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Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3 A son promised
Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19 Lives of faith
Luke 2:22-40 Child of God

Response to the Psalm:

Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.

Gospel Acclamation:

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Servers

28 Dec Pat Wicks
2 Jan Diane Stewart (Mt Vic)
4 Jan Wayne Kelly

Readers

28 Dec 1st Reading Anthony Gilchrist
Ps/Intercessions Jane Nolan
2nd Reading Carol Drummond
2 Jan 1st Reader Maria Cora
2nd Reader Teresa Gatt
4 Jan 1st Reading Peter Ticehurst
Ps/Intercessions David Ridoutt
2nd Reading Julie Hodgkinson

Ministers of the Eucharist

28 Dec Julie Hodgkinson and Wayne Evans
4 Jan Monica and Brian Bright

Children's Liturgy

28 Dec To be advised.
4 Jan To be advised.

Counters

28 Dec Christa and David
4 Jan Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

28 Dec Jan Roberts
4 Jan Michelle Funnell

Church Care

2 Jan The Gatt Family
9 Jan Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen



The Holy Family

Jesus is one of us and
belongs in a family.

As the firstborn,
he is presented in the
Temple, where Simeon
recognises that Jesus is
the one to save his
people. The Light has
come into the world!
This baby has come into
our lives too, and has the
power to sharpen our
perception so that we
also can recognise him in
the ordinary events of
daily life.

Next Week: Following the star
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

In memoriam
Les Thomas ~ 31 December

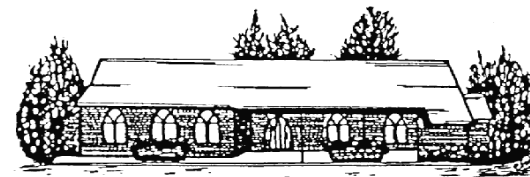


God in a cradle

He who is invisible and incomprehensible and is not to be judged by estimates of sight, sense and touch, is covered up in a cradle... It was not necessary for him through whom man was made to become man, but it was necessary for us that God should be made flesh and dwell with us, that is to say, dwell within all flesh by assuming our fleshly body. His abasement is our glory. What he is, while appearing in the flesh, that we have in turn become: restored to God.

St Hilary (c.315-367)

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
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

Care Group: Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)

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, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: Please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Today's "...readings do not spell out what living in an ideal family should be like. Rather, they focus on the fact that it is faith in God that enables us to recognise God's presence among us, however ordinary and humdrum the participants may seem. The God who enabled the aged Abraham and Sarah to have a son can surely work wonders in our ordinary daily lives if we 'let God in'. What does faith in God mean for you? When something out of the blue happens, what is your reaction?"
Break Open the Word p22

Blessings, Lyn.

New Year's Day – The Solemnity of Mary. On Thursday there will be a 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion in the Parish Church.

Thank you to all who were in any way involved in the preparation for the Christmas Masses. The celebrations were wonderful, the participation of all present amazing and the church looked fantastic. I am certain all would have left the Church more joyful and experienced the reality of God's dream coming to birth in their lives ... "Let's God's dream be born."
Sr Lyn.

Mass at St Paul's ~ Mt Victoria,
this Friday, 2nd December, at 7pm.
All welcome.

Fr Bob Sheridan had been appointed administrator in our parish for the interim period till a Pastoral Director is appointed. He will be arriving in the parish on Monday morning, 5th January, and I know you will welcome him with your usual hospitality. He will move into the parish house as I move out as he wished to meet with me before I leave. He wishes to celebrate Mass, Tuesday to Friday, and is suggesting 9.00am, but is happy to have an evening Mass if that is what you would like. Think about it and let him know when he arrives.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: Again, a big THANK YOU to everyone for your donations and buying and selling the tickets.

- 1st Prize** Brent Tokoli
- 2nd Prize** M. Hollingdale (Megalong)
- 3rd Prize** Greg Harris

Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake was won equally by **Pat Leeder** and **Frank Mackrell**. Thank you to **Sheilagh** for making and donating the cake.

Total Raised	Raffle	\$1,100.00
	Cake	\$91.00
	<i>Fund Raising Committee</i>	

Christmas greetings from Lithuania!

Brothers and Sisters,
peace and good to you all!

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. And we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace". John 1, 14.16

We share with You the joy of the birth of Jesus.

Virginija, Danguole, Agne, Jolita, Romanas,
Margarita OFS, fra Algis OFM

National Council of Lithuanian
Franciscan Youth Fraternity

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.

**Happy 40th Anniversary
Christa and David Buckley
for Today**

Happy Birthday

Meg Huckstepp for Today

Brent Tokoli

for 29th December

Liliana Schattovits

8 on 1st January



Happy 15th Anniversary Maria and Thomas Schattovits for 2nd January.

A JOURNEY REMEMBERED

Kevin Bates sm
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**O praise the Lord, my soul.
My God, how great you are.
My heart and my soul
sing out your praise.
My God, how great you are.**

You have carried me within your arms
whenever I've known fear.
You have waited patiently for me
then you drew me near.
You have run beside me even when
I didn't want to know
that you are my home and my joy.

In the doubting times
you touched my hope
and showed me how to be.
In the hours of fear and hopelessness
your truth set me free.
In the memory of family
I learnt to know your name,
learnt that you are my home and my joy.

Lord, bless the place where I was born
and those who carried me.
Lord, bless the many smiles
who have kindly set me free.
Lord, bless the many little ones
who've shown your face to me,
You are my home and my joy.

Please pray for those who are ill:
Barbara Hunt; Roger Johnstone;
Travis Kingston; Chelsey Laird;
Cec O'Brien; Irene Peacock
and David Ridoutt.

*May the vital, loving strength of
this community help them
on their journey to full health.*