

Today's Readings

Numbers 6:22-27 A blessing
Galatians 4:4-7 God's saving acts
Luke 2:16-21 Mary, mother of Jesus

Responsorial Psalm: (read)
May God bless us in his mercy.
Gospel Acclamation: (sung)
Alleluia!

Servers

1 Jan Michelle Davis
6 Jan Pat Leeder (Mt Vic)
8 Jan Jan Roberts

Readers

1 Jan 1st Reading Mary Duggan
Ps/Intercessions Christa Buckley
2nd Reading David Buckley
6 Jan 1st Reader Catherine Beaver
2nd Reader Terry Beaver
8 Jan 1st Reading Peter Ticehurst
Ps/Intercessions Fiona Evans
2nd Reading Elizabeth Giddey

Ministers of the Eucharist

1 Jan Bill Grieves and Marion Crowley
8 Jan Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

1 Jan To be announced
8 Jan To be announced

Counters

1 Jan Barbara and Bill Grieves
8 Jan Christa and David Buckley

Morning Tea

1 Jan Christa Buckley
8 Jan Marion Crowley

Church Cleaning

6 Jan Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen
13 Jan Julie Hodgkinson

Next Week

Following the star
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71;
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

~ New email address for Bulletin items ~

Items for next week's bulletin: please contact Kate Forbes
by Thursday on 4787 8520 or send your contribution
to her new email address:
D_P_l@telpacific.com.au



The Solemnity of Mary

1 January 2006

in a nutshell

At the Nativity,
it is the marginalised,
the shepherds, who
proclaim the birth
of the Saviour.

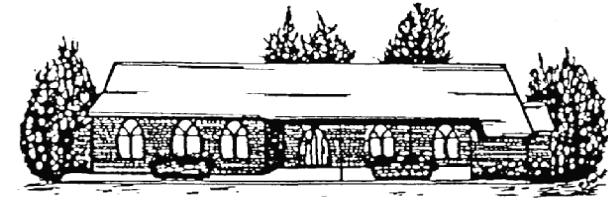
The baby is found
with Mary his mother.
How Mary must have
pondered in her heart
as she recalled the
visit of the angel and
his mysterious

promise,
the conception and
the birth of her child!

How her pondering
must have continued
as she watched
his life unfold!

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

Mass	First Friday of month	7.00 pm
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Megalong Valley

Liturgy of the Word	Last Friday of month	9.00 am
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Your 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).

From Break Open the Word

We welcome 2006 with the blessing from the book of Numbers that has been used as a blessing for over three thousand years.

'May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.'

We do not know what 2006 holds for us. Nor do we know if we will see its end. But whatever happens we stand with Mary the woman of faith and say: 'Let it be with me according to Your word, O God.' We also stand with Mary as she asks 'How can this be?' We ask with Mary, the mother of the twelve year old 'How could you do this to us?' We stand with her at the foot of the cross when all seemed lost 'Woman, behold your son.'

Mass at Mt Victoria this Friday at 7pm. All welcome.

Happy Anniversary
Maria and Thomas Schattovits
for 2nd January



*"But Mary treasured
all these words
and pondered them
in her heart."*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Liliana Schattovits
5 years old today



Erinna Colton
for 2nd January

Wladyslaw
Ziolkowski
for 6th January

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 third WEDNESDAY of each month starting on 18 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.

Christian Meditation at St Paul's, Mt Victoria: will continue through January each Wednesday Morning 7.00 - 8.00. Contact: Josephine 4787 7098.

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

Happy New Year!
May 2006 abundantly bless you with happiness,
good health and peace.



Born in the Night

Composer: Geoffrey Ainger
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Born in the night, Mary's child,
a long way from your home.
coming in need, Mary's child
born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's child
your face lights up the way
light of the world, Mary's child
dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's child
you tell us God is good,
prove it is true, Mary's child
go to your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's child
you're coming soon to reign
King of the Earth, Mary's child
walk in our streets again.

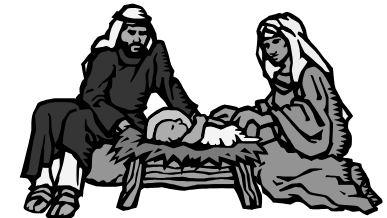
Mary's Boy Child

Composer: Jester Hairston
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Long time ago in Bethlehem
so the Holy Bible say,
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.
Shepherds watched their flocks by night,
they saw a bright new shining star.
and heard a choir from heaven sing,
the music came from afar.

Hark! now hear the angels sing,
"A new king born today,
and man will live for evermore
because of Christmas Day."
Trumpets sound and angels sing,
listen to what they say,
that man will live for evermore
because of Christmas Day.

Joseph and his wife, Mary,
came to Bethlehem that night,
and found no place to bear her child,
not a single room was in sight.
By and by they found a little nook,
in a stable all forlorn,
and in a manger, cold and dark,
Mary's little baby was born.



Gift of a mother's love

Once, while preaching in a parish, I suddenly caught sight of a young mother with her child and you could see the love between them. I was terribly tempted to say to the congregation: 'Forget what I am saying and look over there, and you will see what we mean to God!'

Cardinal Basil Hume (1923-1999)