

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.*

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Community Blackheath](#)

MT VICTORIA VIGIL MASS

Vigil Mass at 5.00pm (June-August)

6.00pm (Sept-May)

MEGALONG VALLEY MASS

No Mass at Megalong Valley in January

BLACKHEATH MASSES

SUN: 9:30am.

WED; 9.00am

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SUNDAY MASSES

SAT: 5:00pm Leura (Vigil)

SUN: 8:00am Wentworth Falls

SUN: 10.00am Katoomba

Sun: 5.00pm Leura

BULLETIN ITEMS: Please contact the Parish
Office on Thursday's during office hours on
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SACRED HEART CARE GROUP: Helping
parishioners in times of need. Monica Bright
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: If you would like
an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C 29 December 2024



Many Blessings this Christmas

Please mute your mobile at Mass. Thank-you for your courtesy.



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 28th December

Mass 5.00pm Leura

Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria.

SUNDAY 29 December

8.am Wentworth Falls

9.30 am Blackheath

10am Katoomba

5pm Leura

MONDAY 30 December

Mass at 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 31 December

9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 1 January 2025

Mass 9.30am Blackheath

Cuppas together 9.30-12.00

THURSDAY 2 January

Mass 9.00am Wentworth Falls

FRIDAY 3 January

Mass 12.00 at Katoomba

SATURDAY 4 January

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession after Mass

Blackheath Community Kitchen Garden 11-1pm

Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria

Mt Victoria 28. 12. 2024

1 St Reader: Diane Stewart

2 nd Reader: Diane Stewart

Sunday 29. 12.2024

1 St Reader: Eve McDonnell

2nd Reader: Frances Huckstepp

Welcome/Intercession: Pat Wicks

Server: Pat Wicks

Church Care: Phil & Pat Wicks

Counters: Marilyn Rowe

Flowers: Julie Hodgkinson & David Buckley

Morning Tea: Christine and Dom

Bpoint - Parish contributions using your credit card.

Bpoint is an easy way to contribute to both our 2nd collection (funds raised are for our Parish) and 1st collection (funds raised are for the clergy of the Diocese). You need a credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) and a mobile phone number. Please follow this link and make your choice of option. You will be asked to show your name and mobile phone number: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICPARISHOFSACREDHEARTBLACKHEATH>.



As an alternative to following the link, you can also use the attached QR Code.

Cuppa's on Wednesday after 9am Mass

Cuppa's will be closed on Christmas Day. We will be OPEN every Wednesday morning in January. Come along to the hall after Mass for a cuppa and meet new people, or drop in for a chat, bring a friend, family members, and visitors for an enjoyable morning of Sacred Heart hospitality. Check out the abundant produce in the kitchen garden, walk around our splendid grounds, or enjoy a game of scrabble or chess. From mid- January Cuppa's will relocate to the church veranda due to hall transformation for the Garage Sale. All welcome on Wednesdays!



Epiphany Pilgrimage 2025

Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting the Epiphany Pilgrimage group again in 2025 as they journey up the mountains from 2 - 9 January and celebrate 10 years of pilgrimage through our deanery. In preparation for the pilgrimage, you are invited to write any prayer requests on the cards provided and place them in the Epiphany Pilgrimage prayer box to be prayed each day by the pilgrims. Please join the pilgrimage group for the Pilgrimage Final Mass on 8 January at 3pm at Sacred Heart followed by a festive meal, and for the 10 Year Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass on 9 January at 10am at the Chapel of the Magi, Bell followed by lunch. To participate in some or all of the pilgrimage - including walks, Mass, Adoration / prayer sessions and meals - visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org



Epiphany Pilgrimage 2025

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Parish Secretary to join the parish team on a part time basis, working from the Parish Offices at St Patrick's Church, 51-19 Allawah Street, Blacktown. This position is for 4 days per week, Tuesday to Friday, with working hours from 9am to 4pm. This role offers a unique opportunity to support the mission of the Church in Western Sydney.

For job description and details, please email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Sunday: 5.1.2025

1st Reader: John Tweedie

2nd Reader: Pamela Nash

Welcome/Intercession:

Eve McDonnell

Server: Paul Harris

Morning Tea: Christa and David Buckley

Office Closed

Please note that our parish office will be closed during the Christmas holiday from 24 Dec - 7 Jan.

WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025.

Mass in the Megalong

There will be No Mass in the Megalong in January 2025.

January Dates for your Diary

Wednesday January 8- we will be hosting the Epiphany Pilgrims for their evening meal, the last night of the pilgrimage, commencing at 5:15pm in the hall. It would be most appreciated if you are able to contribute to their meal, either savoury or sweet. Add your name and meal to the Pilgrim dinner sheet if you can help out – thank you!

Sunday January 26- A long table brunch in the forest after Sunday morning Mass to celebrate the opening of Sacred Heart Church and Our Parish. BYO picnic food and drink.

Celebrating the Jubilee Year in 2025

The Jubilee Year 2025 begins on 24 December, with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*.

Pope Francis calls us to “appreciate anew all the power and tenderness of the Father’s merciful love, in order to become, in our turn, its witnesses.”

Information about events for the Jubilee Year for our Diocese will be available at catholicoutlook.org



Happy Anniversary! Christa and David Buckley

GARAGE SALE

Our annual Garage Sale takes place once again on the first weekend in February.



In 2025 the dates will be February 1st & 2nd.

Please keep these dates free! We have the usual band of workers for this fundraiser but, if you can help in anyway either setting up, selling or clearing away your help is much appreciated.

Start clearing out your cupboards and let’s make it the biggest garage sale yet.

Many thanks.

Marilyn & the Social Committee

Blue Mountains Aged Care Committee:

House-keeper care-cleaners, Gardeners-light work and De-clutterers are needed in the upper mountains to support older residents needing help to remain independent in their own home. If you know of anyone looking to work regularly for two to four hours at a time in these areas or if you would like to volunteer to help on the committee, please contact the BMACC on 0405 252 644 business hours M-F.



Happy Birthday December

1st Robyn Ann Bogart



Please Pray For the Sick and Their Carers: Anne McKeon, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Ray Wood, Paddy Dowling, Beverley Bateup, Anne Farindon, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Trennah Portelli.

Recently Died:

REST IN PEACE Dec: 29th Jorgan Kallane (2016)

22nd Patricia Dee, 27 Fred Pateman, 27th Greg Stephen, 29th Jorgan Kallane (2016)



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Yr C

ENTRANCE

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading.

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14)

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins

RESPONSE

How blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading.

A reading from the first letter of St John (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24)

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ

and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 2:41-52)

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and people

COMMUNION

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

Praying with Pope Francisj for December 2024 For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith,
helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives,
transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.