, Frances Slater, Betty Zeman and Roma Ziolkowski.

This week's Feast Days: Sunday 28th December 2014 to Saturday 3rd January 2015

28th Dec The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
29th Dec Octave of Christmas; St Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury
(1118-1170)
30th Dec Octave of Christmas; St Anysia (284-304)
31st Dec Octave of Christmas; St Columba of Sens, Martyr (257-273)
1st Jan Octave of Christmas; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
2nd Jan Octave of Christmas; St Basil the Great, (d379), Patron of hospital
administrators
3rd Jan Octave of Christmas; The Most Holy Name of Jesus; St Genevieve (422-512)



Today's "...readings do not spell out what living in an ideal family should be like. Rather, they focus on the fact that it is faith in God that enables us to recognise God's presence among us, however ordinary and humdrum the participants may seem. The God who enabled the aged Abraham and Sarah to have a son can surely work wonders in our ordinary daily lives if we let God in'. What does faith in God mean for you? When something out of the blue happens, what is your reaction?" Break Open the Word p22

Thursday 1st January 2015 ~ Mass at Sacred Heart Church ~ 9.00am
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- **There will be no Masses celebrated on 29th, 30th and 31st December.**
- **Normal scheduled Masses will be celebrated St Paul's and St Joseph's from 1st January 2015.**

Living the Gospel - Faithful

A strong image that emerges from this passage is the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph. Their whole purpose in visiting the Temple is to fulfil the requirements of their faith. They are faithful to the Jewish tradition and it is into this tradition that they initiate Jesus. The faithfulness of Mary and Joseph is a hallmark of their life as a family. Their faithfulness is a significant element of what we celebrate in the feast of the Holy Family and their faithfulness to God and to one another is a model for all families and for all people.

The Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period and will re-open on Wednesday, 21st January, 2015.

Ask, apply, enrol: Course Information Day at The University of Notre Dame Australia

Students are invited to The University of Notre Dame Australia's Course Information Day on Tuesday 6 January 2015 from 9.00am until 3.00pm. Students can enquire about studying at Notre Dame, submit an application, be interviewed by an academic staff member and, if successful, leave as a fully enrolled Notre Dame student ready to start studying in Semester 1, 2015!

What: Course Information Day

When: Tuesday 6 January 2015 9am to 3pm

Where: The University of Notre Dame Australia, 104 Broadway, Chippendale 2007
Register: www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney

Happy 46th Anniversary Christa and David Buckley for today.




PARENTS' ROOM

The Sacristy, which contains a few books and toys, is available for parents to use when your young children are restless. We hope this makes it a little easier for you and your children. Thank you for making the effort of bringing these littlies with you to Mass.

For your Diary

The next **Garage Sale** has been set for the weekend of **14th /15th February.**

Join our online community at
 Sacred Heart Parish,
Blackheath.

LIFT THIS CHILD

(Anna's Song)

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Lift this child to the sun, raise this child to the sky,
God has come from above, come to earth from on high.
Lift this child, lift this child to the sun.

Lay this child on the ground, one with us, one with earth;
Let God know in his Son, human clay, human birth.
Lay this child, lay this child on the ground.

Place this child in the shade, hang this child 'neath a tree;
With his hand on the wood may this child set us free.
Place this child, place this child in the shade.

Lift this child to the night, to the silence of God;
Let this child cry for us and the silence be heard.
Lift this child, lift this child to the night.

BREAD OF LIFE

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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.

A JOURNEY REMEMBERED

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. **(R)**

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. **(R)**

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. **(R)**