

*Isaiah 60:1-6 Light has come  
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Spirit's revelation  
Matthew 2:1-12 Come to worship*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation will adore you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! (x2)  
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

6 Jan Ray Wood  
13 Jan Pat Leeder

**Readers**

6 Jan 1st Reading Kevin Burns  
Ps/Intercessions Pat Wicks  
2nd Reading Robyn Burns  
13 Jan 1st Reading Catherine Beaver  
Ps/Intercessions Terry Beaver  
2nd Reading Ron Davis

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6 Jan Heather Carroll and Diana Landsberg  
13 Jan Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans

**Children's Liturgy**

will resume at the end of January.

**Counters**

6 Jan Barbara and Charles  
13 Jan Michael

**Morning Tea**

6 Jan Michelle Funnell  
13 Jan Marie Johnston

**Church Care**

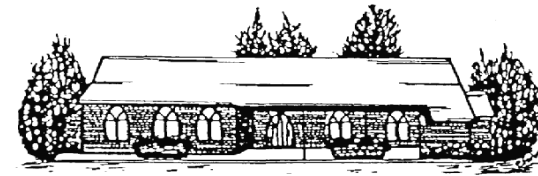
11 Jan Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons  
18 Jan Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam



**EPIPHANY  
YEAR A**

**Jesus was born in Judea. Today, all the nations seek to welcome and adore him, the light of the world. The wise men find a baby in very humble circumstances, yet they know that this child is the one for whom they are searching. The star will guide us too, if we are attentive to the gentle whisper of God's voice urging us to walk in his ways.**

# 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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<b>Blackheath - Mass</b>	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
Christian Meditation (one hour)	Tuesday (4787 7098)	7.00 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

**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 by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email [sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com)

**Happy Birthday**  
**Cassie Huckstepp** for 10th January

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In memoriam:  
**John Lorant**  
11 January  
**Gerard Johnston**  
11 January.

Next Week:  
My Beloved Son  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7;  
Psalm 28  
Acts 10:34-38;  
Matthew 3:13-17

**Children's Liturgy** will resume towards the end of January.  
**Sacramental Preparation for children** will begin early in February. If you think your child is ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Confirmation and Eucharist (Holy Communion) in 2008, please contact Sr Lyn.



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the coming of the three Magi.

Stories abound as to who were these men, where they came from and why these particular gifts? "In the person of the 'wise men' Matthew sees the whole humanity.

The gospel attracts believers from all the nations of the world (represented by the Magi). God is revealed to all people through nature, so the Magi, come searching through astrology. They come to worship, but must learn from the Jews the history of salvation contained in the scriptures."

As a community we might wonder what our gold, frankincense and myrrh offerings may be.  
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Blessings, Lyn.



### Brilliant star

Mary's virginity was hidden from the prince of this world; so was her child-bearing, and so was the death of the Lord. All these secrets were brought to pass in the deep silence of God. How then were they made known to the world? Up in the heavens a star gleamed out, more brilliant than all the rest. The other stars and the sun and moon gathered around it in chorus, but this star outshone them all... The age-old empire of evil was overthrown, for God was now appearing in human form to bring in a new order, even life without end.

*Ignatius of Antioch (died c.110)*



### God's Message

Lying in bed this morning, I glanced at my window and saw something new: the vertical blinds are closed but not fully; there are small streaks of light coming in. Around the edge is bright uninterrupted light. At the end is a cord that opens and closes the blinds. The window is rectangular but from where I am lying it looks narrower at the far end and bigger at my end. The streaks of light coming in remind me of God in my life. The blinds remind me of darkness, and of how little attention I've paid to the light. The uninterrupted light surrounding the window is God's love which is always there.

The cord that opens and shuts the blind (pun intended!) is our choice to let God in or shut him out. The appearance of the window being narrow one end and getting larger is like the beginning of my life with little knowledge or experience, and now I can look at a simple window and see God's love and not just the mundane. Isn't God telling me something here?

I'm all around you but you're missing it. Just open up! (Michael)

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Please remember in your prayers **Les Thomas** who died on Monday, 31st December. We especially offer our sympathy, prayers and support to **Yvonne and Angelique** at this very sad time.

### STAR CHILD

(Shirley Erena Murray / Carlton R. Young)  
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Star Child, earth child,  
go-between of God,  
love child, Christ child,  
heaven's lightning rod.

***This year, this year  
let the day arrive  
when Christmas comes  
for everyone,  
everyone alive.***

Street child, beat child,  
no place left to go,  
sad child, used child,  
no one wants to know.

Grown child, old child,  
memory full of years,  
sad child, lost child,  
story told in tears.

Spared child, spoiled child,  
having, wanting more,  
wise child, faith child,  
knowing joy in store.

Hope for peace Child  
God's stupendous sign,  
down to earth Child,  
Star of stars that shine.

### 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.

Please remember in your prayers  
those who at ill, especially,  
**Monica Van Horen; Irene Peacock;  
David Ridoutt; and Travis Kingston.**

The Blackheath Conference of  
St Vincent de Paul will meet on  
Tuesday, 8th January at 3.30pm  
in the Parish Meeting Room.