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Isaiah 60:1-6 Glory of the Lord
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6 Mystery revealed
Matthew 2:1-12 Following the star

Response to the Psalm:
Lord, every nation will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation:
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Servers

4 Jan Wayne Kelly
11 Jan Catherine Beaver

Readers

4 Jan 1st Reading Peter Ticehurst
Ps/Intercessions David Ridoutt
2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson
11 Jan 1st Reading Ian Maguire
Ps/Intercessions Claire Maguire
2nd Reading Mary Duggan

Ministers of the Eucharist

4 Jan Monica and Brian Bright
11 Jan Carla Deane and Pat Wicks

Children's Liturgy

4 Jan To be advised.
11 Jan To be advised.

Counters

4 Jan Robyn and Kevin
11 Jan Louise and Laurie

Morning Tea

4 Jan Michelle Funnell
11 Jan Carmel Vanny

Church Care

9 Jan Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen
16 Jan Julie Hodgkinson



Epiphany

Jesus is recognised by wise men who come from a far country. They have relied on the guidance of a new star in the heavens, and are convinced that they need to follow this star, even though it leads them on a path that they do not know. Their faith, and ours, will finally lead us all to Jesus, who is king of all the nations of the world.

Next Week: You are my Son
Isaiah 55:1-11;
Psalm Isaiah 12
1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

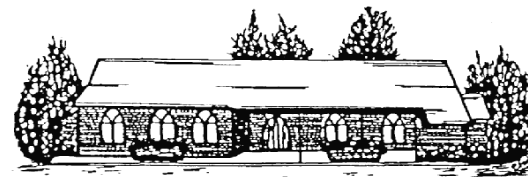


From darkness to light

Keep the lamps of your souls ever burning, and let no darkness dwell in your hearts, for, as the Apostle says, 'once you were darkness but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of the light.' Make real in yourselves what you see in the figures of the Magi, and 'thus let your light shine before men, so that, seeing your good deeds, they may glorify your heavenly Father'. St Leo the Great (c.400-461)

Please pray for those who are ill: **Barbara Hunt; Roger Johnstone; Travis Kingston; Chelsey Laird; Cec O'Brien and David Ridoutt.** May the vital, loving strength of this community help them on their journey to full health.

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,

"Gifts establish a special relationship between the giver and receiver. We sometimes call them 'presents' because they somehow make the giver present to the one who receives. Often it is the simplest of gifts which are treasured because they recall to us someone we love. How is Christ 'present' to you?" The Summit, p.xv

Thank you for the 'present' you each have been to me over the past 6 years. You will be remembered fondly in prayer.
Blessings always, Lyn.

Did you know? The gifts brought by the Magi (probably astrologers from Persia) reveal many things about Jesus. The gold signifies his kingship, the frankincense, his priestly role, and the myrrh suggests the spices and ointment with which his body is anointed and wrapped at his death, which brought salvation. *The Summit, P. xv*

The Blackheath Conference of **St Vincent de Paul will meet this Tuesday, 6 January, at 3.30pm** in the meeting room.

On Saturday, 3rd January, we welcomed into the Christian Family through the waters of Baptism, **Zarli Mei Li Dyson** at St Joseph's Church, Megalong, Valley. We pray that our Loving God will continue to graciously bless Zarli, her parents, Matthew and Anna, and sister, Maddison, all the days of their lives.

A very warm welcome to Fr Bob Sheridan as he takes up his position as Parish Administrator this Monday.

Office Assistant: Barbara Smith has agreed to take on this position. We thank her very sincerely.

THANK YOU SR LYN!

This Sunday is Sr Lyn's final day with us. I would like to thank Sr Lyn for her six years of wonderful service as the Pastoral Director of our Sacred Heart Community. Our Christmas Liturgies have been very special ones and I thank Lyn for her creative planning and involving so many of our community, especially, the children. It is never easy to say farewell to those one has loved and served faithfully. But Lyn has listened to the Spirit and has been discerning in making her choice to seek ministry in another area. Meanwhile, Lyn is looking forward to a well deserved holiday. We wish her God's blessings and thank her for her companion leadership. The words that best summarise our gratitude from our community are from St Paul to the Philippians: "I thank my God whenever I think of you and every time I think of you, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have lived the Gospel." (Philippians 3:1-4)
Monica Bright

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A special thank you to you all for your generosity to make Sr Lyn's farewell a memorable one. In particular, I wish to thank Mary Duggan and those involved in our hospitality ministry. Thank you also to Sheilagh for her wonderful cake to commemorate this special occasion.



Follow The Christmas Star

(Michael Mangan)
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See the bright star shining in the sky;
Could this finally be

the promised sign?

This may be the one,

This may be the King.

This may be the Lord of Light

of whom the prophets sing.

And we follow the Christmas star as it leads us on our way,

Lighting up our journey of faith.

And we follow the Christmas star, as it takes us to the place, where we will see our Saviour and God, face to face.

See the little baby lying there,
these gifts we bring -
gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Gold for He is King,

Frankincense for God,

Myrrh for He will give His life

to save all on this earth.

We must take this joy to every one
spreading news of Jesus,
God's own Son.

We have seen the star telling of His birth.

He has come as Saviour
to all nations of the earth.



Wonderful epiphany!

When I was about seven or eight years old, growing up as a Protestant in Northern Ireland, I remember sneaking into the Catholic church just up the road from where I lived. I was very curious about the 'different papists or Fenians' as they were often called. My most vivid memory of the church is always finding it filled with light, more light than came just from the lit candles in the Lady Chapel. I have hung onto this memory throughout my life when times were rough. (Lynette)



Cassig Huckstëpp
for 10th
January

Let God's Dream Be Born

(Kevin Bates sm)
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Open hearts and open minds
give the spirit freedom.
Let God's dream be born in us.
Let God's dream be born.

Hearts that wonder at the word,
hear the word with freedom.
Let God's word be gently heard.
Let God's word be welcome.

Voice and hands that speak the
word, give the word with freedom.
Let God's Truth be well explored.
Let God's Truth be spoken.

Mary, help of Christians,
hear our prayer
that we might carry.
the word with open hearts
and hands enflsh
the words for many.

Open hearts and open minds
break the bread of freedom.
Jesus, bread for all our needs,
break our heart gifts open.

Come, Lord Jesus, live in us.
Come to life among us.
Let us breathe your Spirit free.
Be the gift we carry.

Repeat Verse 1