Blind man penetrates with the eyes of the heart

For the Pharisees, the blind man must be a sinner, or his parents. Jesus by healing him on the Sabbath day, breaks the Law, therefore Jesus is a sinner. They see only the letter of the Law, not its true spirit.

The man is not blind because of sin, but to show forth the glory of God. Physically blind, he comes to profess his belief in Jesus as the Christ. 'Lord I believe'. He came to the true sight of faith in the Lord of life. 'As long as the day lasts, I must carry out the will of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world'. Th

The call to all of us is to share in his work, by being the light of the world in our time. We have one life span and are asked to make the best of it.'

http://torch.op.org/preaching_sermon_item.php?sermon=5615&ref=lit
The Pastor’s Pen

Last Tuesday was the Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord. The feast recalls the time when the Archangel Gabriel visited Mary and invited her to become pregnant and conceive The Lord by the Holy Spirit. Mary’s “yes” commenced the human life of Jesus, known to us as the Incarnation, God becoming Man.

The Incarnation is essential to our journey of Salvation, Jesus’ conception, his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The Spiritual Life for each of us takes in that journey, Jesus wishes to accompany us all the way, to the tops of mountains, to the darkness of the trenches, it is important to be aware that it is a Journey and in faithfulness will lead us to a destination.

In the meantime we are en-route, travelling, continuing to arrive at The Destination which is the goal, fulfilment, completion and fullness------Heaven.

Fr Kerry

Easter Choir Practice – Choir practice for Easter will be held on Wednesday evening 2 April at 7.30pm in the Church. Anyone interested in joining the choir is most welcome to attend!

Reconciliation – Lent – Second Rite with visiting priests, Monday 7 April at 7.00pm, Mother of Good Counsel Innisfail.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening during Lent at St Alban’s Church, Rankin Street, Innisfail commencing at 7pm.

Wanted!! – CLEAN, Small Glass bottles (eg baby food, spice/mustard jars), suitable for Easter water may be left at the Parish Office.

Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass)
Wednesday 9 April, St Monica’s Cathedral, Cairns commencing at 7pm.
Parishioners are encouraged to attend!

Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY ~ 17 April
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7.30pm
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

GOOD FRIDAY ~ 18 April
Stations of the Cross - 10.30am
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail
Reconciliation - 11.30am
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail
The Lord’s Passion - 3.00pm
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

HOLY SATURDAY ~ 19 April
Reconciliation - 11.30am
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail
Easter Vigil Ceremony - 8.00pm
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

EASTER SUNDAY ~ 20 March
7.00am (St Rita’s Church - South Johnstone)
9.00am (Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail)

Caritas Australia

Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to build a just world by enabling vulnerable communities to be architects of their own future.

This week we meet Martina, a teacher in the Solomon Islands. She teaches children songs from Caritas Australia’s Disaster Risk Management project which was established because natural disasters in threatened the homes and communities of people there. Through the power of nursery rhymes and songs, children are learning how to stay safe during an emergency.

Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your donation means we can help communities around the world to prepare for the unexpected.

Our parish contribution last week was $763.90
**Emmaus Youth Group News**

**When:** Thursday Nights 7pm - 9pm

**Youth Group next Thursday evening**

3 April

**Where:** Parish Centre, next door to the church

Youth group is open to 16-25 years. We come with open minds and hearts, a passion for social justice, truth, and the need for awareness amongst young people!

Come and enjoy this fun enjoyable experience!

**Contact:** Charles 0407 743 478

youth@gcc.qld.edu.au

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**Weekday Mass Intentions**

As a result of the recent break-in, the diary containing the list of Mass Intentions was taken. If anyone has booked a weekday Mass Intention in advance please contact the Parish Office.

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**Children’s Liturgy**

Next Saturday evening, 5 April at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Children of primary school age will be invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and then taken into the Parish Centre to hear the readings of the week at their level and to complete an activity. We hope to see you there!

Any queries, please contact Lisa deBuck on 40633524

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**Words of Wisdom**

‘God has not called me to be successful. He called me to be faithful.’

_Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta_

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**Church Closing Roster**

**Week commencing 30 March**

John O’Brien

Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan

Lorna Croatto

Altar Linen Roster

31 March

Vicky Zahra

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**This Sunday’s Texts:**

1 Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

**Next Sunday's Texts:**

Ezek 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

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**PLANNED GIVING**

Envelopes $2613.68

Loose $449.95

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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

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**Catholic Leader—In this issue:**

- New Vocations initiative to help engage young Catholics.
- Find out some of the best places in Australia to make a retreat.

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**Hospitality**

_St Rita’s — South Johnstone_

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cuppaaa … Following Mass next Sunday morning. Please bring a plate to share.

Come share, laugh and eat with your Church Community. See you there!
Recently Deceased

Emma MOLINARI Cheryl AYLETT (Atherton), Laidley MORT, Bishop Michael PUTNEY (Townsville)

Anniversaries

Margaret O'BRIEN, John COSTIGAN, William MaddEN, Emilia PENSINI, Saviour FENECH, Renato SCAMNELLO, Fr Denis GUINAN OSA, Spiro CINI, Grace BRAVO, Michael ZAMMIT, Mary COTTER, Caterina BONANNO, Vince TOMASETTI, Paula BRISCHETTO, Denis WALLACE, Charlie HENDRICK, Ottorino SORDELLI, Petrinella BARBAGALLO, Ray BARRY, Warren LARKIN, Fr Patrick Maddock OSA, Lawrence HUGHES, Valentine KELLY, Ultilio AGU, Alifo GANGEMI, Enrico CROATTO, Dolores GOGGI, Teresa GENOCCHIO, Giuseppi BRINCAT, Guido CROSATO, Grace HATTENSEN, Fr Casimiro DIAZ OSA, Maria ZAMARIAN, Lorenzo ALVERO, John COSTELLO, Vince MOYLAN, Fr Patrick HICKEY OSA, Fr William O'BYRNE OSA, Jeff ZAHMEL, Albert SPICCI A, Angela LO MONACO, Terrence KELLY, Fortunata LUCERO, William SING, Giuseppe CINCINNATO, Joan LOTH

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 31st 8.00am Innisfail
TUESDAY 1st 8.00am Innisfail
WEDNESDAY 2nd 8.00am Innisfail
THURSDAY 3rd NO MORNING MASS
FRIDAY 4th 9.00am Villanova
SATURDAY 5th 10.45am Warrina

All people involved as Commentators, Readers, Ministers of Communion are asked to be at Church 15 minutes prior to the commencement of Mass.

RECONCILIATION: (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

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The Adult Catholic

Lent and Easter

As the faith of a baptized Catholic matures it is likely that he or she would come to regard participation in the celebration of the Easter Triduum as an absolutely essential part of his or her life of worship even deferring or modifying travel plans to enable attendance. This segment will’ over the next couple of weeks, have a closer look at the Triduum which begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil.