

TODAY

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 God's chosen one
Acts 10:34-38 Lord of all people
Matthew 3:13-17 My Beloved Son

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with his peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! (x2)
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia, Alleluia! (x2)

Rosters

Servers

13 Jan Pat Leeder
20 Jan Jan Roberts

Readers

13 Jan 1st Reading Catherine Beaver
Ps/Intercessions Terry Beaver
2nd Reading Ron Davis
20 Jan 1st Reading Peter Ticehurst
Ps/Intercessions Mary Duggan
2nd Reading Elizabeth Giddey

Ministers of the Eucharist

13 Jan Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans
20 Jan Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

will resume at the end of January.

Counters

13 Jan Michael
20 Jan Judith and Frank

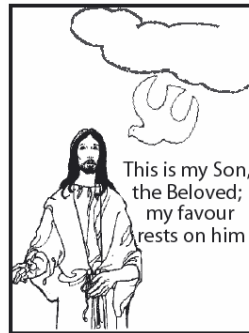
Morning Tea

13 Jan Marie Johnston
20 Jan Carmel Vanny

Church Care

18 Jan Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam
25 Jan Robyn and Kevin Burns

Quilt Raffle - Tickets \$1 ea to raise funds for the Ethiopian Orphanage.



Baptism of the Lord

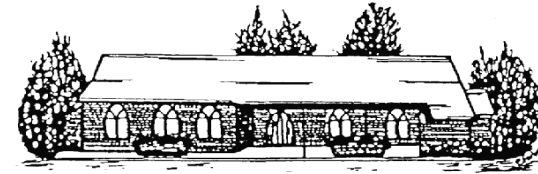
The time has come for Jesus to begin his public ministry. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is my servant... my chosen one in whom my soul delights'. Although John the Baptist is reluctant to baptise Jesus, he is persuaded to do so. Afterwards, Jesus is publicly acknowledged as the beloved Son of God, and we are commanded to listen to him.

Next Week
Baptist's witness
Isaiah 49:3,5-6; Psalm 39
1Corinthians 1:1-3;
John 1:29-34

Liturgical Ministers: please note that the dates on your roster are incorrect. The month of February has been missed - so please read March as February and April as March. Please collect your roster from the foyer if you haven't done so already.

Sacred Heart Care Group: an initial Meeting today after Mass. For those who volunteered to assist in a group and anyone else who is interested. Please bring your cuppa to the Parish Hall for a short meeting with Marilyn O'Brien, Michelle Funnell, Carmel Vanny and Sr Lyn.

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
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
Mount Victoria - Mass	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

Dear Friends,

Today's feast is the Baptism of Jesus Christ. The word "baptism" means "to plunge". For many of us, as babies we had no choice about being "plunged" into baptism – but we were. We were plunged into the life of a Christian, like it or not! As adults, what is our attitude: are we prepared to continually plunge ourselves into the work of the Spirit, or maybe we just go with the flow, or struggle against the plunge? As we bless ourselves with holy (Easter/baptismal) water as we enter the Church, let us reaffirm our "plunge" into the waters of our baptism. Blessings, Lyn.



184 Days to Go till WYD 08

'Days in the Dioceses'

10-14 July- Australia welcomes the world!

For the days leading up to WYD08 the dioceses of Australia and New Zealand will welcome the youth of the world in what is best described as a cultural exchange in the context of faith.

We see "Days in the Dioceses" as an excellent opportunity for the youth of the world to join local communities in prayer and celebration, to experience Australia beyond Sydney, to help renew the Church in the places they visit, as well as to receive Australian hospitality.

Activities of the days, organised by the dioceses, often include:

- * Meaningful encounters with the local Church community;
- * Cultural activities and visits to local sites of interest;
- * Prayer and visits to shrines.

Can you be a Homestay Host in our Parish and provide B & B for two or more pilgrims for those 4 nights? Speak to Marilyn (in the Parish Office - Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am - 2pm).

Happy Birthday

Janz Schmutz ~ 14th January
Connor Lillis ~ 11 on 20th January



In Memoriam:

Brian Birrell - 19th January
Peter Forster - 19th January
Henry Columbine - 20th January

Please remember in your prayers,
Barry Finch's sister, **Beverly Strange**, who died on 3rd January.

Behold, I Make All Things New

John L. Bell

Behold, behold,
I make all things new,
beginning with you
and starting from today.
Behold, behold,
I make all things new,
my promise is true,
for I am Christ the way.

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PARISH PICNIC - Australia Day, Saturday 26th January.

Our Parish Picnic is on again! There will be a Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Communion (to be finalised) at 9.30am. Diana and Joe Landsberg have kindly invited us, once again, to their beautiful historic property, "Withycombe", Church Rd at Mount Wilson. This is a BYO everything, although hot water, tea and coffee will be provided. In the grounds there is play equipment to keep the children entertained and plenty of room for them to run! There is lots of shade for adults to sit and chat! Do come along, relax and meet some new friends.

Retreat in Daily Life – With Trish Murray o.p.

Have you ever wanted to make a retreat and thought I'd love to, but ...

I can't afford to go away for a few days ...

I can't leave the family ...

I can't afford to miss work for a week...

I don't know how to pray ...

I don't know how to talk about my prayer, or about my relationship with God...

.....then this experience may be for you.

The retreat consists of:

An opening session with the whole group.

Your own daily prayer time.

Talking with your prayer companion.

A closing session with the group.

**When: Sunday, Feb 3rd, (Opening session 7.30pm)
to Saturday, Feb 10th (Closing session 7.30pm.)**

Daily meeting times by mutual agreement. Cost: a donation

Walking With Love: Alternatives and Response to Abortion

You are warmly invited to Walking with Love, on Saturday, 2 February at Dooley's Catholic Club, Church St Lidcombe from 1pm-5pm. This event is a national project of the Australian Catholic Bishops, educating Catholics and the wider community about life affirming alternatives to abortion and promoting the Gospel ethos of love and forgiveness to all those who have lost a child through abortion. Afternoon tea will be provided. Further inquiries and RSVPs to Mary Joseph at the Life Office on 9390 5283 or email: mary.joseph@sydney.catholic.org.au

January Cosmology Meeting:

**At our next Cosmology
Gathering, 10am till noon
Friday, 18 January**
our Meditation theme will be
**"Enjoying the Freshness
of the New".**

Chapter 7, Beyond our Isolation, of our book Quantum Theology by Diarmuid O'Murchu will be studied. Morning tea will be included in our gathering at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls. You are all welcome, including new guests.
Enquiries: Jacinta 4757 2290