



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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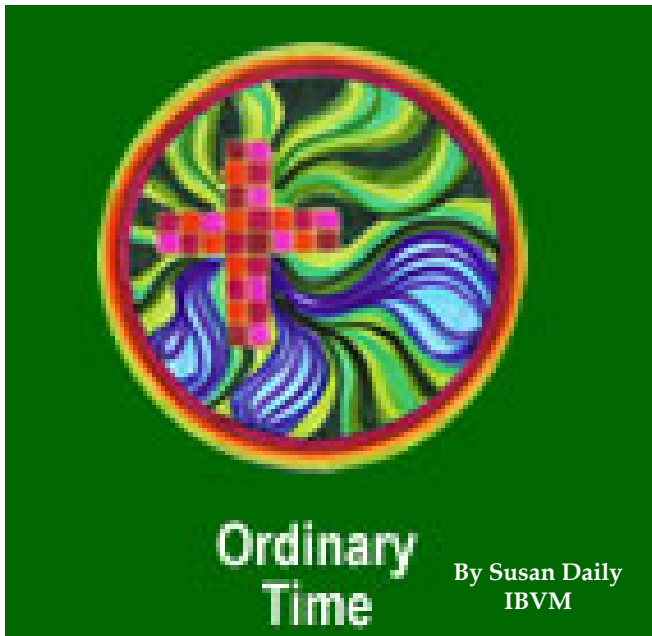
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WE ARE CALLED TO ADD FLAVOUR TO THE WORLD AROUND US

'Salt is a basic and essential item in our diet but it had a particular value in ancient culture. It is a purifier, a seasoning and a preservative. This was especially the case in the days before refrigeration...What Jesus emphasises is its distinctive taste. We often judge food by saying it has too little or too much salt. Christians then, by their Gospel-centred lives, are to give a distinctive taste to society. Those who really have the spirit of the Beatitudes (including non-Christians) will permeate the world, renew it and retard its social and moral decay.'

Excerpts from Living Space commentary for 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. (<http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OA051/>)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 11 February

from 4pm - 5pm

in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Today we celebrate

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CONFERENCE PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE

A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR PARISH 2011

Total Population : 14,417

Catholic Population : 5,148

Catholics make up 35.7 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 43 years

Total Catholic families : 1,935

494 Catholics live alone

605 Catholics were born overseas

81 Catholics do not speak English well

312 Catholics need assistance with core activities

1,469 Catholics have changed address since 2006

Weekend Mass Times

15/16 February 2014

Innisfail

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am

South Johnstone

Sunday 7.00am

The Pastor's Pen

It is interesting to reflect upon what is foundational about the Church, what makes the Church unique and separate from any other organisation or institution. I'd like to suggest that the foundational element is **faith**, belief in God, that which is intangible, that which is gift.

Jesus said: "*if only you have **faith** the size of a mustard seed, you could move mountains*" (Mt: 17.20) and on another occasion when Jesus when despised in his own country, agreed "*he could not work any miracles there because of their lack of **faith***" (Mk 6: 6).

The Church does exist to spread the Good News but also the Church, the Community of Disciples, has a unique function to nurture the **faith** of her worshippers, from womb to tomb. **Faith** is nurtured through prayer, worship and apostolic activities. The exercise of **faith** will determine the effectiveness of the spread of the Gospel, how the faithful, action, love of God and love of neighbour.

Faith grows when it is practiced.

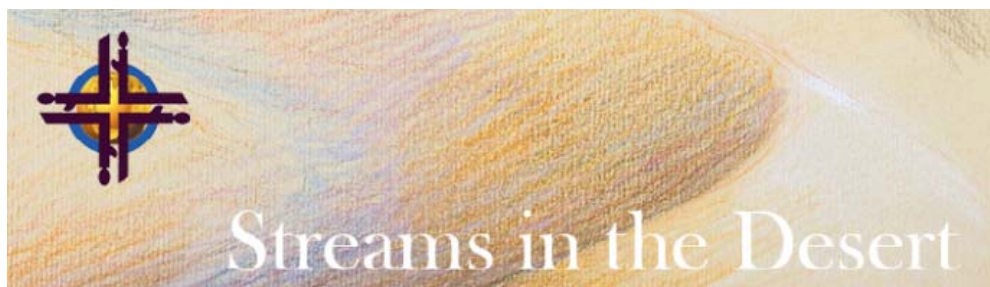
Fr Kerry

Holidays Fr Kerry

Fr Kerry leaves for his annual holidays this weekend. Frs. Kumaradhas Manuvel, Barry Craig & Laurie Timms will supply for the weekend Masses in Frs. absence, there will be no Priest living in.

Fr Kumaradhas will commute from Silkwood to say the weekday Masses from Monday to Wednesday, he will also be on call for any Sick Calls & Funerals.

Fr Michael Belonio OSA the new Pastor for Tully will provide back up if necessary.



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 7th 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.

Changeover of Priests

As of this weekend 8/9 February 2014 the swap-over between Fr Tony Lumukso OSA and Fr Michael Belonio OSA between Tully-Silkwood Parish and Mareeba Parish will happen.

Bishop James thanks Tony and Michael for the good work they have done in their respective parishes and wish them every best wish in their new parishes.

Parish Pastoral Council

Culture:

- ◆ Encourage hospitality so that parishioners feel a sense of belonging in their parish.
- ◆ Promote a spirit of collaboration, partnerships and co-responsibility among parish groups, the schools and the Consultative Body.
- ◆ Promote Christian joy about the Good News of Jesus Christ, it is evident in the homilies, in worship, in works of justice and outreach, especially outreach to the alienated, the inactive and the unchurched.
- ◆ Promote the transmission of the Faith of the Church through witness.
- ◆ Promote a Church capable of rediscovering the "maternal womb of mercy."

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.

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:
Monday 10 February - Friday 14 February 10am - 3pm

Fr John Newman

Fr John was diagnosed with a gastric ulcer some three months ago; it is now confirmed as malignant. Fr John is now in Brisbane with family while attending Mater Cancer Care. He asks our prayers.



Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into our faith community **Jake DeMaria, Jaxon Leonardi and Victoria Ogilvie.**



Date Claimer:

Fr Hayes '80th' Birthday will be celebrated here at the Parish Centre on Sunday 23 February following the 9am Mass. Please keep this date free. More information in next weekend's bulletin.



Quote

"If we do not profess Jesus Christ, things go wrong."
Pope Francis

Catechists needed!

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ..."

Matthew 13:31-32.

Become a Parish State School Religious Education teacher/helper. Resource material is provided and assistance is available if required. Please consider giving 1 hour each week to teach Religious Education in the State Schools. No teaching skills are required. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office on 4061 6633.

Pope praises religious sisters to the heavens

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Sisters work invaluable

A church without religious sisters would be 'unthinkable', Pope Francis said, while honouring the contributions consecrated men and women make to the Church and society, reports the Catholic News Service.

WORD TO THE WISE



APPLE'S LATE founder, Steve Jobs, practised Zen Buddhism, and Google teaches its employees how to meditate, but now it seems that Silicon Valley executives are turning to the Benedictine tradition for advice.

Br David Steindl-Rast, a monk of Mount Saviour Monastery in Pine City, New York, has been invited to address the Wisdom 2.0 Conference in San Francisco, next month. The conference, which features yoga teachers and Zen masters as well as senior executives from Google and

Facebook, focuses on merging wisdom and technology. As well as breakout sessions and workshops, yoga and meditation rooms are offered.

Br David, 87, who was born in Vienna, studied Zen in the 1960s with the permission of his abbot as part of an effort to cultivate Christian-Buddhist dialogue. He is due to speak on gratitude in the digital age and will contribute to a panel on compassionate society. The main theme of the conference is how such skills as mindfulness -maintaining moment-to-moment awareness - can help employees at hi-tech firms.

The Tablet 25 January 2014

Catholic Leader—In this issue:

- A Father talks at Rally for Life about love for his son with Down Syndrome.
- Archbishop reflects on how best to pass on 'treasures' of faith to the young.

Church Closing Roster

Week commencing

9 February

Frank Agli

Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan

Mary Rose Lissa

Altar Linen Roster 10 February

Lynne Catalano

PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes \$2895.23
Loose \$465.15

This Sunday's Texts:

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

Next Sunday's Texts:

Sirach 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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| Tuesday | 4.00pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Prayer Room |
| Wednesday | 1.30pm | Divine Mercy Prayer Group - Eda Celledoni's Home, Mourilyan |
| Thursday | 10.00am | Rosary and Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre |

