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Isaiah 55:1-11 **Come to the water**
1 John 5:1-9 **Three witnesses**
Mark 1:7-11 **You are my Son**

Psalm Response
The Lord will bless his people with his peace.

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!

Servers

11 Jan Diane Stewart
18 Jan Jan Roberts

Readers

11 Jan 1st Reading Christine Helby
Intercessions Ron Davis
2nd Reading Claire Maguire
18 Jan 1st Reading Lillis Family
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Lillis Family

Ministers of the Eucharist

11 Jan Michelle Davis and Diana Landsberg
18 Jan Monica and Brian Bright

Counters

11 Jan Carla and Neil
18 Jan Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

11 Jan Pamela Scott / Elizabeth
18 Jan Christine O'Grady

Church Care

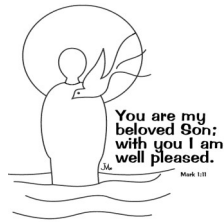
16 Jan Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

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 and Roma Ziolkowski.

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

This week's Feast Days: Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th January 2015

11th Jan St Theodosius, monk (423-529)
12th Jan St Marguerite Bourgeoys, Foundress of Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame (1620-1700)
13th Jan Bl. Yvette, Christian Prophet (1158-1228)
St Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, (315-368)
14th Jan Bl. Peter Donders, Missionary among the Lepers of Surinam, 1681-1887
15th Jan St Maura and St Britt, (4th century) Martyrs, Virgins
16th Jan St Dunchaid O'Braoin, (d.988) Hermit, Abbot
17th Jan St Anthony of Egypt (251-356)



The Baptism of the Lord

Year B

11th January 2015

Jesus joins the crowd at the Jordan where John is baptising. No one recognises him as anyone special; he is just one of the crowd. John the Baptist tells the people of the One who is to come, who will baptise with the Holy Spirit. After Jesus' baptism, John's words come to life: the Spirit descends, and God's voice proclaims that Jesus is indeed God's Son.

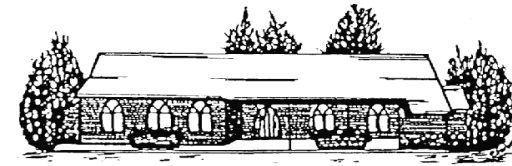
In Memoriam
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John Lorant
11 January

Gerard Johnston
11 January



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, Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.
e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com

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

I begin this, my first Bulletin contribution for 2015, by extending to each parishioner and visitor to our Parish, every desire for your good **Health, Happiness** and a **Holy 2015**. May this be a trail-blazing, satisfying year for you and yours with many positive opportunities for you to assist both the needy and the unwanted in our community. Perhaps, too, we may see the appointment of a new bishop this year.

OUR JANUARY CLOSE-DOWN: First, myself! As of 1st January, the normal year-long routine has applied. Masses and other sacramental activities are as scheduled, while hospital and home visits, too, are back to normal. Emergency numbers of **4787 8811** and **0428 878 810** are also manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

A WORD OF WARNING: Most of you would know that I have a separate garage attached to the presbytery. Yesterday (Tuesday pm) I parked my car in the garage, closed the roller door and went inside the house. Later, I returned and opened the roller door about a metre from the floor. I suddenly stopped short as I was confronted about a metre away inside the door on the garage floor with a live very large (over two metres long) black snake. Both surprised, it retreated under the car to the rear of the garage, while I made a fast exit down the long driveway. The door remained partly open and the car stayed where it was until today (Wednesday morning) when, with moral support from a couple of parishioners the garage door was fully raised, and I drove the car out of the garage. I have not seen the snake since, and can only presume it is in the forest 'somewhere'! Please!! Be careful! This is the snake breeding season when they sometimes get a bit cranky and somewhat aggressive!

A FEW DATES TO REMEMBER: **The Office** reopens on Wednesday, 21st January; **Australia Day** (26th January) this year falls on a Monday. Once again, we have been invited by Diana and Joe Landsberg to share with them this great picnic day following Mass at Blackheath; **Schools** (by and large) return about 27-28th January; the **Garage Sale** (one of two planned for this year) is to be held Saturday/Sunday 14th-15th February; **Lent (Ash Wednesday)** begins 18th February and leads into **Easter** (4-5th April); **Daylight Savings** concludes at 3.00am (becomes 2.00am) on Easter Sunday, 5th April; **School Term 1** ends Thursday 2nd April; finally, **ANZAC Day's Centenary** falls on Saturday, 25th April. Hope that helps a little!

EWTV TELEVISION: Ever heard of that TV station? It's the worldwide Catholic television network headquartered in the USA, but available throughout Australia, including the Upper Blue Mountains. It operates 24/7 and requires a special 'dish', there being a one-off supply and installation cost of approximately \$495. There are no further charges. It is both educational (teaching) and major events reporting from around the world including The Vatican. Mass is broadcast twice a day! Children's television and countless other sessions about our world from the Church's perspective are also encompassed. Installation may be arranged by contact with TELEPACE 1300 663 502. Locally, Bill and Barbara Grieves are happy to further explain this valuable tool relating to our Catholic faith. Their number is 47 87 6687.

God Bless! Father Bob

A big **THANK YOU** from Vinnies Blackheath conference for the generosity of the people of Sacred Heart Blackheath, who donated **\$1,665.00** to the **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**. Also, thank you to the Pastoral Council for donating a share of the proceeds raised by the Fashion Parade. Looking beyond the tinsel, our Parish embodies the real meaning of Christmas. Thank You. Pamela Nash, President, St Vincent de Paul Society, Blackheath Conference.

GARAGE SALE
The next **Garage Sale** has been set for the **weekend of 14th /15th Feb.** Once the Parish Office reopens on 21st January, we will be happy to receive your saleable goods so start collecting now.

Online Survey for the Ordinary Synod on Family 2015
Please fill in this online survey, draw others' attention to it and share it. Often we whinge about not being heard ... This is our chance. There is a bit of work to be done. Firstly, read the Synod Document, please follow this link: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20141018_relatio-synodi-familia_en.html It will take about an hour to read. It is, however, worth your time to read it through, have a think and then, secondly, answer the questions. (Marjanna)
Here's the link for the survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BJFV6YR>
Survey closes Friday 30 January 2015.
Please note - links are on our Parish Facebook page.

AUSTRALIA DAY PARISH PICNIC

Thank you to Diana and Joe Landsberg who have once again opened up their property, **'Withycombe' at Mount Wilson** for our Australia Day picnic on **Monday, 26th January**, where we can enjoy each other's company and picnic in this idyllic setting. The address is **'Withycombe', corner of The Avenue and Church Lane.** Time: **any time after 10.30am** to allow for those attending our special **Mass at 9.30am.** **BYO picnic lunch and drinks.** Hot water for tea and instant coffee and mugs will be provided. There are several picnic tables and chairs so BYO if you wish. If it rains, we can have the picnic on the verandah (and a fire inside if it is cold).



Cosmology Spirituality Morning

The next Cosmology Spirituality morning will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on 16th January 10am till noon. The new book **The Cosmic Mystique** (\$30) should be available. A Keynote presentation of Sr Ilia Deio's teaching will be a special feature. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta 4757 2290

SOON AND VERY SOON

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Soon and very soon
we are going
to see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're going to see the King.

No more crying there
we are going
to see the King, (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're going to see the King.

No more dying there
we are going
to see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're going to see the King.

Soon and very soon
we are going
to see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're going to see the King.

Oh Hallelujah,
oo Hallelujah
Oo Hallelu - jah!