

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 Your light has come
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Mystery revealed
Matthew 2:1-12 Following the star

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

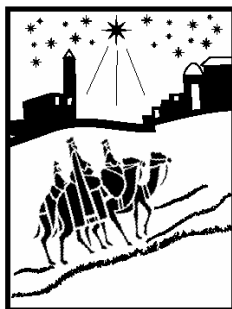
**Lord, every nation
will adore you.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia!**

Next Week

Come and see

1 Samuel
3:3-10,19;
Psalms 39
1 Corinthians
6:13-15,
17-20;
John 1:35-42



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 January 2006

Are we seeking the
infant king of the
Jews, the Saviour
of all peoples?
Are we sufficiently
free of the cares and
attractions of this
world to do so?
What a contrast
between the
dispositions and
intentions of the
Magi and Herod!
The Magi travel
from afar, coming
with gifts and
homage. Herod,
refusing to move,
intending murder.
Where are we as
regards Jesus?

Servers

8 Jan Jan Roberts

15 Jan Wayne Kelly

Readers

8 Jan	1st Reading	Robert Forbes
	Ps/Intercessions	Fiona Evans
	2nd Reading	Elizabeth Giddey
15 Jan	1st Reading	Ian Maguire
	Ps/Intercessions	Claire Maguire
	2nd Reading	Jane Nolan

Ministers of the Eucharist

8 Jan Monica and Brian Bright

15 Jan Marion Crowley and Anne Broomfield

Children's Liturgy

8 Jan To be announced

15 Jan To be announced

Counters

8 Jan Christa and David Buckley

15 Jan Robyn and Kevin Burns

Morning Tea

8 Jan Marion Crowley

15 Jan Marie Johnston

Church Cleaning

13 Jan Julie Hodgkinson

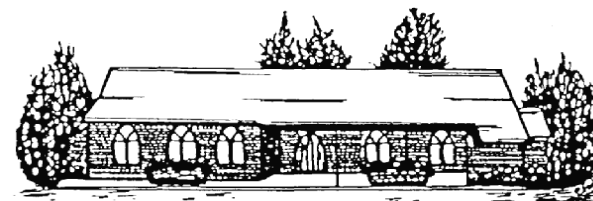
20 Jan Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons



God's glory made visible - God's splendour is the source of life, those who see him share his life. Because he was beyond the reach of man's mind, incomprehensible and invisible, he made himself visible, intelligible and knowable so that those who see and accept him may possess life. Since it is impossible to live without life and the reality of life proceeds from God, sharing God's life means seeing God and enjoying his favour. St Irenaeus (c.130-200)

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.

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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

Mount Victoria

Christian Meditation for 1 hour	Every Wednesday	7.00 am
Mass	First Friday of month	7.00 pm

Megalong Valley

Liturgy of the Word	Last Friday of month	9.00 am
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Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you have an issue you would like discussed please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

Dear Friends,

The message of today's feast seems particularly relevant to us in light of recent events: From Break Open the Word 2006:

"... In a country of immigrants like Australia, Epiphany is a celebration of God's call to us to form one family, without losing our own traditions - unity enriched by diversity. Acceptance and tolerance flourish in such an atmosphere of respect. Epiphany invites us to overcome our prejudices ... to welcome the Jesus who came for everyone ... to welcome mystery - the reality of life that surrounds us ... to be open to the possibility of 'returning by a different way' after meeting Jesus."

Blessings, Lyn.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Cassie Huckstepp
for 10th January
Christopher Graham
for 11th January
Jane (Cliff) Schmude
for 14th January*



PRAYERS REQUESTED
We ask God's healing power
for **John Walker** (Marion's dad),
Yvonne Thomas,
Roma Ziolkowski and
Sheilagh Kirkham.

**Christian Meditation at
St Paul's, Mt Victoria**
will continue through January each
Wednesday Morning 7.00 - 8.00.
Contact: Josephine 4787 7098.
(see front cover of bulletin)

~ MINUTES SECRETARY ~

The Parish Pastoral Council invites offers from parishioners to serve as Minutes Secretary to Pastoral Council meetings. This is to allow the elected Secretary to participate more fully in meetings. **Pastoral Council meetings will be held on the 3rd WEDNESDAY of each month** (N.B. The January meeting will be held on Monday, 16 January.) **The meetings start at 7.30pm and last for about two hours.**

If you are interested, please contact Sr Lyn, David Buckley or Chris le Gras.



Please pray for those who have recently died:
Christina Sprague (Van Look) who was buried from here last Thursday and **Fr Don Leivesley**. And those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
John Lorant - 11th January
Gerard Johnston - 11th January

Youth Worker Sudanese Community

A position is available for a community/youth worker to assist young adults (16-30) newly arrived in Australia on the Humanitarian Refugee Program. The applicant will require the skills necessary to: assist young people in accessing training and employment; organise social and sporting activities; refer young people to particular agencies for counselling, careers advice, housing and social services. Knowledge of Arabic and a local Sudanese language is preferable. The position is for two years, part-time (2 days per week). Award wages will be paid and the worker is responsible to the Bishop of Parramatta through the Diocesan Social Justice Co-ordinator.

Applications with resume and names and contact details of two referees should be sent to:

Sr Libby Rogerson
Social Justice Office
Diocese of Parramatta
PO Box 6644
Parramatta 2150

Applications close 30 January.

God shows his face in an unsettled world, a world that is unsettled and unsettling. Today's feast looks back to the time of Moses and forward to the journeys of St Paul and the persecutions in Rome. Journeys dominate the memories which cluster around the visit of the Magi—the journeys of Moses, of Mary and Joseph, of the Magi, of Peter and Paul. It is at such unsettled times the Lord reveals himself to those whom he calls to a nomadic life. Mired in luxury, fettered by affluence, we lack the inner freedom to follow the nomadic call. Picture Jesus Christ as he wandered the rough roads of Palestine. 'The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Nomadic spirituality is the spirituality of freedom, of salvation. *(Daily Prayer Online)*

NMAGYAL MONKS

SONG OF THE MANDALA TOUR 17 - 22 JANUARY, 2006

Venue: Katoomba Civic Centre

Civic Reception - 4pm Tuesday
Sand Mandala - created over 4 days by the monks: 9.30am – 5.30pm
Wed – Sat. (Gold coin donation)
Morning Meditation - 8.30am Wednesday
One Hour Workshops - torma making, butter sculpture and sand mandala building 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wed & Thurs (Gold coin donation)
Evening Concerts - The monks and two musicians on Friday and will be joined by aboriginal dancers and didgeridoo player Saturday: 7.30pm
Tickets \$25 concession \$20
Closing Ceremony - dissolution of the sand mandala and procession to Katoomba Falls to "take sand to water": Sunday 11am – 12pm
Chai, Food, Tibetan Stalls and Activities also happening.

Campion College Scholarships

The Diocese of Parramatta is offering two scholarships for study in the Bachelor of Arts. Campion College, in Old Toongabbie, is Australia's first Catholic Liberal Arts College of Higher Education. Prospective students should contact the College on 9896 9300 or visit www.campion.edu.au