



## Mother of Good Counsel Parish

(embracing the areas of Innisfail, Mourilyan & South Johnstone)

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## MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SAVING POWER

Simeon had some ominous words for Mary, the mother of Jesus. "This child is destined for the fall and the rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." This is the paradox of Jesus. He comes as Saviour bringing life for the whole world and yet there will be people who will reject his message of truth and life. His own people will be deeply divided over him. This will be a source of deep pain for the Mother, something she will not realize fully until she sees him die in agony before her eyes.

(Source: <http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/f0210/>)

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

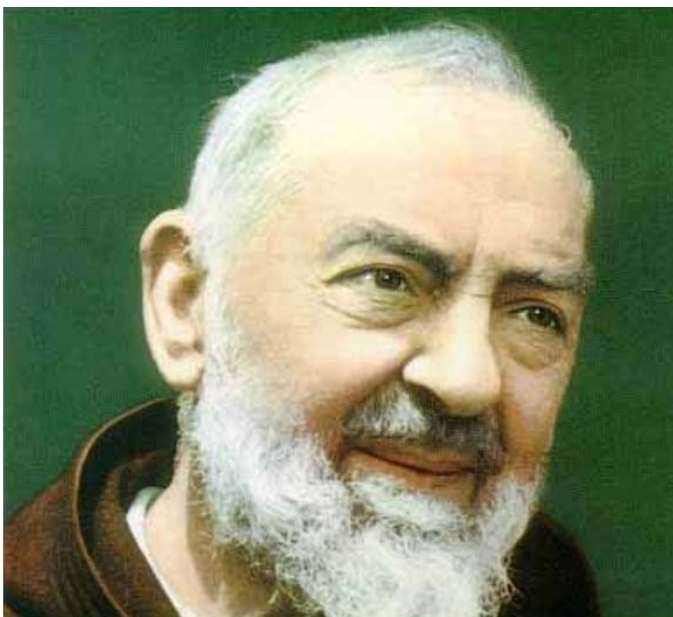
**Tuesday 4 February from 4pm - 5pm  
in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre**

**Today we celebrate**

**THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE LORD**

### **Liturgical Notes**

"Forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ" (Roman Missal p.852). This year, the Feast of the Presentation is celebrated this Sunday, in place of our usual Sunday celebration. The Church links this celebration with that of Christmas to recall the mystery that God-is-with-us. Each Sunday, as we gather for Mass, we celebrate the presence of Christ. Traditionally, the candles that are to be used at Mass are blessed and processed into the community today. We could make this blessing and procession part of our parish liturgy today. "By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life." (Source: The Summit)



**"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass." – St. Padre Pio**

## The Pastor's Pen

It has been a week of destabilisation, we have been on alert with the likely hood of a Cyclone building up in the Coral Sea it has now developed and has been tracked and is predicted to cross the Coast. Commonsense and warnings say 'prepare', the Storm & Cyclone Guide provides a rational approach in making preparations, however human nature is such that panic and fear can takeover. It is facing the phenomenon of 'What if!'

There is a parallel message in the Scriptures to: 'Be prepared' and to 'Stay awake' the wisdom here is, to live our lives always in a state of preparedness, with our bags packed and not to take unnecessary risks or to live in fear. Still the invitation is to live life fully, in God's grace, to embrace it and ultimately look forward to living it, in its fullness.

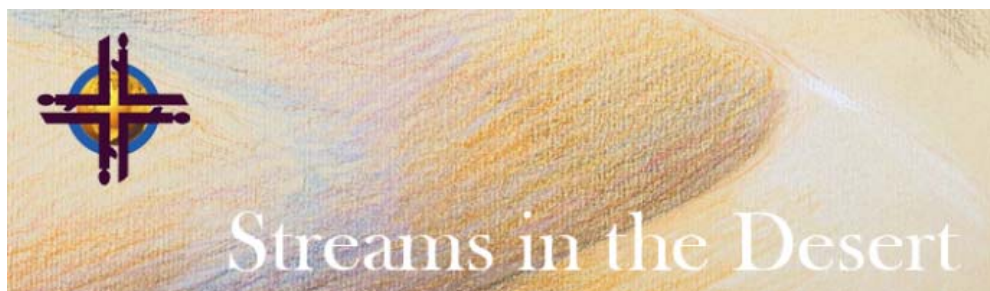
Jesus is the model for us to live life fully, in anticipation of the inevitable 'When.'

*"Make us know the shortness of life, that we may gain wisdom of heart,"* (Psalm 90.12)

Fr Kerry

### Parish Office

- Office Hours for next week are:
- Monday 3 February 12 noon - 5pm
- Tuesday 4 February - Friday 7 February 10am—3pm



### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 2014 MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH INNISFAIL**

-----is a world-wide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

**This year our Parish is hosting the Day of Prayer on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.**

The theme for the World Day of Prayer 2014 is "**Streams in the Desert,**" developed by Christian women in Egypt at the time of the turmoil of the movement for political change. Like streams in the desert, news of religious leaders standing up for peace reflects the deepest source of our faith.

An invitation is extended to parishioners to be involved in the Liturgy and the Hospitality afterwards in the Parish Centre. All women of the parish are asked to please bring a plate to share.

For more information please contact  
Teresa Stewart 0438 194 109.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

**Vision: The Church is the People of God**

**Role of the Council:**

- ◆ Support and encourage parishioners in their continuing efforts to be a Christian influence in the wider community.
- ◆ Ensure that our schools strive for excellence in Catholic Education in a Spirit filled environment and foster Christian community and witness.
- ◆ Develop a parish where a person experiences a community of faith and is formed and sustained in that faith.
- ◆ Promote ecumenical relationships and activities in the community.

**Parishioners are now invited to nominate themselves or another parishioner for membership of the Council.**

Formation sessions will be provided for those nominated.

Information Booklets and Nomination Forms are available from the Parish Centre and will be available at all Masses from next weekend, February 8th/9th.

Election of 7 members to the Council will take place in March.

### **Quote**

"Life is like a cash register, in that every account, every thought, every deed, like every sale, is registered and recorded."

Archbishop Sheen



**Sacramental Program 2014**



Enrolments forms are now available for the Sacramental Program for 2014. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and is in year 4 this year (or an older grade) then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633 or drop in to collect your enrolment form.

The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Eucharist. Once enrolments have been finalised in early March, a brochure will be posted to families outlining what the Sacraments are about and important dates to take note of.

Lisa DeBuck  
Sacramental Coordinator.

**On the Noticeboard:**

⇒ Letter from Archbishop Denis Hart to the Ukrainian People

	The Christian tradition of working to persuade others to	
	strive for the common good and the participation of all,	
	particularly the ones least equipped to do so, leads us, the	
	catholic bishops of Australia, to call on our fellow Austra-	
	lians to be in solidarity in this critical moment in the fight	
	against world poverty. As Australians—individuals, com-	
	munities and a nation—let us strive to bridge the chasm of	
	inequity, injustice and conflict in our world.	
	(Lazarus at Our Gate, Social Justice Statement	
	2013-14, p. 14)	

**Baptism**

This weekend we welcome into our faith community **Ruby Torrisi.**



**Timor Leste Immersion**

Good Counsel students who travelled to Timor Leste at the end of last year will give a presentation of their travels at the Hospitality evening next Saturday 8 February following the 6.30pm Vigil Mass

**Hospitality  
Mother of Good Counsel**

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cuppaaa ... following Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please bring a plate to share.

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



**Catholic Leader—In this issue:**

- Young Brisbane family talks about how faith continues to grow and deepen through tough times.
- Archbishop following Pope's lead on evangelisation

**INVITATION**

Bishop James Foley and the Order of St Paul the First Hermit invite you to join them in the Official Blessing and Opening of the Shrine of Divine Mercy, 27 Spena Road, Mareeba (between Mareeba and Koah).

**DIRECTIONS:** coming from Cairns go past Kuranda, Speewa, Davies Creek to the Spena Road turn-off which is to the right. Follow the signs to THE CHAPEL

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February** commencing at 11.00am and afterwards for a light luncheon.

**IMPORTANT** - For catering please RSVP numbers attending to Fr Andrew Dembicki: 4093 7898 by 17 February.

**PLANNED GIVING**

Envelopes \$2992.08  
Loose \$435.65

**This Sunday's Texts:**

Mal 3:1-4  
Heb 2:14-18  
Lk 2:22-40

**Next Sunday's Texts:**

Is 58:7-10  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mt 5:13-16

**Church Closing Roster**

**Week commencing 2 February**  
Stephen Handy

**Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan**

Sharon Worth

**Altar Linen Roster 3 February**

June Sue Yek

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Tuesday	10.00am	Italian Prayer Group - Parish Centre
	4.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Prayer Room
Wednesday	1.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration - Christ the King Church, Mourilyan
Thursday	10.00am	Rosary and Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre

**Responsorial Psalm**

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*Recently Deceased*

**Martin GREGORC, Tim DEVLIN (Cairns)**

*Anniversaries*

Jack FERGUSON, Bill DAWSON, Margaret McAVOY, John COYNE, Olley BEEUTEL, Angelo LAZZARONI, Rita APAP, Mervyn BOOTHBY, Venera RAITI, Elizabeth CINI, Florence SCANLAN, Noel AMATT, Arthur SING, Grazia PULVERENTI, Concetta GRECH, Vladimir ZELENSKY, Frederick HITCHINGS, Maria ABELA, Brian MORRIS, Georgina BRADLEY, Mildred GILL, Gladys O'BRIEN, Fr Nicholas FITZHENRY OSA, Violet McDONNELL, Lournna CROFT, Catherine & Richard QUINN, Vittorio GRIMAZ, Faye KENNY, Marie KENNY, Erin JOY, Maria DELLA POZZA, Teresa AGLI, John ter RAHE

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>MONDAY 3rd</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	
	<b>9.30am Opening School Mass - St Rita's Babinda</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 4th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	
	<b>9.00am Opening School Mass - Good Counsel College, CHC</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY 5th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	
	<b>9.30am Opening School Mass - St Rita's South Johnstone</b>	<b>St Agatha</b>
<b>THURSDAY 6th</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; companions</b>
<b>FRIDAY 7th</b>	<b>9.00am Villanova - Lay led Liturgy with Communion</b>	
	<b>9.00am Opening School Mass - Good Counsel Primary, Church</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 8th</b>	<b>10.45am Warrina</b>	

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**

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES &amp; ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 8/9 FEBRUARY</b>				
<b>Week 2 8/9 FEBRUARY</b>	<b>6.30pm Sat Innisfail</b>	<b>7.00am Sun Mourilyan</b>	<b>7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone</b>	<b>9.00am Sun Innisfail</b>
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	P. Bryan	J. Arnell	////////////////////	R. Basaglia
<b>READERS</b>	Domenique Trueman P. Dryden	J. Shang	////////////////////	B. Bortolanza C. Basaglia
<b>CIBORIUM</b>	L. Calleja	////////////////////	////////////////////	A. Amatt
<b>CHALICES</b>	V. Calleja A. Campagnolo V. Bimrose	E. Celledoni	////////////////////	M. Carboni
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		L. Croatto	////////////////////	M. Nolan J. Micallef
<b>MUSIC</b>	Marianne	////////////////////	////////////////////	Diana & Vince

**The Adult Catholic**

Sunday is the supreme day of faith. Gathered in Christ's presence in the Sunday assembly, believers sense themselves called like Thomas "Put your finger here and see my hands. Put out your hand and place it in my side. Doubt no longer bur believe". Listening to the word and receiving the body of the Lord, the baptized contemplate the Risen Lord in the holy signs and confess with the apostle Thomas: "My Lord and my God".

*Adapted from "Dies Domini" by John Paul II*