Jesus is forming his disciples, we remember. And now he challenges them to begin to come to terms with the mystery of the Cross – his reconciling and healing of a shattered world. Though Jesus was aware that his conflict with the Jerusalem authorities was a matter of life and death - ‘the elders, chief priests and scribes’ were the three groups of leaders who made up the Sanhedrin that was to condemn him - his words do not necessarily involve a miraculous foreknowledge of his fate. “Taking up the cross” was a proverbial way of referring to the bearing of adversity and suffering. Under Roman rule, crucifixion – with its prelude of the criminal’s bearing of the heavy crossbeam to the place of execution – was a familiar reality. Those who wish to be his followers, Jesus declares, must be warned that this means a readiness to bear the burden of suffering.

Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it’. These words of Jesus imply an astounding claim. “For my sake,” Jesus says. For Old Testament faith, it is only God who deserves to be loved with all one’s “heart, soul and mind” (Deut 16); now Jesus is claiming the same absolute allegiance for himself. For Jesus, this taking up of the cross is a daily, life-long calling. The other readings of today’s liturgy help us to reflect upon what this call involves in practical everyday terms. Jeremiah’s heroic faithfulness was to become a source of blessings and encouragement for God’s people of every age. Today’s passage from Paul to the Romans can serve as a commentary on the call of Jesus. We can offer our faithfulness as a “living sacrifice,” uniting our offering to the Saviour’s gift of himself for the sake of the world. It is the mystery of the Eucharist that makes this possible.’

From a sermon by Fr John Thornhill

Mother of Good Counsel Parish
(embracing the areas of Innisfail, Mourilyan & South Johnstone)

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TWOSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 2 September ~ 4pm - 5pm  
in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Weekend Mass Times
6/7 September 2014

Innisfail

Saturday Vigil Mass  6.30pm  
Sunday  9.00am

South Johnstone

Sunday  7.00am
**The Pastor's Pen**

One hundred & forty priests plus three Bishops from around Australia are participating in the bi-annual National Council of Priests Convention Twin Waters, Maroochydore. Presenters are Fr Anthony Gittins a Spiritian Priest and Theologian, Robert Mickens, a Rome-based Journalist and Fr Noel Connolly, Columban & adviser on Migration, Mission and Cultural courses. Other participants are the Nuncio Archbishop Paul Gallagher and Fr Bob McGuire. The Theme of the Conference is "Against The Wind."

All presenters have provided a fresh perspective of the Church, acknowledging where she has come from, where she is at present and are sewing seeds for the future.

What I find most meaningful at such gatherings happens to be the meeting after the meeting, the sharing over a cuppa, with another or in a small group, in pooling ideas of what has impacted upon me most, from the presenter's talk!

Two matters come to mind: firstly that the Disciple is a learner or one willing to learn, with no fewer than 260 references in the Gospels. The second reminds me that Hope is a Theological virtue, hope is the faith that we can make things better.

The Theme "Against the Wind" from Mark's Gospel Ch 6, the account of the Storm at Sea, raises a relevant question: "Is the Wind against me or am I against the Wind?"

For us as Disciples we are continually on a learning curve, it is good to be reminded that Hope is the Faith that can make things better.

Fr Kerry

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**Parish Office**

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**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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**National Parish Survey**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation in Parish Life**

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) is the peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory body within the Catholic Church. The consultation will focus on the use of symbols, rituals and involvement of the laity. The first step in this process is to better understand the involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders on a Parish level. To help us do so we have included a survey for your consideration. Your answers will help us to build resources and facilitate open dialogue between Indigenous Catholics and the Church.

The Survey is online and the link is here - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F5TWDCR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F5TWDCR)

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**Watoto Children’s Choir Concert**

**12 September 2014 @ 7pm**

**Community Hall**

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**

**Innisfail**

_In partnership with Innisfail Council of Clergy_

Families are needed to accept billets from the choir. These would be made up of 1 Adult and 2 or 3 children. Host families will need to supply bedding on the evening of the concert, breakfast the next morning and a cut lunch if required.

The choir members will be free to leave at the conclusion of the concert at approximately 10pm and be back in the morning to catch the bus at approximately 8am.

For more information please contact Peter Gill on either 0427 060 745 or 4063 2166.
First Communion

Congratulations to the parish children who receive the sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend!

Saturday 30 August

Sophie Barnes  William Leoni
Kate Brunetto  Tyrone Morales
Cara Cataldo  Ella Rinaudo
Clara Cini  Stephanie Rowlands
Jasper Di Carlo  Riley Scarcella
Elliott Ferguson  Julia Thompson
Leo Garner  Luke Thompson
Thomas Herbert

Sunday 31 August

Daniel Brant  Syren Letizia
Juanita Darling-Filby  Dylan Manitto
Kiara Foschi  Emma Onaindia
Aidan Gaugg  David Renneberg
Angela Harrold  Tara Renneberg
Sophie Leonardi  Daniel Slater

Community Visitors Scheme

Warrina Innisfail Auxiliary is looking for men and women who may be interested in becoming a 'community visitor', people to visit residents in Aged Care Facilities in our region; Warrina Innisfail, VillaNova, Ozcare Malanda and Carinya Atherton.

Interested people can contact Community Visitors on 0419 666 740 or 0488 072 826 or PO Box 975, Innisfail, 4860.

Our Lady of the Chain

St Thomas’s Catholic Church Mareeba

Sunday 14th September

Mass at 2.30pm - Celebrated by Fr Adriano Pittarello followed by a BBQ, Fireworks & Entertainment

Everybody Welcome!

Quote

“May we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges.”  St Gregory of Nyssa

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Next Sunday morning, 7 September 2 children will be making their First Holy Communion at St Rita’s, South Johnstone.

Families of first communicants will be given reserved seating.

Catholic Leader

In this issue:

♦ Catholics from many nations step out in traditional costume to celebrate National Migrant and Refugee Week.

♦ Young Brisbane Catholic who fled Vietnam by boat with her family says her faith journey has been ‘rougher than the seas.’

Counseling a Man and His Dog

This Sunday’s Texts:

Ezek 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Next Sunday’s Texts:

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PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes $3528.42; Loose $465.75

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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Anniversaries

Robert CORSI, Luigi MELLINI, Myrene Mc CANE, Fr Michael MORAN OSA, Michael VERNEY, Vincent MAUME, Fr Thomas WALSH OSA, Patricia BENNETT, Brian FARRELL, Martin Mc NAMARA, Esme SHAW, Lizzie SING, John COSTIGAN, Joseph BRINCAT, Leo LEONI, Giuseppe CATALANO, Stella WILSON, Giuseppe CAZZULINO, Ido DANESI, Fr Colmalle SPOKES OP, Bishop KELLY, Jessica MARTIN, Nella MESSINA, Tom GRAINGER, Assunta GANDINI, Mary TIERNYE, Alfred MOULE, Nora WARD, Reginald APPOO, Rose MELONI, Anthony CALLEJA, Isobel VIZER, Angelina PAPPALARDO, James DALZIEL, Salvatore D'AGATA, Evelyn WILKINSON, Bob KAHL, Edward HOGAN SNR, Nora MATTHEWS, Pera FRANIC

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 1st  
8.00am Innisfail

TUESDAY 2nd 
8.00am Innisfail

WEDNESDAY 3rd 
8.00am Innisfail  
St Gregory the Great

THURSDAY 4th  
NO MORNING MASS

FRIDAY 5th  
9.00am Villanova

SATURDAY 6th  
10.00am Anointing Mass - Innisfail 
10.45am Warrina – Lay led liturgy with Communion

RECONCILIATION (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 6/7 SEPTEMBER

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Over the next few weeks this segment will explore the topic of Faith relying heavily on the content of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which devotes about 270 pages of its 680 pages to the topic. To speak of “exploring” really overstates things. It will mainly be a case of highlighting a few snippets which may be of interest. In terms of creedal faith we make use of two Creeds, the Apostle’s Creed and the Nicene Creed. Next week we will look at how the Catechism explains the difference in purpose of these two Creeds.