

Our Parish Vision

"Our Parish is a Eucharistic Community united by our faith in Jesus Christ. We work together in the power of the Holy Spirit to spread the good news of God's Kingdom."

Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 6.00 p.m.
Sun: 9.00 a.m, 5.00 p.m.
Irymple: 8.30 am.

Parish Pastoral Team

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SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY 2011
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
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Bless and keep you forever

Weekday Masses

If there is a Funeral Mass on Wed or, Thurs, the advertised Mass will be cancelled.

Tues: 7.00 p.m.
Wed: 9.00 a.m. Australia Day Mass
Thurs: 9.30 a.m.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat 10.00 a.m.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah. 8:23 – 9:3
Psalm: 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1
Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.



Second Reading: Corinthians. 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm. 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

Response. Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading. Cor 1:26-31

Gospel Matthew. 5:1-12

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Matulin.

ANNIVERSARIES: Cath Groves, Pat Rocca (3yrs)

Sat 6.00 p.m. Murray Surace

Sun 9.00 a.m. Carmela Zagari, Steve Panuccio (10yrs)

Sun 5.00 pm. Anastasia Lanigan

Only members of the deceased's immediate family are Permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Antonio Chiavone, Beryl Reece(Brisbane).

If you want a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Prayer Group: 2.00-4.00pm.

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8.40am.

Christian Meditation: Sat – 11.30am. Hillman Rm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – held the 1st Friday of each month.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Please note Mass will commence at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday 26th January.

SCHOOL AGED BAPTISM

Sacred Heart Parish will be holding an information session on Wednesday, February 9th at 3.45 pm, in the Hillman Room, for all those children who have not been baptised and attending school. Please contact the office for more information. If you know of anyone who may be interested please pass this information on. Thank you.



BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome Jag Erskine & Claudia Pumpa into God's family, and into our Parish family.



WEDDINGS: Congratulations to Alexander Mullins & Teresa Cavallo who celebrated their wedding last weekend.

WHATS COMING UP

Baptism Preparation Wednesday 26th Jan, 7.30pm, Hillman Room.

Anointing Mass for the sick and elderly will be held Tuesday, 1st Feb – 2pm.

Baptism Team Meeting, Tuesday 1st Feb - 7.30pm, Hillman Room.

Walnut Central BCC will meet at 6.30pm on Tuesday February 1st at the Bogemann Residence – 21 Vineleaf Street. Everyone welcome.

Meeting of all Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to nursing homes and Parishioners will be held on Wednesday 2nd Feb – 2pm could all please attend.

Social Justice Group, Wednesday 2nd Feb, Fleming Room 6.30pm.

Catholic Womens Social Group, Tuesday 8th Feb - 2pm, Hillman Room.

WELCOME

We welcome Mrs Cathy Pickup to the Parish Office, she will be assisting part time in the Office. Could everyone be patient and make her feel welcome .

QUEENSLAND FLOOD APPEAL

Loose monies from the Parish's Second Collection this week will be donated to Fr Brian for distribution, there the parish will directly distribute the money directly to the flood victims and not have to wait some period of time to recover insurance and for those many people who are actually without insurance protection.

They will provide financial and material assistance, friendship and support, to the people in crisis directly.

POPES PRAYER FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Pope Benedict XVI recalled in prayer the victims of floods in countries including Australia "I would like to assure a special remembrance in prayer the people of Australia, Brazil, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, who have recently been devastated by floods. "May the Lord receive the souls of the dead, give strength to the evacuees and help those who are working to alleviate the suffering and grief," he said.

ARMS RAISED IN PRAYER

'Development needs Christians with their arms raised towards God in prayer, Christians moved by the knowledge that truth-filled love, *caritas in veritate*, from which authentic development proceeds, is not produced by us, but given to us. For this reason, even in the most difficult and complex times, besides recognizing what is happening, we must above all else turn to God's love. Development requires attention to the spiritual life, a serious consideration of the experiences of trust in God, spiritual fellowship in Christ, reliance upon God's providence and mercy, love and forgiveness, self-denial, acceptance of others, justice and peace. All this is essential if "hearts of stone" are to be transformed into "hearts of flesh" (Ezek 36:26), rendering life on earth "divine" and thus more worthy of humanity.' Excerpt from *Caritas in Veritate* (n.79), Pope Benedict XVI

REFLECTION

Most of the gospel readings this year will be from Matthew's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end and that takes about two hours. While the main character is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups. The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama of the story, to get inside the characters and character groups, to listen to the teachings of Jesus and experience his healing touch. In the passage selected for today, the Matthean Jesus makes his appearance as a great light that has arisen in Galilee of the Gentiles. He is light for a people who have lived in darkness and the shadow of death and oppression. In the context of Roman imperial rule, the Matthean Jesus offers hope of an alternative reign. He invites his hearers to turn their lives around, to 'repent' for the empire or reign 'of the heavens' has come near or is 'at hand'. He then calls four fishermen to follow him, to join him on his mission of proclaiming the empire or reign 'of the heavens'. The verb 'to follow' is used metaphorically. It is an invitation to live out in their lives the pattern of Jesus' life. They 'immediately' leave their boat and their father and follow him. Later in the story we find they still have their boat, an indication that the story is to be read symbolically. Sometimes we need to distance ourselves from family expectations for the sake of the gospel. Sometimes

MINISTERS' ROSTERS

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST. Jan. 23rd

6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
P.Kelleher	N.Leonardis	C.Carmichael
M.McDonald	M. Speed	M-L. Towns
K.Quinlan	U.Williams	K. Towns
B.Weightman	E.Garreffa	W. Finn
E.Frauenfelder	M. Modica	T. Finn
M. Roper	T.Fainganuku	
S. Tisler	M.Fainganuku	

we have to decentre our material possessions even if they remain integral to the work of the mission. One might get the impression that the alternative community Jesus forms around him is all male. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women who have 'followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him' (Matt 27:55). A little passage in Matt 18 indicates that there are children on the journey as well. There is a much more extended group around Jesus than today's reading suggests. Women, men, and children, we are all invited to turn our lives around and leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing the empire 'of the heavens' into our world. - Veronica Lawson RSM

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(This collection and the offerings go toward the cost of the Priests' stipends/ food / cleaning / fuel / car expenses/other living expenses/ phone / SEC and Diocesan expenses which are paid quarterly).

2nd Collection (Support of Parish & Diocese)	\$ 2593.00
Donations to Queensland Flood Appeal	\$1364.30
Loose Plate	\$ 451.65

FOUND: 2010 Reading Glasses 1 pr Ladies, 1 pr Mens please collect from the Office.

VINNIES WEEKLY SPECIALS.

Quilton Toilet Rolls 9-pack	\$ 4.80
Tru-Blu Soft Drinks. 1.25L.	\$1.00 a bottle
Foster Clark's Custard (Vanilla) 500ml.	\$1.70
Chatt Potatoes	\$ 1.00 kg.bag.
Coracle Pasta- Macaroni 420 g.	.65c

AUSTRALIA DAY HUMOUR

An Englishman, fresh off the plane at Sydney airport, is trying to negotiate Australian customs. Finally, when it's his turn to get his passport stamped, the customs officer starts rattling off the usual questions:

- C.O.: How long do you intend to stay?
- POM: One week.
- C.O.: What is the nature of this trip?
- POM: Business.
- C.O.: Do you have any past criminal convictions?
- POM: I didn't think we still needed to!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Danny Cotching for his time and work to secure the new Sanctuary Light to its stand.

We would also like to thank Leonard's Plumbing for donating their time to recent repairs to the Hillman Room toilets.

READERS: Jan 30th

6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
R. Barnes	R.Opt'Hoog	C.Carmichael
<u>COUNTING TEAM 3.</u>		
Peter McDonald 50551531		

MUSIC Jan 30th

6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
N.Armsden	M.Sullivan	Sacred Heart
B. Lewis	J. Macri	Group.
J. O'Bryan		All welcome
		M.Fainganuku