



1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 Dedicated to God  
 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Children of God  
 Luke 2:41-52 Totally God's

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ROSTERS**

**Servers**

31 Dec Wayne Kelly  
 5 Jan Diane Stewart  
 7 Jan Michelle Davis

**Readers**

31 Dec	1st Reading	Dominic Gilchrist
	Ps/Intercessions	Monica Bright
	2nd Reading	Brian Bright
5 Jan	<i>Pat Leeder and Therese Gatt (Mt Vic)</i>	
7 Jan	1st Reading	David Buckley
	Ps/Intercessions	Carol Drummond
	2nd Reading	Christa Buckley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

31 Dec Anthony Gilchrist and Jan Roberts  
 7 Jan Pat Waters and Norma Longmuir

**Children's Liturgy**

31 Dec Children remain in church  
 7 Jan Children remain in church

**Counters**

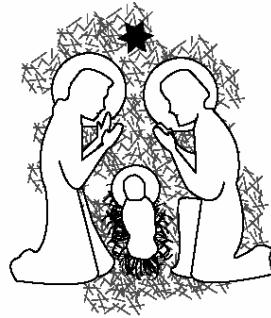
31 Dec Robyn and Kevin  
 7 Jan Louise and Laurie

**Morning Tea**

31 Dec Christa Buckley  
 7 Jan Barbara Grieves

**Church Care**

4 Jan Robyn Burns and Kevin Burns  
 11 Jan Noeleen Cliff and Mary Kingston



**The Holy Family  
Year C**

The Gospel shows a scene from family life: a lost child. Naturally the parents are worried and search everywhere. Meanwhile the Child, serenely oblivious, is doing what he wants to do. He is in his Father's house. Yet, Son of God as Jesus is, he goes with Mary and Joseph and lives under their authority. Later there will be another three days' loss, from the Crucifixion to the Resurrection.

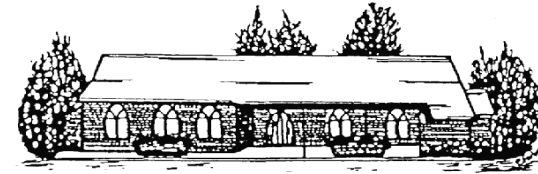
Next Week: **The wise men**  
*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71*  
*Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6;*  
*Matthew 2:1-12*



**Hidden life at Nazareth**

How deeply hidden, how gradual and unseen by us is the soul's growth in the life of prayer. It is like the hidden life at Nazareth... Growth in God is a far more gradual, less conscious process than we realise at first... To contemplate the proportions of Christ's life is a terrible rebuke to spiritual impatience. There we see how slow, according to our time span, is the maturing of the thought of God... Sanctity, which is childhood in God, partakes of the long divine duration. Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)

# 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
<b>Mount Victoria - Mass</b>	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm
<b>Megalong Valley - Liturgy of the Word</b>	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

**Dear Friends,**

*Growing in Wisdom – This is one of the very few “family” stories in any of the Gospels and it shows Jesus imbibing the Jewish traditions of his parents. ... In the temple Jesus is seen learning from his Jewish elders as any young Jewish boy would learn from the rabbis.... There is no suggestion that he “knows everything”. He learns the traditions of his people from his parents, whose authority he accepts, and the teachers... Families today in all their varied forms, continue to be the first and primary places where children learn the wisdom and values that will shape their lives. Sundays Under the Southern Cross. Mary Coloe PBVM pp13-14* **Blessings, Lyn.**

**First Communion**

Today we celebrate with **Holly** as she receives the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. We pray with joy for her, her grandparents, Karen and Les Hayward, her father Duncan and all her family and friends.

**Happy Birthday**

**Erinna Colton** for 2 January

*Saying “thank you” never seems to be an adequate expression for the gratitude that one wants to express to all you wonderful parishioners who have made our Christmas celebrations so prayerful and joyful once again. As Paul says, I thank my God each time I think of you and when I pray for you I pray with Joy.  
Thank You! Lyn.*

**Mass at Mt Victoria** at 7pm  
Friday 5 January. All welcome.

**Entrance Hymn:**

**The North Wind (Christmas Day)**

Music: William James / Words: John Wheeler (USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

The North Wind is tossing the leaves,  
The red dust is over the town,  
The sparrows are under the eaves,  
And the grass in the paddock is brown;  
As we lift up our voices and sing  
To the Christ-Child the Heavenly King.

The tree-ferns in green gullies sway;  
The cool stream flows silently by;  
The joy bells are greeting the day,  
And the chimes are adrift in the sky,  
As we lift up our voices and sing  
To the Christ-Child the Heavenly King.

**New rosters** for Liturgical Ministers and Leaders of Children’s Liturgy are available. Please collect your copy from the Church Foyer. Thank you.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** *Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense. In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace.*

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Please remember in your prayers,  
**Fr Terence Purcell** who died on 22nd December.

**Communion: Star Child**

(Shirley Erena Murray / Carlton R. Young)  
(USED WITH PERMISSION,  
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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.

**Thanksgiving: Immanuel**

(Michael Card)  
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A sign shall be given  
A virgin will conceive  
A human baby  
bearing undiminished deity  
The glory of the nations  
a light for all to see  
Hope for all who will embrace  
His warm reality.

**Immanuel, our God is with us,  
and if God is with us,  
who could stand against us  
Our God is with us - Immanuel.**

For all those who walk in the shadow  
of death, a glorious light has dawned  
for all those who stumble in the  
darkness, behold your light has come.

So, what shall be your answer?  
Will you hear the call?  
Of Him who did not spare His son  
but gave him for us all  
on earth there is no power,  
there is no depth or height  
that could ever separate us  
from the love of God in Christ.



**church below the rooftops**

**The mind of a child:** The arrival of our second grandchild and first grandson was a joyful and blessed occasion. Everything had gone to plan; a ‘natural’ birth with no interventions or complications. Ella, now approaching three years of age greeted her newborn brother and was as welcoming as her delighted parents and doting grandparents. She lined up with the rest of us to cuddle this writhing bundle of wonder. All the preparation for his arrival seemed to have worked. The anticipated jealousy, tantrums and tears had not eventuated. Ella was overflowing with anticipation as the packing to leave the hospital the following day was completed. Dad picked up the bags and mum lifted baby from the cot. Ella remained planted to the floor as everyone left the room. ‘Hurry, Ella’ was mum’s call, ‘it’s time to go home’. Wide-eyed and mystified Ella replied, ‘Is he coming with us?’ So much for trying to understand the mind of a child! (Mick)