



## Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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#### CATHOLICS AND THE LAW



There are not a few Catholics who feel that if they just keep the Commandments they are good Catholics. They often like to ask, 'Is this a sin?', that is, is it against the law? Is it a mortal sin or is it a venial sin? If it is 'only' a venial sin, then I can do it. But true Christians do not ask whether something is legal or illegal. They love God, they love Jesus, they love their brothers and sisters. Their only concern is how they can serve and love them more and more. They want to work with Jesus and with his brothers and sisters to build the Kingdom of God. No matter how much they do, they know they can still love more and do more and be more. It is not then a question of law; it is not a question of what I have to do. It is a question of how much more I can do, how much more I want to do. The requirements of the law are way behind.

*Excerpt taken from Living Space commentary for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.*  
<http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OA061/>

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

**Tuesday 18 February**

**from 4pm - 5pm**

**in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre**

*Today we celebrate*

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **"I BELIEVE"**

This small booklet is available for purchase at the doors of the Church for \$3.00. Place the money in any of the St. Vincent de Paul boxes. It was written by the same person who wrote "30 Days of Grace". The format is a series of thirty reflections each comprising a short passage of scripture, a reflection, a thought for the day extracted either from a homily of Pope Francis or the writings of St. Francis of Assisi and a concluding prayer. It can be used as a mini personal retreat to cover any thirty day period. It would also be useful as a personal prayer resource for Lent and parishioners who are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council may find it a helpful introduction to regular daily personal prayer if that activity is not currently part of their lives.

#### *Weekend Mass Times*

22/23 February 2014

##### **Innisfail**

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am

##### **Mourilyan**

Sunday 7.00am

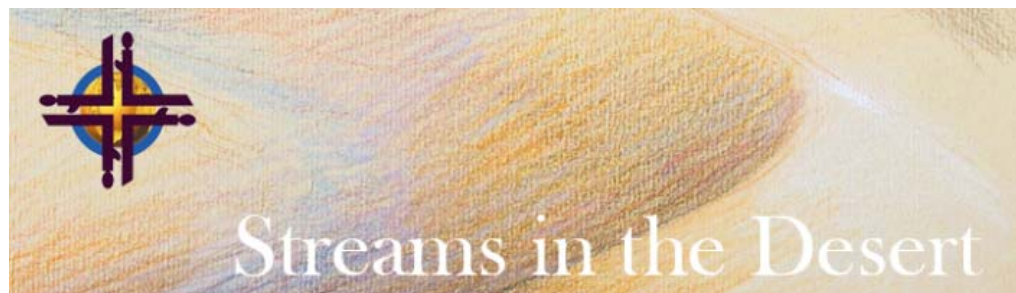
*Fr Kumaradhas Manuwel*

This weekend whilst Fr Kerry is on leave we welcome Fr Kumaradhas to our parish.

### **Parish Office**

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 10am - 3pm



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

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.

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

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.

### **Expressions of Interest**

#### *Lenten Groups 2014 - “You Have Set Us Free”*

The Gospels for Lent in 2014 engage our minds and our hearts with vivid stories: the Samaritan woman at the well; the man Jesus cures of blindness and the Pharisees who refuse to 'see'; Martha by the tomb of Lazarus.

“For each of us Lent reminds us that through Jesus' life, death and resurrection we have been set free from the chains of death - in all its forms. At our own baptism we were claimed by Christ as beloved daughters and sons of God. Baptism is the first sacrament and sets us free to be on mission spreading God's reign of peace, reconciliation, joy, care, compassion and justice throughout our world.”

If anyone is interested in leading or being a part of a Lenten Group please register your name and contact phone number with the Parish Office 40616633 as soon as possible.

### **Gifts for St Vincent De Paul Pantry**

This week we are asking for gifts of food items (non perishable) to be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Food items can be left at the Parish Centre or at your Church.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

#### **Responsibilities of Members**

In a spirit of prayerfulness each member of the Parish Pastoral Council will:

- ◆ Attend regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- ◆ Provide input into deliberations of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- ◆ Develop a spirit of enquiry and the ability to listen and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners.
- ◆ Commitment to keep one-self informed of current Church issues.
- ◆ Provide prayerful support and encouragement for other members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

#### **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.

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

#### **Australian Catholics Magazine**

The Summer 2014 edition of Australian Catholics is now available.

#### **“In the Church with Pope Francis”**

“Everyone knows that Pope Francis is different. When he was elected no one would have expected the new Pope to go back to the guest house with the other Cardinals in a bus or to celebrate Holy Thursday at the Juvenile Gaol, let alone wash the feet of young men and women, Muslim and Christian, with tattoos and without. Nor would anyone have expected him to ring up people out of the blue and to give long interviews to newspapers.”

(Words – Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ)

- What has struck you most about Pope Francis?
- What are the things that help or stop us from reaching out to others?



**Baptisms**

This weekend we welcome into our faith community *Harper Pierantozzi*.

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**Father Hayes Birthday Celebration**

On Sunday 23rd February, following 9am Mass, all are invited to join with Fr Peter Hayes, in the Parish Centre, to celebrate the occasion of his "80th Birthday". This is a great opportunity for the Innisfail Parish to celebrate with Fr Peter and to show our appreciation to Father for the wonderful contribution he made to this parish in the many years of his service here. Please bring a plate to share. Any inquiries contact Margaret Todd on 4063 3734.

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**Quote**

People who love each other fully and truly are the happiest people in the world. They may have little, they may have nothing, but they are happy people. Everything depends on how we love one another.

*Mother Teresa*

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Our Friend Pope Francis .....

"He's really cool. He brings the big things to the people and makes it more modern. And he really brings people in."

*Hannah McNeill, Ryan Catholic College, Townsville*

**Become a State School Religious Education Teacher or Helper in 2014**

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

*Matthew 13:31-32.*

State School Religious Education is a valuable ministry. As the school year has now commenced we are now asking for volunteers to assist with this ministry. Please ask yourself if this is a ministry you could be part of. 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.

**Catholic Leader—In this issue:**

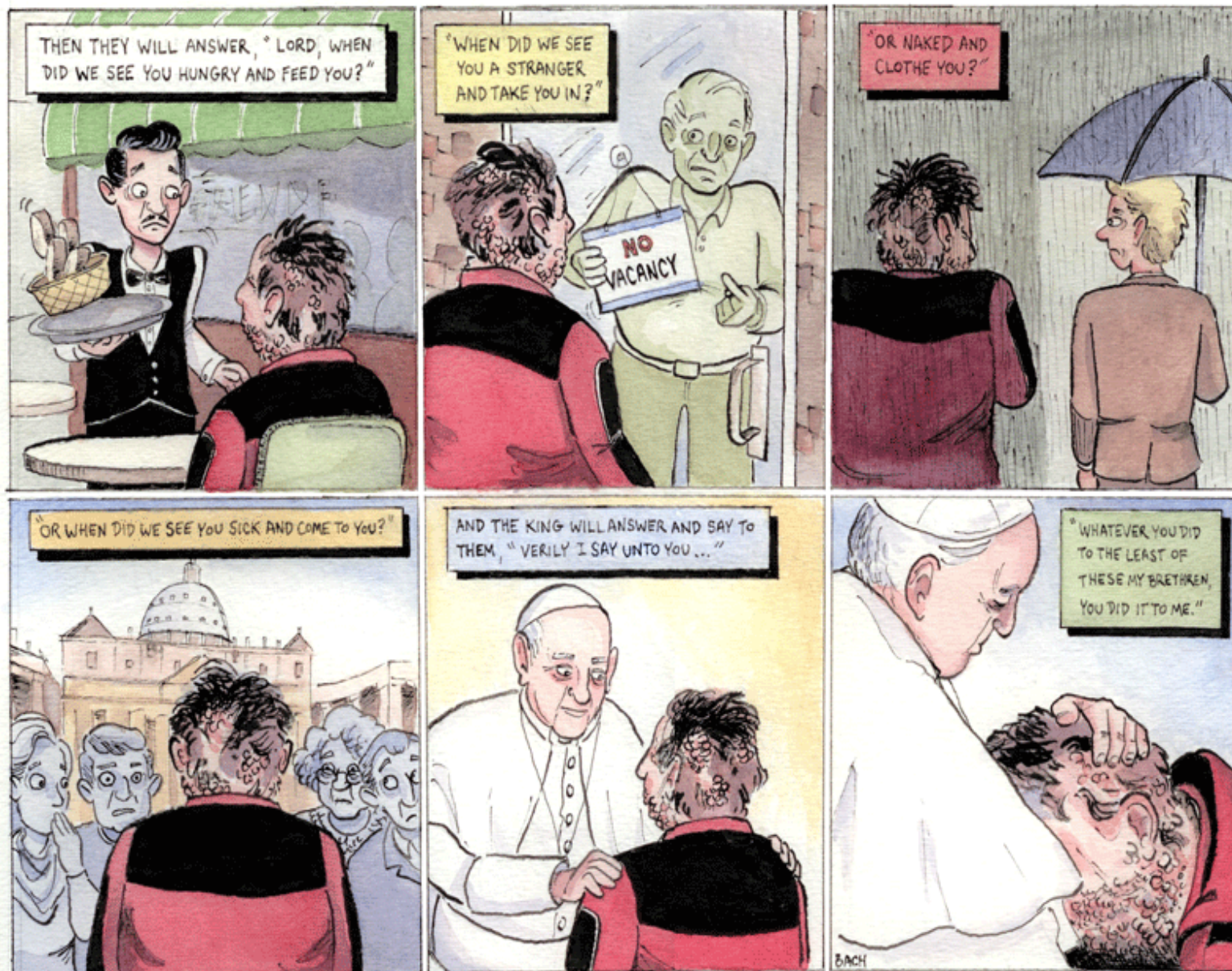
- Townsville celebrates first ordination since 2006.
- Catholic Mission to host forum on the impact of Pope Francis.
- Family group warns about resumption of battle over definition of marriage.

**This Sunday's Texts:**

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

**Next Sunday's Texts:**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48



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**Church Closing Roster**

*Week commencing 16 February*  
Parish Office

**Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan**

Lorna Croatto

**Altar Linen Roster 17 February**

June Tierney

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Tuesday	10.00am	Rosary Group - Parish Centre
	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



## Responsorial Psalm

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## Anniversaries

Lil ANDRINGA, Dino CORSI, Maria DAVESON, Mario GRASSO, Richard TAIT, Robert KELLY, Victor PETERSEN, John STORMON, Michael SCIBERRAS, Fr John MEAGHER OSA, Bridget O'KANE, Peter ANASTASI, Joe COSTA-BEBER, Stephen SHEEHAN, Fr Patrick JONES, Ignazio LETIZIA, Elena DI MAURO, Robert COYNE, Luigi MARIANI, Margherita ZANGRANDE, Arthur FITZPATRICK, Bernardo ZAINI, Fr Melico RECA OSA, Joseph DIMECH, John O'SULLIVAN, Umberto ZAMARIAN, Augusta SCULLEN, Fr Thomas HIGGINS

## WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>MONDAY 17th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>
<b>TUESDAY 18th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 19th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>
<b>THURSDAY 20th</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
<b>FRIDAY 21st</b>	<b>9.00am Villanova - Lay led Liturgy with Communion</b>
<b>SATURDAY 22nd</b>	<b>10.45am Warrina - Lay led Liturgy with Communion</b>

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

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 22/23 FEBRUARY

Week 4 22/23 FEBRUARY	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	M. Todd	E. Celledoni	////////////////////	V. Vandeleur
<b>READERS</b>	M. Kerrigan R. Henderson	M. Croatto	////////////////////	J. Ferguson S. Tuttle
<b>CIBORIUM</b>	A. Amatt	////////////////////	////////////////////	M. Gangi
<b>CHALICES</b>	L. Apps L. Calleja L. Calleja St Vincent De Paul	V. Toca	////////////////////	M. Sorbello A. Sheerans
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	B. Barnett	R. Bandiera	////////////////////	M. Nolan L. Savage
<b>MUSIC</b>	St Vincent De Paul	////////////////////	////////////////////	Diana & John

### The Adult Catholic

"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). This promise of Christ never ceases to resound in the Church as the secret of her life and the wellspring of her hope. As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only a remembrance of a past event: it is a celebration of the presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people. We are saved not as individuals but as members of Christ's Mystical Body and are called by the Risen Lord to encounter Him each Sunday in the Eucharistic assembly.

*Adapted from Dies Domini by John Paul II*