THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him.

http://www.dailyscripture.net/

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 18 March
from 4pm - 5pm
in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Liturgical Notes

“Though holy in its origin, the People of God nevertheless grows constantly in holiness by conscious, active, and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 5). By the waters of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation we are caught up in being the children of God. We are thus empowered to fully share in the celebration of the Eucharist. Our weekly participation in Sunday Mass sustains us in our path of holiness. This participation calls us to be attentive hearers of God’s Word and to offer the sacrifice of the Mass. Together we bring the sacrifices of the past week to be consecrated in this Mass so that we can be the Body of Christ. “As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.” (Source: The Summit)

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Today we celebrate
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR A

Weekend Mass Times
22/23 March 2014

Innisfail
Saturday Vigil Mass  6.30pm
Sunday         9.00am

Mourilyan
Sunday         7.00am
Fr Kerry
This weekend we welcome Fr Kerry back from annual leave. We hope that he has had an enjoyable holiday.

Parish Office
Office Hours for next week are:
Monday 17 March 12 noon - 5pm;
Tuesday 18 March - Friday 21 March 10am - 3pm

Project Compassion
Lenten Share Packs (Envelopes) have been distributed and are available at the Church entrance. A second collection be taken up at all Masses for the Lenten Season.

Lenten Discussion Group  “You Have Set Us Free”
Meets each Thursday during Lent at 4pm in the Parish Centre
If anyone is interested in joining a Lenten discussion and prayer group please phone Parish Centre on 40616633 or Vince Vandeleur 40611119 as soon as possible.

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

 Wanted!! – CLEAN, Small Glass bottles (eg baby food, spice/mustard jars), suitable for Easter water may be left at the Parish Office.

Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass)
Wednesday 9 April, St Monica’s Cathedral, Cairns commencing at 7pm.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend!

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

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Emmaus Youth Group
Due to the NET Team being on Year 8 Retreat next week Emmaus Youth Group will resume meeting on Thursday evening 20 March from 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

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.

Second Sunday of Lent
Your donation to Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia pursue justice and assist those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

This week we meet Deng and his family in South Sudan. During the civil war Deng, who is blind, and his family fled their village. Returning many years later, they are rebuilding their lives with the help of a food security program.

With your support, families like Deng’s can be confident of a more secure future and can rebuild their lives.

Please donate to Project Compassion today. Our parish contribution last week was $646.75
Gracious God,

You have blessed this ancient land
With many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for your abiding grace,
Enabling us to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of
Jesus your Son,
That we may experience anew the joy of the gospel,
And that the light of Christ may burn more brightly
in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence
of your Holy Spirit,
That our Church may be transformed,
Our relationships be healed,
And our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop,
Who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Patrick’s Day Concert
Monday 17 March,
Shire Hall
Doors open 6pm
for 7pm start
Adults $2.00
(Children Free)

A grand night of Irish Songs & Dance!
Everyone Welcome!

Date Claimer

St Rita’s School
Country Fair (Fete)
Saturday 31 May 2014
commencing at 4pm

Quote
‘Unless we believe and see Jesus in the appearance of bread
on the altar, we will not be able to see him in the distressing
disguise of the poor.’

Mother Teresa

This Sunday’s
Texts:
Gen 12:1-4
2 Tim 1:8-10
Mt 17:1-9

Next Sunday’s
Texts:
Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

PLANNED
GIVING
Envelopes $2228.83
Loose $424.40

Church Closing Roster
Week commencing 16 March
Peter Dryden
Church Cleaning
Roster - Mourilyan
Sharon Worth
Altar Linen Roster
17 March
Gail Hogan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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Light hearted humour

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs.

With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

Catholic Leader—In this issue:

- Homeless man finds home in Catholic Church.
- Pope says Lent is time for ‘a turnaround’ and to change for the better.
- Brisbane joins world prayer for Egypt
Recently Deceased

Rita GRAVA, June RYAN, Merv AH KEE (Edmonton), Marianne BOCCA (Cardwell), Rosa SCIACCA (Babinda)

Anniversaries

Abdon DOOLAN, Robert BLOCK, Filippo TEDESCO, Augustino CARBONI, Maria SAWDY, Salvatore CALTABIANO, Frank ZADELIJ, Manus FRIEL, John WALLIS, Maria JONES, Fr James GALWAY OSA, Fr Nicholas MC COY OSA, Fr Michael MIZZI OSA, Fr Thomas JONES, Johann BINDER, Salvatore MOLLA, Mary Rose KING, Michelena GRECH, Sebastiano MARANO, Christopher FISCHER, Fr John FLYNN, Joe CAMENZULI, Laurie BACON, Nazzarina SPITERI, Joseph DeBRINCAT, Maria DeBRINCAT, Orazio LEMURA, Jack GILL, Thomas MURNANE, Salvatore PARISI, Marie DALZIEL, Alfio UCCHINO, Monty BRINCAT, Kate TRESTON, Teresa MORAN, John BOYCON, Virginia PASINETTI

WEEKDAY MASSES

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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.

RECONCILIATION: (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 22/23 MARCH

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The Adult Catholic

Lent and the Word

The Church gives particular prominence to the Word as contained in the Sunday Readings during Lent because of their significance in the faith formation of those preparing for Baptism. It is therefore helpful for all us to have regard to the views of the late Henri Nouwen where he writes: “The Word of God is not a word to apply at some later time in our daily lives; It is a word to heal us through, and in, our listening here and now. It does its divine work as we listen”.

Respontorial Psalm

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