WE HAVE TO CHOOSE

Jesus is asking us today to reflect on what are our most basic values in life. Is it just what we want to have or is it what we most want to be? What is life about? Is it a matter of getting what we have not got or sharing with others what we have, however little it may seem to be? Is to be rich the only thing I want? Or are there other values, other more precious qualities which no bank can evaluate? What about things like happiness, peace, freedom, contentment, wonderful friends, a supportive family? Does having money guarantee us these things? Are they not available even to those who have little or no money? We have to make a choice between the God’s vision of life and a preoccupation with money and possessions. They are not compatible. They involve conflicting goals in life and different visions of what is most important in life.

Source: http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OA081/

ASH WEDNESDAY
5 March
8.00am Mass ~ Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail
Blessing & distribution of Ashes
(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

11.30am Parish Mass ~ St Rita’s Church, South Johnstone

ASHES CEREMONY
Good Counsel Primary
(Church)
9am & 10am

ECUMENICAL SERVICE
(ASHES CEREMONY)
7.00pm
Mother of Good Counsel Church ~ Rankin Street
Please bring a plate for supper!

Today we celebrate
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Mass Times
8/9 March 2014

Innisfail
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday 9.00am

Mourilyan
Sunday 7.00am
Fr Michael Belonio & Fr Kumaradhas Manuvel
This weekend we welcome Fr Michael who will preside at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and Fr Kumaradhas who will preside at 7am Mass at South Johnstone and 9am in Innisfail.

Parish Office
Office Hours for next week are:
Monday 3 March - Friday 7 March 10am - 3pm

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.

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

Lenten Discussion Group
“You Have Set Us Free”
If anyone is interested in joining a Lenten discussion and prayer group to be held at the Parish Centre at 4pm each Thursday (maximum 75 minutes) please phone Parish Centre on 40616633 or Vince Vandeleur 40611119.

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.

Project Compassion
Lenten Share Packs (Envelopes) will be distributed at each of the Masses this weekend. Please come forward after the Homily to collect your envelopes. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses for the Lenten Season, commencing next weekend.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

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Emmaus Youth Group
As of Thursday 13 March Emmaus Youth Group will start meeting again every Thursday night 7pm - 9pm in the Parish Centre. The NET Team will be joining us each week adding an extra experience to our night. There’s a number of youth events planned to happen this year allowing everyone to get involved.

For more information please contact Charles cdibella@gcc.qld.edu.au - 0407 743 478
Sacramental Program 2014

An Information Night will be held on Tuesday 4 March at 7pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church to meet you and your child and to provide an overview of the year.

The Sacramental Program for 2014 is due to begin very shortly. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and is in year 4 (or an older grade) and you have not completed an enrolment form for the program, please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633.

Lisa DeBuck
Sacramental Coordinator.

Uniting Church Innisfail New Appointment

We have been advised that Pastor Michelle Cullen has been appointed Minister to the Uniting Church, Innisfail. We wish her well in her new appointment.

Catholic Leader—In this issue:
- Cardinal Pell appointed to new Vatican position.
- Marian shrine and Pauline monastery opened in Cairns Diocese
- Plus a regional focus on Cairns Diocese

Children's Liturgy will be next Sunday morning 9 March at the 9.00am Mass.

Children of school age are invited to attend a child-centred Liturgy of the Word with volunteers from the parish community. Please encourage your child to come forth when Father invites them at the beginning of mass. The Children will return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you have any queries about these sessions or would like to volunteer your services to be a leader please phone Lisa on 40633524.

PLANNED GIVING
Envelopes $2248.08
Loose $293.85

This Sunday's Texts:
Is 49:14-15
1 Cor 4:1-5
Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday's Texts:
Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

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Responsorial Psalm

Anniversaries

Ethel KING, Angelo SALVADORI, Palmina CRIMELO, Charles COSTIGAN, Nellie FOLEY, Joseph SPINA, Ursola MIZZI, Christopher ERNST, Albert DI PALMA, Meg MORTON, Georges MALTETE, Dina CORSI, Angelo ROMANO, Sebastiano LO GIUDICE, Patrick DEVANEY, Ethel YOUNG, Mary MORRIS, Symeon KOKKINOS, Fr John CANI, Pauline CARTER, William SING, Bernadette HARRISON, Lilit FLORES-KING, Fr Alypius DEMPESEY OSA, Maria VACCA, Irene BUTLER, Lee FRIEL, Cyril McKENNA, Paula KURZ, Lucia TORRISI, Amelia DELORENZI, Fr John SMYTH OSA, Fr Michael CLIFFORD OSA

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 3rd  8.00am Innisfail
TUESDAY 4th  8.00am Innisfail
WEDNESDAY 5th  8.00am Innisfail
                           11.30am St Rita’s South Johnstone  ASH WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY 6th  NO MORNING MASS
FRIDAY 7th  9.00am Villanova - Lay led Liturgy with Communion
SATURDAY 8th  10.45am Warrina - Lay led Liturgy with Communion

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 8/9 MARCH

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The Adult Catholic

Sunday is not only the day of faith but also the day of Christian hope. Celebrating this memorial of Christ risen and ascended into heaven, the Christian community waits “in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ”. Renewed and nourished by this weekly rhythm, Christian hope becomes the light of human hope and that is why the Prayer of the Faithful responds to the needs of all humanity as well as to local needs.

Adapted from Dies Domini by John Paul II