

Weekday Masses

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

Tues: 7.00 p.m
Wed: 9.10 a.m
Thurs: 9.30 a.m
Fri: 5.40 p.m

Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 10.00 a.m Sat: 6.00 p.m.
Sun: 9.00 a.m, 5.00 p.m.
Irymple: 8.30 a.m.

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The Epiphany of the Lord/B

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Primary School –
Principal Greg Lane 50231204
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Our Parish Vision

“Our Parish is a Eucharistic Com-
munity 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.”

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: 1 Sm 3:3-10,19

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

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

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

RECENT DEATHS: Vincenzo Fiotia (Robinvale)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 8th January Irymple: Michael Francis O'Connor (21st Anniversary)

Sunday 8th January 9.00am: Giuseppe Cavallo

Sunday 8th January 5.00pm: Giuseppina Rocca (30 day memorial Mass—Italy—sister of Filomena, Maria & Joe Rocca)

Tuesday 10th January 7.00pm: Francesco Ferracuti (30 day memorial Mass)

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



WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Prayer Group: 2.00- 4.00 p.m.

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

Scripture Reading: Thurs 10.30 a.m 20 Beasy Court

Christian Meditation: Sat – 11.30 a.m. Hillman Rm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – held the 1st Friday of each month in the Church from 12 noon – 5.00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 11. 00 a.m to 12.00 p.m

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

Jenny Jones, Noel Smith (Harvey Bay), Dorothy Norris,
Maureen Belej

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY

We welcome Carmel Russo as our new Parish Secretary. Carmel is an active member of the Red Cliffs Parish, being a member of Parish Council there. As I am also officially Parish Priest of Red Cliffs, Carmel's presence in the Parish office gives me a handy link with the Red Cliffs Parish as well. We are grateful to Carmel for her commitment to this position and we wish her as well.

Office hours are now: Tuesday—Friday 9.00am—4.00pm

- Fr Michael

REFLECTION

God's presence is revealed to us in diverse ways: we can read the book of God's creation; we can search out the meaning of our dreams; we can learn from our own and others' experience; and we can listen to the voice of our sacred scriptures. This has nothing to do with naïve dependence on our own judgment or on the judgement of others. It has more to do with a way of being in the world that involves openness to the unexpected and a critical and careful communal dialogue between our life experience and our faith tradition. A deep awareness of our place in the Earth community teaches us respect for all creation and for its power to lead us beyond ourselves. Epiphany is the feast of the wise ones or astrologers 'from the East' who are led beyond themselves and their immediate location by the rising of a star. They form their own preliminary hypothesis and travel west to search out the meaning of this sign. They learn from the official interpreters of the Jewish scriptures. They then follow the star that leads them to the new born child, the incarnate Wisdom of God. The gospel does not stipulate how many wise ones or magi come to pay homage to the child. There is no indication in the story as to whether they are men or women or both. The three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh have been traditionally associated with three different characters, usually kings, of diverse nationality and colour. These strangers are the first to recognise 'God-with-us' in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. They also come to recognise, 'in a dream', the duplicity of Herod. They have the good sense not to accede to Herod's request to 'bring him word' of the newborn king. They return home 'by another road'. The story-teller Matthew leaves room in the tableau for the insertion of the wise ones who will emerge through the ages. There is an invitation for us to enter into Matthew's drama, to be the wise ones, to join with people of different cultures, to engage in our own search for Wisdom, and to follow the star that leads to truth and lasting peace. There is also an invitation to be wary of those who find their positions threatened by a different sort of power, power based on vulnerability and openness to new life.

- Veronica Lawson rsm



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EPIPHANY

'The word "epiphany" means manifestation of God. When we meet God in the Eucharist, we should not go back to doing, feeling, thinking and living as we did before the Mass. We should leave by another route in small ways. Why? God wants us to be the Epiphany of the Lord everywhere we go and to everyone we meet.'

- *From the Catholic Enquiry Centre*

<http://www.catholicenquiry.com>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$2099.82
Christmas Offerings to date	\$1980.40
2nd Collection	\$3120.82
Loose Plate	\$ 490.30

BEST OF EUREKA ST. 2011: THE MURDER OF OSAMA BIN LADIN

MOIRA RAYNER

'When thy enemy shall fall, be not glad, and in his ruin let not thy heart rejoice.' Proverbs chapter 24, verse 17.

We have not achieved justice, as US President Obama announced, by acting unjustly.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of another Democrat President of the United States, brought to magnificent life on 10 December 1948 provides that:

Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

The US adopted the UDHR, and it has not ratified any significant international human rights treaty since. It committed itself morally, if not in domestic law, to outlawing the kind of extra-judicial killing that mars the public lives of governments in Africa, South America, parts of Europe and other 'advanced' countries that have presidents, parliaments, and coups and under-classes.

These are killings not authorised by courts and judges after a fair trial. Extra-judicial killings are, as Osama bin Laden's death was, murder. Bin Laden was not brought to justice. His execution by agents of the sovereign people of the United States was a fundamental breach of Article 10 of the UHDR.

Even the Israelis — not renowned for their embrace of the internationally recognised human rights of Palestinians — acknowledged this distinction when, more than 40 years ago, they put Adolf Eichmann on trial in Jerusalem, after kidnapping him in South America, to face formal charges that he had planned and facilitated horrendous crimes against humanity.

We have slipped, politically, far from the objectives of both the International Court of Justice in The Hague — where Bin Laden could have been tried — the domestic tribunal that tried (then ordered the execution of) Eichmann, and the extraordinary nobility of the aims of the Nuremberg trials.

It was the US and their second world war allies who set the extraordinary precedent of providing independent courts of justice to address the massive crimes against humanity carried out in Europe by Nazis against their own and others' citizens:

not only murder, but genocide; torture, retaliation killings of citizens in response to unrelated partisan atrocities; retrospective laws and politically partisan 'courts' that sent men and women to horrible deaths after travesties of 'hearings'. All of it condemned, and all of it challenged by the concept of justice for all, no matter who wins the war.

I do not argue that Obama is an international criminal, but that the laws of civilised behaviour must apply to every actor in every circumstance. Killing Bin Laden, rather than capturing him and putting him on trial, was obviously the objective of the attack on his retreat, so let us not pretend otherwise.

Politically, Obama had every reason to do what he did, but in the process he committed his people to a legal and ethical mistake which will be a continuing obstacle to the West's integrity in its pursuit of freedom and democracy, internationally recognised standards of justice and human rights, and lasting peace.

The author of Proverbs speaks for every one of us who respects the Book that is the common heritage of men and women of goodwill who are Jewish, Christian and Muslim, and every good and humane leader whether or not she is committed to an organised or institutionalised faith. A quote commonly attributed to Martin Luther King sums up my sentiments most precisely:

I mourn the loss of thousands of precious lives, but I will not rejoice in the death of one, not even an enemy. Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

When I was admitted to practice I committed myself to the rule of law, because without order and predictability and an agreed limit to power there can't be any self-control, room for liberty to flourish or confidence to grow that an individual can safely lower their guard and share with strangers, which we need to move away from the comforting cage of family, tribe, village and city and nation.

We are still faltering over at the frightening realities of the global village and the global economy, and genuinely scared about the responsibilities that come with the globalisation of human rights (look at how we treat refugees).

But what are now UN-initiated 'universal human rights' had their genesis in so-called natural or divine laws, and an effort to make us see that our deities aren't shaped by particular human culture, and wrongs have unintended long-term consequences.

There may be exceptions to a particular rule of the law, which is a living instrument, but the regulation of revenge was what made local customs 'common', and nations grow. Both law and spirituality define revenge as an outlawed reason for any act, no matter how brave and skilful or how great the provocation.

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Notice to all parents, especially whose children are attending government schools and who will be preparing for their Sacrament of Confirmation in 2012 (children in grades: 3,4 or 5). Please make contact with the Parish Office on 5021 2872 so that the enrolment process can begin.





JOURNEY OF THE MAGI—A Poem by T. S Eliot

A cold coming we had of it,
 Just the worst time of the year
 For a journey, and such a long journey:
 The ways deep and the weather sharp,
 The very dead of winter.
 And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
 Lying down in the melting snow.
 There were times when we regretted
 The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
 And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
 Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
 And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
 And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
 And the cities dirty and the towns unfriendly
 And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
 A hard time we had of it.
 At the end we preferred to travel all night,
 Sleeping in snatches,
 With the voices singing in our ears, saying
 That this was all folly.
 Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
 Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
 With a running stream and a water mill beating the dark-
 ness,
 And three trees on the low sky,
 And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
 Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lin-
 tel,
 Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
 And feet kicking the empty wineskins.
 But there was no information, and so we continued
 And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
 Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.
 All this was a long time ago, I remember,
 And I would do it again, but set down
 This set down
 This: were we led all that way for
 Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
 We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and
 death,
 But had thought they were different; this Birth was
 Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
 We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
 But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
 With an alien people clutching their gods.
 I should be glad of another death.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

In the current edition of Australian Catholics there is an article regarding Asylum Seekers—well worth reading.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Bored during the holidays—try something different - take up Flamenco Dance classes. Instructor Carolina is from Chile. For one month only—commencing 10th January 2012. Please see flyer at each entrance of the Church for further information.

VINNIE'S WEEKLY SPECIALS

Spree Ultra Concentrate Summer Breeze, Jasmine Fresh	\$ 3.25 / packet
Leggo's Tomato Paste 400g	\$ 2.90
Aeroplane Jelly 85g Orange, Strawberry, Passionfruit	\$ 1.10
SPC Peaches or Pears 825g	\$ 2.00 /tin or \$11.00 /cartoon of 12
SPC Grape flavoured jelly with apple (4x120g tubs)	\$ 1.50 /pack
Australian Gold Beetroot 850g	\$ 1.00 /tin
Onions—White	\$ 2.60 / kg
Pears	\$ 2.60 /kg
Local tomatoes	\$ 2.80 /kg
Brushed potatoes 5 kg bag	\$ 2.95 /bag

Vinnie's Family Groceries are a non-profit organisation. It is able to maintain competitive prices due to dedicated volunteers. More support means lower prices for Mildura's community. All welcome

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Mon Jan 9—Baptism of the Lord

A QUOTE FROM ST PAUL— as we face the new Year

'I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.' *Phil 4:12-13*

DISTRESSED families are flooding psychiatrists with pleas for help for children hooked on the internet.

The condition known as "pathological internet misuse" is growing so rapidly among adolescents and young adults that it could soon be formally recognised as a mental health disorder. International mental health experts are considering including "video game addiction and internet addiction" in the next edition of globally recognised Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders "to encourage further study". Parents have told of children as young as 10 being found asleep at their home computer when they are due to leave for school because they have been up much of the night playing video games such as Minecraft. Australian mental health specialists believe formal recognition of internet addiction will put pressure on governments to make more treatment options available. Jocelyn Brewer, a member of Philip Tam's expert group, said girls also could "become obsessed with Facebook". "There's a massive divide (between teachers and parents) in expertise about kids' use of technology," she said. **Read more:** <http://www.news.com.au/technology/teens-hooked-on-computer-games/story-e6frfo0-1226207597115#ixzz1f3SP7dO8>

FOR THE CHILDREN



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ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
JANUARY 7TH & 8TH

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
JANUARY 14TH & 15TH

EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
6PM	9AM	5PM
7 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	5 Ministers required
K Girke	B Bunting	K Towns
S Girke	M Haynes	W Finn
T McNamara	L Belej	T Finn
M Henderson	N Leonardis	P Cox
K Groves	M Speed	M Ransome
L Kearney	U Williams	
L Crowe	E Garreffa	
MUSIC		
Filipino Group	M Sullivan	M Guthrie
N Armsden	B Lewis	Leaders welcome
	J O'Bryan	
READERS		
R Barnes	M Haynes	B Dolence
COUNTING TEAM 2		
JOE DeJONG 5023 7802		
IRYMPLE		
EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER
Wendy Smith		Marty Smith

EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
6PM	9AM	5PM
7 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	5 Ministers required
Maria Cirillo	Maryanne Modica	Bill Dolence
Maria Capagrecu	Talia Faingaanuku	Sue Hermans
Lorraine Gooch	Michael Faingaanuku	Melita Suppa
Anne-Maree Greville	Mary Grivec	Frank Virgona
Margaret Sheahan	Filomena Caldarelli	Rosemary Antony
Margaret Meredith	Rose Op't Hoog	
Judy Hall	Rini Op't Hoog	
MUSIC		
Sacred Heart Group	Tongan Community	N Armsden
M Fainganuku		J Ljubic
READERS		
Chris Carmichael	George Farmer	Barb Kelly
COUNTING TEAM 3		
PETER MCDONALD 5055 1531		
IRYMPLE		
EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER
George Scdmidt		Wilma Schmidt