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Mal 3:1-4 *The Lord will send his messenger*
Heb 2:14-18 *Jesus was fully human*
Lk 2:22-40 *Presentation of Jesus at the temple*

Psalm Response
Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
**This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

2 Feb Pat Wicks
9 Feb Diane Stewart

Readers

2 Feb 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Michelle Davis
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves
9 Feb 1st Reading Christine Helby
Intercessions Marilyn Rowe
2nd Reading Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

2 Feb Bill Grieves and Margaret Davis
9 Feb Pat Wicks and Ray Wood

Counters

2 Feb Barbara and Bill
9 Feb Marilyn

Morning Tea

2 Feb George Commens
9 Feb Jan Roberts

Church Care

14 Feb Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons
28 Feb Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

Please remember in your prayers:
Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans;
Pauline Fallance; James Ford; Virginia Hayward;
Judy Harris; Fr Kevin Hay; Kenneth Kirkham;
Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Jenny Mackrell;
Lorraine McKelvie and Irene Peacock.

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th February

2nd Feast of The Presentation of the Lord
3rd St Blaise - Bishop & Martyr (d316), Patron of Throat Diseases, optional
4th St Veronica (Stations of the Cross)
5th St Agatha - Virgin & Martyr (d251), Memorial
6th Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (d1597), Memorial
7th St Richard of Lucca, King (d722AD)
8th St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (1868-1947), optional
St Jerome Emiliani, Priest (1481-1537), optional



**Presentation of the Lord
(Candlemas)**

2nd February 2014

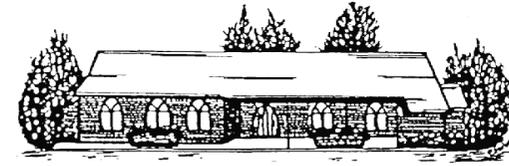
In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

-Liturgyhelp



Next Week
Light of the World
Is 58:7-10
Ps 111:4-9.
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

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:** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
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 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

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Today is actually a joint feast: First, the Solemnity Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple 40 days after his birth as required under Jewish Law; second, the Feast of the Purification of Mary that also required her attendance in the temple in keeping with all women of her era 40 days after the birth of their children. These feasts are the last echo of the Christmas Season for now our Church moves forward in Ordinary Time towards Lent, Holy Week and the great Paschal Feast of Easter. The processional feast of Candlemas where, in some places candles are blessed on this day, is also celebrated today.

SCHOOL'S BACK: All children of school age have just returned to their classes in the week now past. We congratulate them, their parents, teachers and carers as they enter another year of learning - academically, in sport and in their relationship with others. We seek for each of them a loving, safe, productive and fun year ahead surrounded by those who have their absolute welfare at heart. That includes our Catechists who bring God into these Catholic children's lives in the three public schools located within the Sacred Heart Parish - Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley. To commemorate the start of this new school year, and for the first time in the Blue Mountains Deanery (includes the whole City of the Blue Mountains), those involved in the Special Religious Education of our Catholic children in this region will attend a special Mass at St Finbar's Parish Church, Levy Street, Glenbrook commencing at 10.30am this Tuesday (4th February). Performance and service certificates are to be presented to a number of Catechists as part of this liturgy.

AUSTRALIA DAY ANNUAL PICNIC: Held at Joe and Diana Landsberg's remarkable 'Withycombe' historic property at Mt Wilson last Monday on a quite warm and sunny afternoon, about 50 parishioners (guesstimate only) enjoyed a most relaxing and convivial time in that beautiful picnic setting. The singing was spectacular as was the day's outing. Photos were taken and should be on display next weekend. Thank you, once again, Joe and Diana for your wonderful hospitality. What a way to celebrate Australia Day! Wow!

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: The DWF Appeal is being held in our Parish today and next Sunday, 9th February. Please give generously to this fund as it helps numerous charitable organizations within our Parramatta Diocese. A few of the ministries that the DWF supports include priests and religious training, Catholic social services, family support and youth activities. Thank you in advance for your generosity at this time.

VIGIL MASS: There will be a 'one-off' Vigil Mass with Fr Paul Hanna here at our Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath on Saturday, 8th February at 6pm. All welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: This first full meeting of the Council for the year will be held at 11am in the Parish House today. Thank you for your patience at this awkward time by holding our meeting in the Parish House.



The committee room, office, print room and Parish House are so full of stock to be sold that they are almost no-go areas - and that's now! What will it be like by the end of this week? Who knows? However, don't stop! Just keep the goods rolling in. We'll find somewhere to put them. This looks like being our biggest garage sale ever, so we certainly need as many volunteers as possible, not only on the sale days of Saturday and Sunday (8th-9th Feb), but also throughout the coming week as we sort what we've got into some semblance of order. Please! If you can assist in any way at any time or day, add your name to the list pinned to the church notice board. It is a great experience! Exhilarating! Unique! So come, join us and enjoy!

God Bless! Fr Bob

Happy Birthday
 Joe Landsberg for 8th February
 Frzya McNair for 8th February

 **Coffee Capers**
Wednesday 5th February
 at The Roadhouse Cafe
 Great Western Highway
 Little Hartley
(where they sell the fruit & honey)
 12pm for 12.30pm
 Ring Norma on 4787 5906 for a lift.

February Benedictine Spirituality
 The February Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on **Friday, 7th February**, from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls.
 We begin with a new book, 'St Benedict's Toolbox' (\$30). Morning prayer, Lectio Divina and morning tea will be part of our gathering together. New participants are welcome. Enquiries Srs Therese and Jacinta 4757 2290.

In memoriam
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Jean Walsh ~ 28th January
Hugo Riggs ~ 2nd February
 We remember in our prayers all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

For your diary: **TRIVIA NIGHT** to be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, **15th March**. Cost \$5 per person or \$10 per family. BYO nibbles. Cake/Coffee will be provided. It's sure to be a great night.

Simeon had some ominous words for Mary, the mother of Jesus. "This child is destined for the fall and the rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." This is the paradox of Jesus. He comes as Saviour bringing life for the whole world and yet there will be people who will reject his message of truth and life. His own people will be deeply divided over him. This will be a source of deep pain for the Mother, something she will not realize fully until she sees him die in agony before her eyes.

<http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/fo210/>

Rosters for Liturgical Ministers are now available at the back of the church. Please collect your copy today.