

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

Fr. Tom Brophy,
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St Francis Xavier's Church
Elms Street, Irymple

SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2011
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

Weekday Masses

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

Tues: 7.00 p.m.
Wed: 9.10 a.m.
Thurs: 9.30 a.m. St Hilary.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat 10.00 a.m.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah. 42: 1-4. 6-7.

Psalm: 28: 1-4. 9-10

Response: The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts. 10: 34-38.

Gospel: Matthew. 3: 13-17.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vic Beriman (Adelaide -Bob's brother),
Shane Barry (Manangatang).

ANNIVERSARIES: Lorraine Kenna, Evie Moloney, Frs. John Kirby, John Duffus & Brian Brophy, Dave Brown, Daniel O'Brien & Paul Carman.

Sun 9.00 a.m. Giuseppe Cavallo.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Joyce White rsj, Rob Smith, Sr Margaret Carmody (Hamilton), Michael Hall, Melva Scott, Uschi Russell, Tony O'Hurley, Michael Carey, Antonio Tassone, Jill Brophy, Fr. Peter Claridge, Tim Krake (Melb), Kerrie Hall, Peter Sullivan (Melb).

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.

WELCOME

It is with joy that we welcome our new Pastor Fr. Michael (Mick) McKinnon to our parish. We are so pleased he wanted to be with us after his six years on the missions in Lima Peru. Hopefully his re-entry into the First World has been made a lot easier after his twelve months time in Europe and the Middle East. We look forward to meeting him over the next few weeks.

NEW CHURCH WINDOWS

It is indeed wonderful to see the completion of a project that began as an idea some years ago. The parish would like thank all those who were responsible for the windows from go to woe. The windows certainly enhance the interior beauty of the church and will add to the celebration of the liturgy and devotions. To all those from near and far who donated to the project go our sincere thanks, especially to Brian Matulin and his sister Anne Fitzgibbon who donated two complimentary windows that link the nave to the transepts in memory of their late parents. They were created and made by Max & Val Robinson and depict the journey of faith, hope and love taken by so many of our parishioners from Europe to Australia right from early settlement days.

William Micallef of Lead Delights (Richmond) was commissioned to design and create a window dedicated to Mary Mother of All Nations, in memory of deceased parishioners and friends. This he has done to everyone's satisfaction, including the donors who have been most generous in supporting the project. To them go our heartfelt thanks.

A special welcome is extended to all those visitors who have come to see the new windows on the occasion of their blessing, including our donors, the creators, their families, the tradesmen --- Mario Zema (painter), King & Hudswell (Construction Builders), Devilee's Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Peter Saunders of Forbes Wilson, Peter O'Loughlin (glass cutter) and Rodney Sednich (Halpins Electrical) It has been a big challenge to get the project underway and to be finished on time. Extra efforts had to be made by all concerned and we do appreciate the manner in which the unexpected was faced and overcome. May God bless you all.

FINAL THANKS

Your kindness and generosity over the last eight years has been amazing.

To have so many parishioners at Mass last Saturday night and at St. Francis Xavier's Church on Sunday morning was just too much for me. Sadly I missed some of you and I am sorry for that. Thanks to all those parish groups and individuals who contributed to my farewell gift. It will be put to good use by enabling me to meet travelling and removing expenses, as well as supporting some of my favourite charities. Please accept this note as my personal thanks as I cannot write to you all due to the anonymous gifts and the short time I have before my departure. Thanks to all those who were responsible for the catering. I am only sorry I missed out as I was talking too much! That is nothing unusual some would say! Hopefully I shall do my best to keep in touch. In the meantime please continue to remember me in your prayers as I shall you. God bless,
Tom Brophy



QUEENSLAND FLOOD APPEAL

For those wishing to donate to the Queensland Flood Appeal we are suggesting that you donate to the Queensland Premier's Appeal, donations can be made by the following:

-**St Vincent de Paul:** by telephoning 131 812 or online at <http://vinnies.org.au/floods>.

-**Donations can be made at:**
Commonwealth Bank, NAB, Westpac, ANZ, Suncorp & Coles supermarkets.

-**Internet Banking:**

The account details are:

Account Name: Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal. BSB: 064 013 Account No: 1000 6800

REFLECTION: The Baptism of Jesus marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. In the southern hemisphere, it generally coincides with the end of the summer holidays, a return to work and to the regular patterns of life. Most of us have been lucky enough to get some 'down time' after Christmas, time to reflect on the past year, alone or with

MINISTERS' ROSTERS

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST. 9th

READERS: Jan 16th

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6.00 P.M.	9.00	5.00 p.m.	6. 00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00
K. Girke	M Flinn	R Antony	T. McNamara	N. Lewis	T. Finn	M. Hammond Pacific		Sacred Heart
S. Girke	L De lesi	M Zema				M.Schmidt Islanders		Group
T McNamara	T Panuccio	J Zema	COUNTING TEAM 1. Gerry Lavery Ph: 50211918					All welcome
M Henderson	P O'Donnell	S Walker						
K Jewell	F Carbone	J Ribarits						
L Kearney	G Raiti							
L Crowe	C Maugeri							

loved ones, and to set goals for the year ahead, to move into Ordinary Time with renewed life and vigour.

It will be a different sort of Ordinary Time for those who suffer as a result of the recent floods and the loss of their homes or crops or even their loved ones. Such events raise our awareness of the changes that we can expect as our planet warms and alert us to our particular personal and global responsibilities in this respect. Such happenings in our own lives and the lives of others confront us all with the big questions of life: what we are doing here; what makes our lives worthwhile; what is really important. They call us to give thanks when all is well and to be ever responsive to the needs of those most seriously affected by fire or flood or other disasters.

The baptism story is an initiation or commissioning story. It needs to be heard against the backdrop of the first reading from Isaiah 42. Jesus is God's chosen one on whom God's Spirit rests. The voice of God commissions him to bring forth justice, sensitively and without fanfare; to be a light to the peoples; to open the eyes of the blind and to set the captives free. A graced and gracious life consists in fulfilling such a mission. God's words are addressed to all who listen to the gospel: 'This is my beloved Son....' Jesus understands his mission in terms of righteousness or right relationship. His insistence that John baptise him despite the latter's reluctance points to the reversal of values that will characterise his mission. There is no pursuit of status or personal aggrandizement in a gospel way of life. Right relationship, a good life, lies rather in mutual respect and in faithful service of the needy in our world.

- Veronica Lawson RSM

Prayers for Sudan:

We are aware of the conflict in Sudan over many decades, resulting in loss of life, displacement of people, with many forced to flee. As the Sudanese referendum is taking place this weekend, their people will appreciate prayer support in this important time in their history. Voting will take place in capital cities on Sunday for Sudanese people in our country.

Please join together in prayer for them.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) \$ 1,366.00

Christmas Offerings Total \$ 3,990.00

(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) \$3,757.00

Loose Plate \$ 480.00