God is generous to a fault

What is the point of the parable of the vineyard? Jesus’ story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent at the right time. Why did Jesus’ story about wicked tenants cause offence to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jesus’ listeners would likely understand this parable as referring to God’s dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

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(A reflection on this week’s Gospel by Don Schwager.)
The Pastor’s Pen

Parish Office

National Day of Prayer and Fasting
Friday 10 October
for the Synod on the Family

The Bishops of Australia invite us all to pray earnestly for the Synod on the Family taking place in Rome 5-19 October and especially to join in a National Day of Prayer and Fasting on Friday 10th October.

Youth Mass

Hospitality
Mother of Good Counsel - Innisfail

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cuppaaa … following Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please bring a plate to share.

Come share, laugh and eat with your Church Community.
See you there!

Children’s Liturgy
Next Sunday morning, 12 October at the 9.00am 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

Peace of the World
I think the world today is upside down. Everybody seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater development and greater riches and so on. There is much suffering because there is so very little love in homes and in family life. We have no time for our children, we have no time for each other; there is no time to enjoy each other. In the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world.

Mother Teresa

Vinnies

Ladies are urgently needed to volunteer for counter work. Please call in at the Vinnies Shop if you can assist.
**Anglican Church Fish Dinner**

The Wardens of St Alban's wish to advise that, as the postponed Lenten Fish Dinner did not take place in September as Fr Rod had planned, the monies will be held over until the final night of the Stations of the Cross in 2015. The original list of names and intentions to provide salads and sweets is held by Cecily and if the above arrangement is not suitable to you, please contact her on 40617787.

**Australian Catholics**

In this issue:

Young Journalist Award
Intermediate Winner:
“Wheels in motion”

It’s a typical Monday morning at Our Lady of the Angels’ School in Wavell Heights in Brisbane’s north. Children are arriving and teachers are busily getting ready for the day. Handballs bounce playfully around the courtyard and sounds of teachers bustling about their classrooms fill the air. It’s 8:10am and Kate Chellingworth is also busily preparing for the day ahead. But Kate is no ordinary school teacher. Kate is in a wheelchair.

*Audrey Moore | 26 July 2014
YJA 2014 Intermediate Winner: Audrey Moore, Catholic Primary School, Wavell Heights, QLD*

**Catholic Leader**

In this issue:

♦ More than 1200 young people flock to Brisbane’s Ignite Conference to enrich their faith.
♦ Features on Mental Health Week and Seniors’ Guide.
♦ Pope Francis says abandonment and neglect of the elderly amounts to a ‘hidden euthanasia.’

**Speak with Confidence**

Cairns Rostrum is conducting a One Day Public Speaking Course on Saturday 18th October.

MAX: 15 People  Cost: $45.00
Enquiries - John Lizzio 0416122082

**Date Claimers**

**This Sunday’s Texts:**
Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

**Next Sunday’s Texts:**
Is 25:6-10
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14

**Church Closing Roster Week commencing 5 October**
Robert Basaglia
Lorna Croatto
Norah Dunn

**Altar Linen Roster 6 October**

**PLANNED GIVING:**
Envelopes $2243.42; Loose $394.50

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

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Recently Deceased

Connie SLATER, Nicholas TAIFALOS

Anniversaries

Barry ROBINSON, Maria LISSA, Syd HALLENSEN, Dorothy O'LEARY, Fr John CRANE OSA, Sydney COMBE, Clemente GRECH, Agatha TORRISI, John BAXTER, Clare MOYNIHAN, Faith RUFUS, Patrick FAHEY, Charles GROVES, Angelo FORMOSA, Kevin ROSEDAHL, Joe LO GIUDICE, Myrah AVERY, Rosario TORNABENE, Carol SORBELLO, Jordan SUGARS, Mary DELMANOWICZ, Fr Julian Tennison-Woods, Fr Silvano BERTAPELLI CS, Andrew GONZO, Alfo CARUSO, Nita GUBIANI, Guerrino BUSATO, Salvatore LISSA, Salvatore GANGEMI, Sofia TEDESCO, Fr Frances DONOVAN CSsR, Anne GEANEY, John FAHEY, Giuseppe CALTABIANO, Marie GRAINGER, David WILSON, Margaret DRYDEN, Fr Peter CRANE OSA

WEEKDAY MASSES

| MONDAY 6th | NO MORNING MASS |
| TUESDAY 7th | 8.00am Innisfail |
| WEDNESDAY 8th | 8.00am Innisfail |
| THURSDAY 9th | NO MORNING MASS |
| FRIDAY 10th | 9.00am Villanova |
| SATURDAY 11th | 10.45am Warrina |
| SUNDAY 12th | 5.00pm Youth Mass - Innisfail |

RECONCILIATION (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

SUNDAY MASSES TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 11/12 OCTOBER

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As we conclude these segments on Faith, we call to mind the prayer of the Communion Rite said by the priest and addressed to Our Lord Jesus Christ that Our Lord will “look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church”. This is recognition of the fact that “it is the Church that believes first and so bears, nourishes and sustains my faith” and although “Salvation comes from God alone, because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother”. This new life of faith, which is new life in Christ is the great gift conferred on us in Baptism. (In part based on Catechism 168 and 169).