

Today	Sir 3:2-6. 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40
Next week	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3. 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Psalm Response: The Lord remembers his covenant forever

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Yr B 27 Dec 2020

Today's feast of the Holy Family is about faithful love that looks after the most important people in our lives. We all know that fights and bitterness can wreck families for generations. If today's feast means anything it is not about romanticising how difficult family life can be these days. It is about naming that forgiveness, compassion and kindness are the blocks upon which Christian family life is built. Without these virtues family life crumbles.

The best way to honour today's feast is to do something about the faithful love it celebrates. We shouldn't assume that our families know about our love for them if we haven't said it. Let's pluck up our courage and tell our families that we love them. It's too late once we're dead.

And the best news is that when we profess our love to our families we'll see that today's celebration is in fact a moveable feast.

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Servers	
27 Dec	Diane Stewart
3 Jan	Paul Harris
Readers	
27 Dec	1st Reader Monica Bright
	2nd Reader Brian Bright
	Welcome/Intercessions Pat Wicks
3 Jan	1st Reader Connie Adams
	2nd Reader Mary Ryan
	Intercessions/Welcome David Buckley
Counters	
27 Dec	Barbara Grieves
3 Dec	Diane Stewart
Church Care	
8 Jan	Noeleen Cliff & Maarilyn Rowe
26 Jan	Phil & Pat Wicks
Flowers	
Jan	Pamela Scott

St Paul's Mt Victoria
Entrance Ant: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Communion Ant: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

SAINTS OF THE DAY (28 Dec)

28 Dec	Holy Innocents	martyrs
29 Dec	St. Thomas Becket	bishop, martyr
31 Dec	St. Sylvester 1	pope

Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

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.

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past and present.

MASSES: Attendance is limited. Please 'book in' no later than 10am this Saturday. Please email Brian – bbright45@bigpond.com - with cc to Julie O'Keeffe (julesongodson@bigpond.com) Or phone/text: 0401 768 688 (Brian)
MT VIC VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM (every week for the time being)
BLACKHEATH MASSES

SUNDAY 9:30AM
Tues 6.30pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri. 6.30pm
1st Friday Mass, Adoration & reflection 6.30pm
2nd Friday: Contemplative prayer and meal (booking is essential)"

RECONCILIATION at 6.15pm Wed
PPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH MASSES
Saturday morning 9am St Canice's Church Katoomba
Vigil Mass 5pm St Bonaventure's Church Leura
Sunday 8am Mass St Francis Xavier's Church Wentworth Falls
Sunday 10am Mass St Canice's Church Katoomba

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Parish Pastoral Council: If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Paul Harris (Chair) (pauls_harris@hotmail.com) or Julie O'Keeffe (julesongodson@bigpond.com)

Sacred Heart Care Group (helping parishioners in times of need) Monica Bright 0420 937 690

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email **blackheath@parracatholic.org**

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2021



From Fr John, Fr Abraham and the Parish team

Friday Advent gathering

Sincerest thanks to Frances Huckstepp for organising and presenting this beautiful time of weekly prayer, discussion and reflection, a very important time-out, preparing for the arrival of Christmas Day. A similar opportunity will be offered during Lent, which begins on Wednesday 17 February, Ash Wednesday.

O Christmas Tree, how lovely are thy branches!

Please bring along a decoration, to any Mass you attend, and place it on our Christmas tree in the church- it needs a star for the very top!

Morning tea last Sunday!

Thank you to all involved for transforming *Café Sacre Coeur* into a festive Christmas delight and spreading Christmas good will and cheer! The next morning tea will be in the new year on **Sunday January 3**. Thank you for bringing along your own cup.

Sacred Heart Parish Foundation Day

Save the date to celebrate the Foundation Day of our parish, January 26. Hopefully we will be able to have a social gathering of celebration in our stunning church grounds – details in the new year!

Our “new” sign with moveable letters!

We have been fortunate to recently inherit our local Uniting church’s large sign, with moveable letters for promoting our parish, including events, Masses and daily happenings, to the wider local community. A few minor alterations are needed before using as well as anchoring the sign once the best place for it is decided.

Julie O’Keeffe

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

It’s on again, our annual garage sale scheduled for Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th February 2021.

We will be asking for helpers closer to the event but at this stage we just want you to lock in the dates and start your annual clean out.

As in the past you can leave your items on the parish hall verandah which will be checked regularly.

If you have any larger items you can ring Marilyn or Pat W in the office for pick up. The best contact number is Marilyn’s mobile on 0414536601.

GET SORTING!!!



Happy Anniversary!



28th Christa and David Buckley

Rest In Peace !

16 th Douglas Cullen (2020)

29th Jorgan Kallane (2016)

Friday Fiesta

The next Friday Fiesta is on January 8, 6:30 pm. Food for the Soul and Food for the Body! Bookings are open www.trybooking.com/BMVXR or see Julie or Paul.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS

The parish off ice will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 24 to January 27.

Have a Happy and holy Christmas.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Christmas Day !0.00am

New Year’s Day 9.00am

The Christmas Eve masses are fully booked.

There will be NO MASS on Fri Jan1 at 6.30pm

Happy Birthday !

24th David Buckley

27th Sean Lillis

27th Fred Pateman



PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers: Ray Wood, John & Marion Crowley, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Doug Ford and .Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

