



Nativity of the Lord—Year B

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Tuesday	5.30pm Bega
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Friday	9.15am Bega
	4:30pm Holy Hour Bega
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	9:40-10:10am - reconciliation

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- Candelo - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. 6pm Vigil Mass
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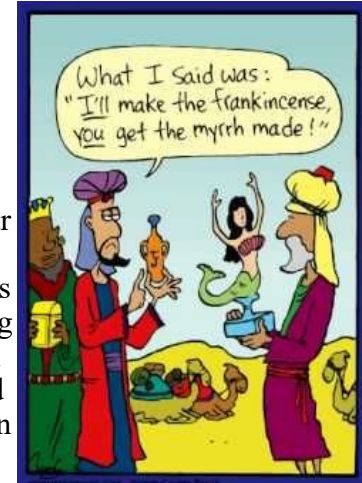
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