**Mother of Good Counsel Parish**

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

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**Selflessness releases ‘new force’ into the world**

If hatred is contagious, so too is good will. Jesus forgave his enemies; Stephen, the first martyr, followed his example; the attitudes of the early Christian martyrs embarrassed and challenged the imperial authorities. The selfless response of the followers of Jesus has released a new force in the world's history. It was the teaching of Jesus that inspired Ghandi's program of non-violent resistance, and the heroic leadership of Martin Luther King. The last section of today's gospel shows the charter of Jesus is a call to learn and identify with the generous and merciful ways of God, the Father in Heaven, who cares for 'bad men as well as good'.

Extract from a sermon by Fr John Thornill  
([http://www.theemmausseries.com/a07sunday.html](http://www.theemmausseries.com/a07sunday.html))

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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tuesday 25 February  
from 4pm - 5pm  
in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

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**“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.

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**Today we celebrate**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Weekend Mass Times**

1/2 March 2014

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Fr Kumaradhas Manweł & Fr Peter Hayes

This weekend we welcome Fr Kumaradhas who will preside at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and 7am Sunday in Mourilyan. Fr Peter Hayes will preside at the 9am Mass in Innisfail.

Parish Office
Office Hours for next week are:
Monday 24 February - Friday 28 February 10am - 3pm

St Vincent De Paul

There will be a leaving collection for St Vincent De Paul at all Masses this weekend.

Parish Pastoral Council

Responsibilities of Members

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

- Embrace opportunities for personal faith development and for gaining skills to assist with effective participation in the Parish Pastoral Council's operations.
- Represent the Parish Pastoral Council when required.
- Be an active, practising catholic.
- Ensure that Parish Pastoral Council meeting documents are studied before the actual meeting.

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.

FROM ROME

"When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelisation, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfilment...

Consequently, an evangeliser must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!"

Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium ("The Joy of the Gospel"). offers advice to Christians on proclaiming the message of Christ.

Expressions of Interest

Lenten Groups 2014
“Yoú 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.

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

This year our Parish is hosting the Day of Prayer on Friday March 7th 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.
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.

**Church Closing Roster**

**Week commencing 23 February**

- John Guli
- Sharon Worth
- Mary Mizzi

**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!

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**Light hearted humour**

A preacher said to a farmer, “Do you belong to the Christian family?” “No,” said he, “they live two farms down.”

“No, I mean are you lost?” “No, I’ve been here thirty years.”

“I mean are you ready for Judgement Day?”

“When is it?” “It could be today or tomorrow.”

“Well, when you find out for sure when it is, you let me know. My wife will probably want to go both days!”

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**Quote**

Life is precious. Not because it is unchangeable, like a diamond, but because it is vulnerable, like a little bird. To love life means to love its vulnerability, asking for care, attention, guidance, and support.”

Fr Henri Nouwen

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**PLANNED GIVING**

Envelopes $4736.33

Loose $390.15

**This Sunday’s Texts:**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

**Next Sunday’s Texts:**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

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<td>Rosary and Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre</td>
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**Anniversaries**

Kathleen FAHEY, Joseph CALLAGHAN, John JOSE, Tony AZZOPARDI, Pat & Ronnie GALLAGHER, Lourdes ABASCAL, Emma BROCCARDO, Joey VALLAVELES, Elizabeth O’MALLEY, Walter VANDELEUR, James DORE, Albert SQUARCI, Adell SQUARCI, Vincenza COCO, Annie MORAN, Ellen GALVIN, Doreen O’CONNELL, Romeo DELLA MATTEA, Peter POWER, Fr Nicholas O’KEEFE OSA, Mose ROMANO, Venera BATTIATO, Mariano DE PRIMA, Nancy MURPHY, Fr Laurence FUNCTION OSA, Terry SMITH, Joan JOY, Oliviero SACCHI, John NORCOTT, Fr Sean ANDERSON, John BRINCAT, Mario SPINA, Alfia RISO, Vincent MUSCAT, Benjamin GARATE, Bruno SARO, Lorna BOOTHBY, Saverio DIMECH, Hugh FITZGERALD, Joseph STEINE, Roldan-LI ABASCAL, Kevin MORAN, Mario SARDI, Dr Elmer PASIMIO, Fr Edmund HOGAN OSA, Sr Agatina CURMI, Giovanni SANTAROSSA, Emma SULTANA, Angelo CATALDO

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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<td>SATURDAY 1st</td>
<td>10.45am Warrina - Lay led Liturgy with Communion</td>
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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 1/2 MARCH**

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**The Adult Catholic**

“It follows from our gathering each Sunday as part of the Eucharistic Assembly the dies Domini (the day of the Lord) is also the dies Ecclesiae (the day of the Church). As I have noted elsewhere, among the many activities of a parish, none is as vital or community forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s Day and his Eucharist. It is the setting of the celebration of the Sacrament of unity (Sacramentum unitatis) which profoundly marks the Church as people gathered “by” and “in” the unity of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Adapted from Dies Domini by John Paul II