



# SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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St Francis Xavier Church, Elm Street, Irymple

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan, Mary Gobbo,

Helen Findlay, Jen Ditchfield, Rebecca Hogan

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.00pm and Irymple 8.30am.

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11.00am or by appointment.

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 7, 2007 YEAR C

### THIS WEEK:

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Ps. 71 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



### NEXT WEEK:

First Reading: Is. 62:1-5

Ps. 95 Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 12:4-11

Gospel: Jn. 2:1-11

### Recent Deaths

Betty Hillier, Fr. Jim Brasier (Melbourne)

Dora Vogels (Terang)

### Anniversaries

Maria Giovanna Cavallaro

6.00 p.m. Sat

Giuseppe Cavallo

10.00 a.m. Sun

Joan Gregory, Evie Moloney

Note to Families requesting special Masses:

Please let the celebrant know you are present before Mass.

### Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Monday Prayer Group: 2-4 p.m.

Rosary: Monday 6.00 p.m.

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Fri. 8.40 a.m.

Meditation: Thursday 7 a.m. Church prayer room

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues. 7.30 p.m.

Scripture Readings: Thur 2/177 12<sup>th</sup> Street 10.30 a.m.

Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

### We pray for the sick

Norma Presswood,

Stephen Rosenhart (brother of Henriette de Jong),

Maria Florio, John, Pat & Dennis Donnellan,

Pastor Avito da Costa

### Weekday Mass Times

*If there is a Funeral Mass*

*the advertised Mass will be cancelled*

Tues: 7.00 p.m.

Wed 9.30 a.m.

Thu: 9.30 a.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

### This week we thank:

All those who helped in various ways in the Masses over the Christmas period.

### What's on this week



**THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN'S SOUL** – a History of Christianity in the British Isles: a four-part series on ABC TV during January – from **Sunday, Jan. 7 to 25, 2007 at 10.00 p.m.** This could be a valuable series dealing with a very important part of our Australian Christian/Catholic “pre-history”.

### Baptisms

Michael Powell, Helena Powell and Alice Powell,  
Emma Grace Whitney & Jordan Rose Clay

### What's coming up

**FEAST OF SAN ROCCO 14<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**

To book a bus seat to Adelaide, please see Bruno or Luigi after 10.00am Mass or ring them TODAY on 5022 0435 or 5021 1059.

### LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS



**Every Day With Jesus** is the title of 2007's Lenten Discussion Program, based on the Sunday gospels from Lent to Pentecost. 1 x 90 minute meeting pw for 6 weeks, commencing Ash Wednesday week in February. Your choice of days/times/places. (\$10 for 80-page booklet – collected at meetings). *Something to 'take on' for Lent and provides each participant with the opportunity to pray, meditate and deepen their personal relationship with Jesus.*

To join, please fill in the following form and return it to the Parish Office:

Name.....

Phone.....

Preferred day(s). ....

Time(s).....

Place (eg home/Hillman Room/elsewhere):  
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(optional) I am willing to:

(a) be a leader (b) have meetings at my home.

**Last Week's Collections**

**Weekend 23/24 December**

**Priests' Support \$915.00**

**Parish Support**

Direct Debit and Credit Cards: 577.53

Envelopes 2,045.05

Loose Plate 1,268.10

**Total: \$3,890.68**

**Weekend 30/31 December – details available next week.**

**WANTED!** Two mature people to share house. \$100 pp pw plus expenses. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

**BOARD** required in Mildura area for Year 12 responsible female student. Has own car. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

**Scripture Note**



For Matthew, the story of the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the Good News of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the resurrection.

God revealed himself to the Jews through the

Scriptures, and to the Gentiles through nature. Hence, Matthew shows the Magi (who were Gentiles) receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox: the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come, and with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore him.

There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was only the means by which a great mystery was revealed – the revelation of Christ as the Saviour of the Gentiles too.

The Second Reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ.

**Prayer**

**Lord God, you are so patient and forgiving towards us; help us to be the same towards others. We know we can grow in that way if we keep letting Jesus come to us every day.**

**Spirit of God, let us now be assured of forgiveness and of eternal life with God, so that we can rest in peace and rise to give glory to your tomorrow.**

**Amen**

*Our Parish Blessing*  
*May the Lord, Mighty God,*  
*Bless and keep you forever.*  
*Grant you peace, perfect peace,*  
*Courage in every endeavour.*  
*Lift up your eyes and see God's face*  
*And God's grace forever.*  
*May the Lord mighty God,*  
*Bless and keep you forever.*

<b>W/end Jan 13/14</b>				
<b>Readers</b>	C. Sheahan	F. Sandell	C/P McErvale	A-M. Laubscher
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	H. De Jong M. Capogreco L. Gooch K. Burns A-M. Greville M. Sheahan M. Meredith	T. Panuccio D. Brown P. O'Donnell F. Carbone B. Weightman G. Scopacasa M. Scopacasa	N. Lewis N. Pardo S. Hermans R. Barbary I. Barbary T. McNamara R. Byra M. Grivec	W. Finn T. Finn P. Cox M. Ransome F. Virgona
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 2 – Captain Joe De Jong – 5023 7802			