

*Jeremiah 33:14-16 The promised Saviour  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Prepare for his coming  
Luke 21:25-28,34-36 Stay awake*

Psalm response: *To you, O God, I lift my soul.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Stay awake, be ready. You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming. Stay awake, be ready. The Lord is coming soon. Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord is coming soon.*

**Servers**

3 Dec Michelle Davis  
10 Dec Jan Roberts

**Readers**

3 Dec 1st Reading Anne Broomfield  
Ps/Intercessions Kevin Burns  
2nd Reading Robyn Burns  
10 Dec 1st Reading Elizabeth Giddey  
Ps/Intercessions Peter Ticehurst  
2nd Reading Fiona Evans

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

3 Dec Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans  
10 Dec Monica and Brian Bright

**Children's Liturgy**

3 Dec Carol Drummond  
10 Dec Family Sunday

**Counters**

3 Dec Julie and Lance  
10 Dec Robyn and Adrian

**Morning Tea**

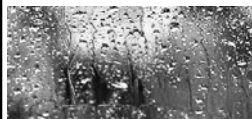
3 Dec Cathy Cavanagh  
10 Dec Carroll Family

**Church Care**

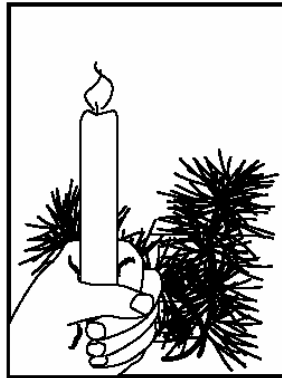
8 Dec Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen  
15 Dec Julie Hodgkinson

**Prayer for Rain**

Lord God, in you we live and move and have our being. Help us in our present time of trouble; send us the rain we need, and teach us to seek



your lasting help on the way to eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Amen.



**First Sunday of Advent Year C**

'Stand erect, head high!'  
Why?

Because the Son of Man is coming, bringing salvation. Jeremiah promises this in the first reading, Paul in the second, and Jesus in the Gospel assures us he will come in judgment with power and glory at the end of time.

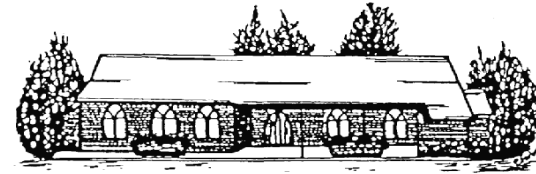
We must be alert to this coming and set our hearts on it rather than on the cares and pleasures of this life.

**NEXT WEEK**

Salvation dawns  
*Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125  
Philippians 1:3-6,8-11;  
Luke 3:1-6*

**Vinnie's Christmas Cards** are for sale after Mass at \$2.50 per packet. Please see Laurie Noyes.

# SACRED HEART PARISH



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

**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.

**All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriage and sick calls to the Parish House.**

~ Pastoral Director ~ Sister Lyn Eastmure O.P. ~

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Parish Office 4787 8540 email: shbheath2@bigpond.com

**Website:** <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

**Blackheath**

Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Wednesday	7.00 am
	Friday	4.30 pm

Meditative Prayer Service (one hour) using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
<b>Mount Victoria - Mass</b>	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word</b>	1st Friday of month	9.00 am

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

**Bulletin Items:** please contact Kate Forbes by Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email [D\\_P\\_I@telpacific.com.au](mailto:D_P_I@telpacific.com.au)

### Dear Friends

During this Advent season we will hear calls for integrity, justice and repentance, while at the same time reassured that we are loved and rejoiced over by a gracious God who is very near to us.

As Christmas draws nearer, and we become busier and more distracted, let's strive to claim some quiet time to reflect on this short but wondrous Season – and discover its real message in our hearts to share with the world.

**Blessings, Lyn.**

**Advent Evening Prayer** - You are invited to pray the Prayer of the Church with Sr Lyn in the Parish House for the next four weeks on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5.15pm. Please enter by the front door.

We remember **Jason Bentley**, Joan's son who died last week and pray that he may enjoy eternal life with our loving and compassionate God.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal next Sunday 10th December.

**Happy Anniversary**  
*Fiona and Wayne Evans*  
for 2nd December

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*Lex and Melanie Dignam*  
for 3rd December

Congratulations to  
**Gerard Gilchrist and Elizabeth Scully**  
on their engagement.  
We wish them much happiness for the future.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Gregory Hodgkinson**  
for 3rd December  
**Tony Bland**  
for 6th December  
**Julie Hodgkinson**  
for 9th December

We remember those who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially  
**Barry Leeder.**

Yesterday Juliana Bates and Tim Nelson were married here. We pray that the blessings of their special day will sustain them in the years ahead.

The Blackheath Conference of St Vincent de Paul will meet on Tuesday 5th December at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

### Prayer for those suffering Drought

*Loving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ called all who were thirsty to come to him, believe and drink;  
look in mercy on your Australian people living in a dry land.  
Forgive our selfishness in life and our misuse of our natural resources.  
We commit ourselves to value and care for your gifts to us.  
We ask you for the rain we need to replenish our reservoirs and artesian reserves.  
May rivers of living water and practical compassion for all who suffer flow out from our hearts.  
Refreshed by your Spirit, and following in the way of Jesus Christ,  
we will continue to serve you in the people and creation entrusted to our care.  
Amen.*

RCIA: Communal Rites are an important aspect of the RCIA journey as they mark milestones of the candidate's growth into the worshipping community. God communicates to us through the word but also through our intellect, senses and human experiences. The symbols and rituals express the TRANSFORMING and HEALING action of God in both our personal lives and the life of our community.

**Rehearsal**  
Monday 4th December  
at 7pm in the Church.  
All welcome.

**COMMUNITY CAROLS Sunday 10th December**  
Blackheath Community Centre Carols in the Hall from 6.30pm to 8.15pm. **You're especially invited to join our Church group singing outside the Hall entrance from 6.00pm - 6.15pm.** Free family fun in the park 4.30pm - 6.30pm.



### Sacrament of Penance – (Confession)

**Saturday Dec 16, 7.30pm:** Second Rite of Reconciliation – Celebrant: Fr John Frauenfelder. Our candidates Elaine, Ray, Marie and Ron will join us.

**Monday Dec 18, 7.00pm:** Individual Rite of Reconciliation – Celebrant: Fr John Smith

### ~Christmas Programme~

#### Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am *Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

#### Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm *Carols*

7.30pm *Christmas Eve – Family Mass*

*Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, sheep and kings or may like to be part of an Australian Christmas Story! - if so, contact: Julie Hodgkinson on 4787 8096.*

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.10am *Carols*

9.30am *Christmas Day Mass*



### Social Justice Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting for members of the Committee in the hall after Mass today to follow up on discussions at our last meeting. Parishioners who would like to join us for the meeting will all be most welcome.

### Youth Co-ordinator

The Parramatta Diocese is seeking to appoint a Youth Co-ordinator who will be responsible to the Bishop for supporting the development of the parish-based Youth Apostolate.

Essential:

- Undergraduate qualifications in theology, education or equivalent;
- Experience and expertise in parish-based youth ministry and/or education;
- An understanding of youth ministry within a Catholic context; and
- An ability to work collaboratively with other ministries and key partners within the Diocese.

For an information package contact Maureen Sewell tel 8838 3411, [msewell@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:msewell@parra.catholic.org.au) or see Employment at [www.parra.catholic.org.au](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au)

**Christmas Liturgy Meeting:** Tuesday, 12 December at 7pm in the Parish House.