

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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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
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: If you would like
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The Epiphany of the Lord 5.1.2025



Many Blessings for this
New Year

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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 4 January 2025

Mass 5.00pm Leura

Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria.

SUNDAY 5 January

8.am Wentworth Falls

9.30 am Blackheath

10am Katoomba

5pm Leura

MONDAY 6 January

Mass at 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 7 January

9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 8 January 2025

Mass 9.30am Blackheath

Pilgrims' Mass 3.00pm Blackheath

Cuppas together 9.30-12.00

THURSDAY 9 January

Mass 9.00am Wentworth Falls

FRIDAY 10 January

Mass 12.00 at Katoomba

SATURDAY 11 January

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession after Mass

Blackheath Community Kitchen Garden 11-1pm

Mass 6.00pm Mt Victoria

Mt Victoria 4.1.2025

1 St Reader: Mary Ryan

2 nd Reader: Clive Kanen

Sunday 5.1.2025

1 St Reader: John Tweedie

2nd Reader: Pamela Nash

Welcome/Intercession: Pat Wicks

Server: Paul Harris

Church Care: Paul & Marilyn Rowe

Counters: Pamela Nash & John Tweedie

Flowers: David Buckley

Morning Tea: Christine and Dom

Bpoint - Parish contributions using your credit card.

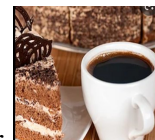
Bpoint is an easy way to contribute to both our 2nd collection (funds raised are for our Parish) and 1st collection (funds raised are for the clergy of the Diocese). You need a credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) and a mobile phone number. Please follow this link and make your choice of option. You 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: 12.1.2025

1st Reader: Monica Bright
2nd Reader: Brian Bright

Welcome/Intercession:

Pat Wicks

Server: Paul Harris

Morning Tea: Karen Hayward & Marlene Nguyen

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 Epiphany of the Lord Year C

ENTRANCE

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSE

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading .

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians(Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6)

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 2:1-12)

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

COMMUNION

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**Praying with Pope Francis in January 2025,
for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that
their right to an education, which is necessary to
build a better world, will always be respected.
May the Christian community always be prepared to
defend the rights of those who are vulnerable, open-
ing wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever
be robbed of the hope of a better future.
Pope Francis, Jubilee 2025 letter (Bull of Indiction),
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