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Isaiah 60:1-6 Light for all
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Grace for all
Matthew 2:1-12 The wise men

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the peoples
(Please see words for this psalm inside your
bulletin.)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

7 Jan Michelle Davis
14 Jan Diane Stewart

Readers

7 Jan 1st Reading David Buckley
Ps/Intercessions Carol Drummond
2nd Reading Christa Buckley
14 Jan 1st Reading David Ridoutt
Ps/Intercessions Frances Huckstepp
2nd Reading Mary Duggan

Ministers of the Eucharist

7 Jan Pat Waters and Norma Longmuir
14 Jan Ray Wood and Pat Leeder

Children's Liturgy

7 Jan Children remain in church
14 Jan Children remain in church

Counters

7 Jan Louise and Laurie
14 Jan Irene

Morning Tea

7 Jan Barbara Grieves
14 Jan Michelle Funnell

Church Care

11 Jan Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston
18 Jan Sue Gracey and Barbara Grieves



**The Epiphany
of the Lord
Year C**

Two kings appear in today's Gospel, Herod, fearful, who controls by brutality and intrigue; Jesus, humble and unostentatious, the shepherd king. His palace is a cave, his throne a manger. It is to Jesus that the wise men of the east come to pay homage and offer regal gifts. They symbolise all the nations that are to come into Christ's kingdom.

Next Week:

**His glory
seen**

Isaiah 62:1-5;
Psalm 95
1 Corinthians
12:4-11;
John 2:1-11

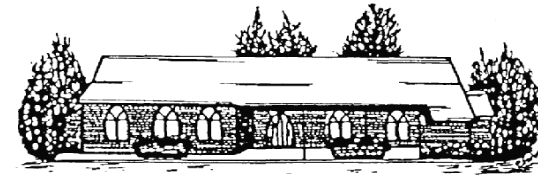


Be a star!

The star led the three Magi from their distant land to know and adore the King of heaven and earth. The service rendered by the star is a pressing invitation to us to imitate it and to be servants, as far as we can, of the grace that summons all people to Christ. For whoever preserves in himself the brightness of a holy life, like a star shows many the way to the Lord.

St Leo the Great (c.400-461)

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
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
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm
Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word	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

'We rejoice in the hope which Jesus' birth offers to all peoples.'

Over the past week we have been reflecting on the Christmas event and giving thanks in our hearts for the birth of Jesus.



Today we celebrate the visit of some non-Jewish men of wealth and prestige to the place of Jesus' birth. They came to give this new-born baby special honour, and, like us at this time of the year, they came with gifts. These men seemed to know what they were about.

They saw something special in this baby. Mary and Joseph, already puzzled by the circumstances of Jesus' birth and their role in it, must have looked on in bewilderment at the arrival of these strangers with their gifts.

We join them as, 'falling to their knees, they did him homage'.

from Daily Prayer online

Responsorial Psalm: LET ALL THE PEOPLES (Composer: C. Willcock, S.J.)
(USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord. Let all the peoples praise you.

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of earth, your glory, when the Lord shall build Sion again, in all his glory, Alleluia!

Let this be written for ages to come, peoples of earth shall praise the Lord, He has come down from His sanctuary on high, to set the prisoners free, Alleluia!

All of your servants shall dwell on high, and their race shall last forever. Let them proclaim the name of the Lord, we shall worship Him, Alleluia!

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

**Happy Anniversary
Yvonne & Les Thomas
for 8th January**

**A mass for GEORGE
CORA** will be celebrated
by Fr Manuel Carracedo
on Wednesday, 17th
January at 5pm in the
Sacred Heart Church.
All very welcome.

Please
remember in your
prayers:
†**Gerard Johnston**
~ 11 January
†**John Lorant**
~ 11 January

NEW ROSTERS for Liturgical Ministers and Leaders of Children's Liturgy are available. Please collect your copy from the Church Foyer. Thank you.

The **Blackheath Conference of St Vincent de Paul** will meet on Tuesday, 9th January at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

VOCATION VIEW: Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian.

JOURNEY OF LIFE Walking the ancient pilgrim Way through France to Compostella follows a route that avoids main roads where possible. That means that it takes the paths of goats and of waterfalls. Sometimes it's very steep, rocky, and wet... in a word, impractical for someone my age! Many follow and complain, others don't complain but give up, others still take it all in and go as if it was 'the only way', almost 'the God-given Way'. But this isn't so. The historical way was in the best possible position and went through villages. Over the years those roads have been sealed. I don't feel bad taking the roads instead of the paths and staying in one piece. Nevertheless, I had my share of paths, stones and water.

The stages were shorter than last year, between fifteen and twenty-five kilometres, but much harder because of climbing up and down. It's the hardest part of the whole Way to Compostella. From here on it will be almost flat until the Pyrénées.

Walking the Way is not at all like a school excursion. Each person starts when they want, goes at their own speed, eats, stops, takes photos when they want. There is always someone ahead of you and someone behind. Some make friends and form a small group, some like me just talk with the one who is overtaking and say I am walking slowly, go your way. In the evening we meet those who have chosen the same arrangements to sleep and eat. Sometimes we meet 'soul' brothers or sisters, then in the morning we start alone again.

Walking the Way mirrors the journey of life, reflecting important lessons...



The Way forms us...

- We walk our way alone.** No one can walk it for us. We have to be determined to go on and reach the end, conscious of the dangers and difficulties, of our pack, our feet, our strength, our goal.
- The Way reveals our true self.** Here there are no roles anymore. We are all pilgrims; we all look the same, shoes, hats, backpacks. No one is more learned, intelligent, or experienced than another. We have a task that we have taken freely on ourselves and we do our best to accomplish it. No one judges us or our performance.
- One learns to be tolerant and welcoming of others.** Our motivations, our goals, our ways, our short cuts, our detours are our own.
- There are no written laws, not even the obligation to walk.** But there is a feeling of belonging to a people in movement towards a goal. People walk for many reasons: for sport, pleasure, as a retirement project, to forget, to decide, to heal oneself or others. There is comfort in hearing others' stories.
- Never give advice!** You can just say what works for you if you are asked. *(Monique)*

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