COMMUNION UNITES CHURCH MEMBERS

‘In John’s account of the last days of the Saviour, Jesus declares, “And when I am lifted up from the earth I shall draw all people to myself” (Jn 12:32). In the Mass, we are given to share in the Saviour’s return to the Father, making intercession for the whole human family. “As I draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me” – our sharing in “this one loaf” is nothing less than a sharing the life of the Father.

Communion, the term we have long associated with this sacrament, has implications that have been neglected. Our ‘communion’ in the Saviour’s return to the Father – his Paschal Mystery – is what unites us as members of his Church.

The repeated reference to ‘eating and drinking’ clearly echoes the eucharistic practice of the apostolic Church.’

(Extract from a homily by Fr John Thornhill sm)

Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again

Weekend Mass Times

28/29 June 2014

Innisfail

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday 9.00am

South Johnstone

Sunday 7.00am

Symbols and Images

Bread is the ‘staff of life’; that which sustains us. Along with water, it is the most basic of staples: simple, nourishing, satisfying. But Jesus is offering more than ordinary bread. He is offering that which will sustain, not only in this life, but will lead to eternal life.

(Source: The Summit)
The Pastor’s Pen

Fr John Drury SJ well know as a Spiritual Director and trained in the Ignatian Tradition, used to visit our Diocese regularly at the invitation of Bishop James. While here Priests, Religious and Laity would make an appointment with Fr John and receive Spiritual Direction. He was a prayerful man with a personal love of Jesus, a good listener, kind and gentle. He had his own health issues and I sense this gave him a greater sensitivity to others in their spiritual and physical journey.

Interestingly, Pope Francis, a Jesuit often in his teachings and writings offers insights from the spirituality of St Ignatius.

Fr John Drury has since gone to his eternal reward and I recall that on one occasion he supplied in the Silkwood Parish and spent time living in the Presbytery with the then Parish Priest Fr Tom Mullins. Afterwards he shared, that while living with Fr Tom he said “it was like living with a Saint.”

I have never forgotten that testimony of one holy man about another holy man, both with their hearts centred on Jesus and humble servants of God’s people.

May they both enjoy their Eternal Rewards?

Fr Kerry

Parish Office

Parish Pastoral Council

All members have completed their formation sessions and will be Commissioned at this Sunday’s 9am Mass. The members of the Council are Barbara Bortolanza, Paul Erbacher, Jim Ferguson, Susan Hoad, Jan Shang, John Terry, Stephen Todd and Stephen Yearwood. The Council will have their first meeting on Monday 4 August commencing at 5.15pm.

Funeral Pre Planning

Some have responded to the initiative suggested by Fr Kerry last Sunday: it is a service offered by the Parish to the Living to make prior arrangements for the Celebration of their Funeral Liturgy. By phoning the Parish and making an appointment with the Parish Secretary you may be helped to make choices for Readings, Readers, Hymns, Organist, Pall Bearers, the Pall Ceremony, Eulogy, with a Mass or not and to nominate the Church. This information will be confidential and kept on file. Such planning could well be appreciated by your grieving family and gives them the opportunity to honour your wishes.

Holy Spirit Rally

Come for a Spirit-filled night of praise and worship celebrating God’s love! Be encouraged by a dynamic team of charismatic speakers visiting from Disciples of Jesus Catholic Covenant Community Canberra. The night promises to be filled with the joy and grace of the Holy Spirit and awesome fellowship with others. 7:15pm Saturday 12th July at St Joseph’s School Hall, 13 Loeven Street, Parramatta Park.

For more information contact:
John O’Brien (DOJ Cairns) on 0434 903 284 or obrien.home@bigpond.com.

United in Marriage

Congratulations to Rochelle Barbagallo & Cameron Berry who were married in Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail this weekend.

We offer them our prayers and best wishes.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Bethany Maitland into our Parish community through Baptism.

St Vincent De Paul

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

In this issue:

Serving “God’s nobility’

From the outset, the Sisters of Charity have sought to serve the poor and marginalised above all others. As they celebrate 175 years in Australia, we look at how that vow of service has sown the seeds of many different ministries over the years.

(Words: Sr. Anne Taylor RSC)

St Francis of Assisi: What does the poor man do

What does the poor man do at the rich man’s door, the sick man in the presence of his physician, the thirsty man at a limpid stream? What they do, I do before the Eucharistic God. I pray. I adore. I love.

St. Francis of Assisi

Humor

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with a wee dog that he loved and doted on. After many long years of faithful companionship, the dog finally died, so Muldoon went to the parish priest:

"Father, my dear old dog is dead. Could you be saying a Mass for him?"

Father Patrick replied, "I am so very sorry to hear about your dog’s death. But, unfortunately, I can’t say Mass for the poor creature..."

Muldoon said, "I understand, Father, I do. I guess I’ll go to this new denomination down the road; no tellin’ what they believe... Do you think $500 is enough to donate for the service?"

Father Patrick: "Why didn’t you tell me your wee dog was Catholic?"

Catholic Leader

In this issue:

✦ Archbishop invites young catholics to let him know what they need from the Church.

✦ US liturgist and writer to share insights in Brisbane.

✦ Parents reflect on how vital faith and prayer have been through young daughter’s life-and-death struggles.

This Sunday’s Texts:
Deut 8:2-3,14-16
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6:51-58

Next Sunday’s Texts:
Acts 12:1-11
2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18
Mt 16:13-19

PROCLAIM 2014
Conference on the New Evangelisation
“Living the Joy of the Gospel in Parishes”

PROCLAIM 2014 is for priests and key lay people who want to build and grow their parish through outreach and evangelisation.

Come along to hear what one parish has done to grow from 1400 to 4000 committed parishioners...

Keynote speakers are Fr Michael White and Tom Corcoran, Parish Priest and Pastoral Associate of Church of the Nativity, Timonium (North Baltimore) and Authors of Rebuilt. Together they successfully rebuilt their dying parish and created a thriving community.

Workshops will provide practical ideas and tools for participants to take back and apply in the parish.

Venue: The Concourse, Chatswood (Sydney)
Dates: Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd August.

Registrations are open.
For more information see www.proclaimconference.com.au
Early Bird Closes: 30th June 2014.

This Week in the Parish

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<td>Rosary and Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre</td>
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Recently Deceased
Fr Tom MULLINS, John MARTIN, Luigi PAGOTTO (Italy - Uncle of Tina Bortolanza)

Anniversaries
Reg EDMONDSON, Ann STREET, Andrew MORRISON, Fr William BOLGER OSA, Fr Paul DEMPSEY OSA, Michele CARDILLO, Paul CINI, Harold SCULLEN, Vere PEEVER SNR, Antonina CACCIOLA, Eric TRESTON, Margaret NOONE, James BRANNELLY, Michael NOONE, Francesco SALOGNI, Iva SIGNORINI, Josie BYRNE, Ivan BLAKE, Lia PAGANO, Johan BREUER, Patrick DONAGHY, Oliver VAINS, Bro. Kevin FRIEL, James WILSON, Dorothy FEUERRIGEL, Leonardo PATTI, Ronald COOPER, Matthew GOW, William WINDSOR, Fr Ambrose O’DWYER OSA, Florencio GONZALEZ, David STIRRAT, Josephine ZAMMIT, Bill MARSH, James DUNN, Alfio NUCIFORA, Danny O’BRIEN, Gaetana CALI, Angelo VELLA, Luigi MARTINUZZI

WEEKDAY MASSES

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SACRED HEART

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RECONCILIATION (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

To conclude our reflections on the Sacred Heart of Jesus let us listen to the late Bishop Cuskelly msc who was a respected religious writer. He writes: “Christ the Son of God loved us with a human heart – in its compassion and understanding able to feel for us in our weakness and human need. He showed what it was to let love lift us to love. He is our way our truth and our life. He is the one who truly reveals man to himself” Let us often pray “O sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you “.

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes $3428.23; Loose $421.05