'In these May Gospels Jesus is portrayed as being deeply reluctant to leave his followers behind. He loves them. He will miss them. He will always be with them, but not in the same way He has been. He will take care of them as best He can. He wants to reassure them, yet He cannot deny the pain of separation from which they will suffer – and by implication from which He too will suffer. He promises them that they will not be alone, He will send another to be their inspiration and guide, the advocate, the guardian, the spirit of truth.

Reading the later doctrine of the Trinity back into this passage we recognise the promise that God's Holy Spirit will always be with the followers of Jesus. The Spirit's invisible but powerful presence will be with them until finally Jesus is reunited with them. This message was intended primarily for the early Christians who believed in Jesus but who lamented for His absence. But it is also intended for us. We are not alone. No matter how bad things might seem, Jesus is still with us.'

(Extract from a homily by Fr Andrew M. Greeley.)
The Pastor's Pen

I am a past student of Downlands College, Toowoomba. In 2009 a good number of students made time and travelled to Downlands for a class reunion recalling some fifty years since we were together as borders. It proved to be a most memorable weekend. One student now retired undertook to edit and produce a monthly newsletter, which he has developed into a 10 page publication of the finest quality, I have no doubt that other 'old boys' like yours truly, appreciate and look forward to the next edition.

The latest edition records 7 RULES FOR LIFE: (You might care to ponder them)

1. Make peace with your past so you won't screw up the present

2. What others think of you is none of your business

3. Time heals almost everything, give it time

4. Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them. You have no idea what their journey is all about

5. Stop thinking too much, it's alright not to know the answers. They will come to you when you least expect it

6. No one is in charge of your happiness, except you

7. Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world

Fr Kerry

Parish Office
Office Hours for next week are:
Monday 26 May, Tuesday 27 May,
Wednesday 28 May, Thursday 29 May,
Friday 30 May
10am - 3pm

DATE CLAIMER
75th MARIST ANNIVERSARY DINNER,
BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE
LA VALLA CENTRE,
GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE
31ST MAY 2014 FROM 4PM.
DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE
from Good Counsel College Accounts Office.

Children's Liturgy
Next Saturday evening, 31 May at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Children of primary school age will be invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and then taken into the Parish Centre to hear the readings of the week at their level and to complete an activity. We hope to see you there!

Any queries, please contact
Lisa deBuck on 40633524

Baptisms
This weekend we welcome Liam Franks 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.

10th National eConference – Pope Francis, Modeling the Ministry of St Peter
Date: Wednesday 11 June 2014
Time: 10/10.30am - 3pm (AEST)

Keynote Educators: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth
Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph
Fr Gerard Kelly, President of Catholic Institute of Sydney
Ms Selina Hasham, Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney
Rev Noel Connolly SSC, Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute

Flyer: For information and updates, please visit:
www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference
World Communication Day
25 May

‘Communication at the Service of an Authentic Culture of Encounter’ is the 2014 theme promulgated by the Holy Father Pope Francis for the 48th World Communications Day.

View the Stirring Hearts trailer here: www.stirringhearts.org.au/about

Each story is told using digital media, embracing our online communication technologies and social media to spread our good news stories “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

Each story is “unique, blessed and oftentimes a challenging story of life and faith”. The twelve digital stories are five to six minute YouTube videos published on the Stirring Hearts website: www.stirringhearts.org.au

For further information about the Stirring Hearts project, please contact Aoife Connors at ACBC Communications on 0450 348 597 or media@catholic.org.au

Emmaus - Come Journey With Us! is the new launch of the Parish Youth Group. Open for those in Year 10 and up. We meet in the Parish Centre from 7pm - 9pm each Thursday evening. We’re looking forward to seeing all the young faces in the parish to come along so spread the word!!!

Our next gathering will be on Thursday 29 May

For more information:
Contact: NET Team - 0457 740 815 or gccnetteam@gcc.qld.edu.au

Emmaus - Come Journey With Us!

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!

ACTIVATE (ALL NEW)

All Year 8 and 9 students are welcome to come to our new youth group called Activate. We hope to see you there! Activate will be held on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Try something different!

The next “Activate” Youth Group night will be on Wednesday 4 June beginning at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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Quote

If, hypothetically, Western Catholicism were to review the issue of celibacy, I think it would do so for cultural reasons, not so much as a universal option. Pope Francis

This Sunday’s Texts:
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pet 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21

Next Sunday’s Texts:
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20

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Church Closing Roster
Week commencing 25 May
Fred Caltabiano

Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan
Mary Rose Lissa

Altar Linen Roster
26 May
Aurora Campagnolo

Fatima Day – Saturday 8 June
Marcy Valley, 27 Spena Road

9am Exposition, Holy Hour, Confessions
10am Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic/Rosary Procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima.

ALL ARE INVITED!
(Please bring an umbrella for the sun)
Recently Deceased
Sophie DEAN, Roy SOULIS (Coolangatta), Jill CRONIN, Carmine BALBI (Babinda)

Anniversaries
Tony GRECH, Robert HOOD, Ted BRADLEY, Salvatore PAPPALARDO, Leonardo PARISI, Slavka BULJUBASICH, Alice LARKIN, Robert FRASER, Raymond RICE, Orazia MARANO, Joseph McLEISH, Jessie MILLAR, George PEZZUTTI, Irene GIBNEY, Brian HORE, Frank ZAHRA, Bro. Dermott TURNEY, Ray HOOD, Heracleo VILLAVELES, Elizabeth BLAIR, Fr Phillip KEHOE OSA, Katherine KILLEEN, Opelia SIGNORINI, Emilio MASNADA, Dina MASNADA, Cono GALIPO, Peter TSANG, Richard TANGEY, Lino CATANIA, Hilda GLAPA, Fr. Roderick CAMERON OSA, Fr. Owen McDERMOTT MSC, Jonathon TAYLOR, Phyllis ARNELL, Denis DILLON SNR, Joseph GALEA, Doris MESTREZ, Sam PRIVITERA

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 26th 8.00am Innisfail St Philip Neri
TUESDAY 27th 8.00am Innisfail
WEDNESDAY 28th 8.00am Innisfail
THURSDAY 29th NO MORNING MASS
FRIDAY 30th 9.00am Villanova
SATURDAY 31st 10.45am Warrina Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

The Adult Catholic
In this month of May in which we are invited to give some special attention to Mary it is appropriate to recall what the second Vatican Council said about Mary in its decree on The Church (Lumen Gentium): “Thus the Blessed Virgin...faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the Cross. There she stood enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: Woman behold your son.”