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Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8 **Come down**
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **While waiting**
Mark 13:33-37 **Stay awake!**

Response to the Psalm:

Lord, let us turn to you and we shall be saved.

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.



1st Sunday of Advent
30 November 2008

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time when we are asked to 'stay awake' and be alert.

We are asked to act with integrity, and to turn away from anything that will dull our perception of the coming of Christ.

It is a time of fine-tuning our priorities. We are clay in the hands of the potter, God, who yearns for our love and attentiveness.

Next Week: Prepare a way
Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11; Psalm 84
2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Servers

30 Nov Diane Stewart
5 Dec Pat Leeder (Mt Victoria)
7 Dec Wayne Kelly

Readers

30 Nov 1st Reading Sr Lyn
Ps/Intercessions Monica Bright
2nd Reading Brian Bright
5 Dec 1st Reader Catherine Beaver
2nd Reader Terry Beaver
7 Dec 1st Reading Christa Buckley
Ps/Intercessions David Buckley
2nd Reading Ron Davis

Ministers of the Eucharist

30 Nov Anthony Gilchrist and Pat Leeder
7 Dec Ray Wood and Julie Hodgkinson

Children's Liturgy

30 Nov Moira McNair
7 Dec Children remain in the church.

Counters

30 Nov Judith and Frank
7 Dec Julie and Lance

Morning Tea

30 Nov Bettina Le Gras
7 Dec Sue Holz

Church Care

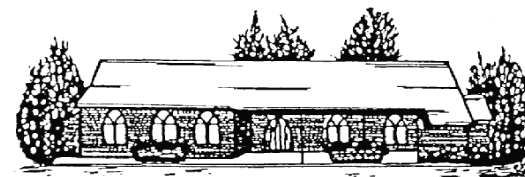
5 Dec Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
12 Dec Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves

A VOCATION VIEW: It's Advent; almost Christmas!

A Season of dreams come true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

Please pray for those who are ill: **Barbara Hunt**; and Monica Bright's mother, **Madge Carey**.
We also pray for **Roger Johnstone**; **Travis Kingston**; **Chelsey Laird**; **Cec O'Brien**;
Irene Peacock and **David Ridoutt**.

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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Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word		
and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour)		
using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm

Mount Victoria - Mass 1st Friday of month 7.00 pm

Care Group: Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

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, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

“Let God’s Dream Be Born”: Advent is about Hope. *“But hope is not for easy times... Hope comes only when hope is gone, when our “hands are feeble” and our “knees are weak” over what is coming upon our worlds. Then hope and only hope reigns supreme... Advent calls us to hope in the promise that God is calling us to greater things and will be with us as we live them.*

Reflection: 1. Recall 3 memories that give you hope. 2. St Augustine tells us “Hope has two lovely daughters, anger and courage. Anger so that what must not be cannot be, and courage so that what can be will be.” Given this definition, are you a person of hope? Sparks of Advent Light: Joan Chittister pp.9&10 Blessings, Lyn.

DWF Collection: Our November DWF Collection held last Sunday raised \$820 towards our quota of \$1626. Envelopes will again be available for those who still wish to contribute to this collection. The various Charities supported by our Diocese through this collection are described in this month’s Catholic Outlook. We are grateful for your generosity.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Our next Breakfast, the last for 2008, will be on Saturday, 6 December. Speaker - **Bill Grieves** “*Devotion to Mary*” (a pot-pourri for blokes). (Please let Christa or David know TODAY if you will be there.)

Ministers needed for Christmas masses.

If you are available to be a Reader, Altar Server or Minister for Holy Communion at the Christmas Vigil or Christmas Day mass, please see Sr Lyn so she can organise a roster.

Volunteer needed to work in the **Foodbank at Katoomba** from 9.30am to 12.30pm, Mondays. If you can help out, please see Terry Beaver or phone him on 4787 1224.

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism

During our Eucharist next Sunday, 7th December, we will baptise Angela Kate, the daughter of Melissa and John Collins. May this be a time of blessing, renewal and welcome.

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will meet this Tuesday, 2nd December, at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

Blackheath Community Carols: You’re especially invited to join our Church group singing carols outside the Community Hall entrance in the Park from 6pm to 6.15pm on Sunday, 14 December. (We will assemble at 5.50pm.)



Happy Anniversary
Fiona & Wayne Evans
for 2nd December
Lex & Melanie Dignam
for 3rd December



Happy Birthday
Majella Nolan
for 1st December
Gregory Hodgkinson
for 3rd December
Tony Bland for 6th December

✠ Please remember in your prayers, **Katica Bašić**, whose anniversary occurs at this time. ✠

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On behalf of our Sacred Heart Community, I wish to thank Sr Lyn for her vision, wisdom and hospitality in inviting the team of wonderful preachers, Sr Joan and Frs Nick and Mike to lead us to a “Spirituality for the New Millennium.”

Grateful thanks to our hosts, Sr Lyn, Pat and Rosemary McArdle and Christa and David Buckley.

Thank you to all on the **PASTORAL TEAM** and to those who provided meals for the nourishment of the team: Christa Buckley, Sr Lyn, Robyn Burns, Carmel Vanny, Michelle Funnell, Tony Perriam and Brian Bright.

Thank you to those on the **PUBLICITY TEAM:** Anne-Marie Bland, Adrian Carroll and Carmen Beard.

Thank you to those on the **LITURGY and MUSIC TEAM:** Gerard and Jane Nolan, Richard Holz, Barbara Smith, Pat and Rosemary McArdle and to all musicians and singers.

Thank you to those on the **HOSPITALITY TEAM:** Mary Duggan, Diane Stewart, Norma Longmuir, Carla, Pat Leeder, Sarah Greene and Sue Holz and to all who baked and served the wonderful cuppas and home-made goodies to sustain us.

Thank you to Tony Perriam for the Banner advertising our Renewal outside the church and to Norma Longmuir for her creative banner which was a special symbol for us all.

Thank you to Carmen Beard for manning the stall of the many books from the St Paul’s Bookshop and to Sr Lyn for organizing this.

To anyone who helped in any small way, we say a heartfelt thank you!

Monica Bright & the Parish Pastoral Council.

~ From Sr Joan Bukrey ~

Dear Friends,

We are just finishing up at St. Mary's in Ipswich. The floods up here receded just before we arrived and the weather has been glorious ever since. We left part of ourselves back with all of you in Blackheath. So many wonderful memories. Thank you for your gracious hospitality, for the great organizing for the renewal, for your friendship and support.

Of course, we are now pointing to going home. It has been a marvellous 4 months here, but I am eager to be back in my own bed...!

Please keep in touch. Our website is undergoing a revamp and renovation but it should be very new and different in a few weeks. You can always check our schedule there: www.thomasmorecenter.org