Good or bad, we are all welcome

“A banquet... is an outstanding moment of fellowship. In the traditions of Israel, familiar to Matthew’s community, the blessings promised by God to those who have been faithful were likened to sharing in a banquet at the Lord’s table – as we hear in the reading from Isaiah in today’s liturgy. As they heard this reading, and rejoiced in its fulfilment in Christ, this community would have given thanks for the universality of God’s generous designs: ‘all peoples and nations’ will share in God's blessings ‘everywhere on earth’, the prophet declares. Already, they knew, the faith was beginning to spread. Long familiar with the biblical themes, they would have seen the prophet’s associating of the messianic blessings with, ‘this mountain’ as a reference to the old temple. But if, as is likely, the old temple had already been destroyed by the Romans (AD 70) when Matthew’s gospel was written, they would have been reminded that the shared life of Old Testament faith was only a foreshadowing of the eternal realities brought by Christ.

Matthew’s account includes the note of urgency characteristic of the outlook of the first Christians – three times, the king declares that all is ‘ready’. The final age has come, all must be ready to respond to the Lord’s call. And so, along the same lines, Matthew concludes his presentation by adding the short parable about ‘the man without a wedding garment’ – that would originally have been quite independent of the original story. Again the lesson is clear: although, in the present age, Matthew’s Church receives ‘the good and bad alike’ to rejoice at the wedding feast of the Lamb, let them know that their presence must be more than nominal adherence – they must be converted and live a life worthy of their calling.”

(From a sermon by Fr John Thornhill SM)
The Pastor’s Pen

In faith circles one might pass a remark “I’ll pray for you” or on another occasion one might express gratitude, “thank you for your prayers” or at the beginning of a meeting, “let’s pray.” Currently the Bishops of Australia have asked for prayers for the meeting in Rome for the Synod on the Family.

Once when Jesus was praying and upon finishing one of his disciples asked him, “Lord teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Jesus taught them The Lord’s Prayer a format of truths to be believed and practiced; still it is an interesting question: ‘how do we teach someone to pray?’ One may well ask how I learnt to pray, while prayer may take the form of Praise, Petition, Thanks or Forgiveness.

October is a special month and an invitation for Communal Prayer, when community members may join together for Marian Devotion, to pray the Rosary.

It seems that the bottom line in responding to the request “Teach me to pray” is to be aware of God’s presence and not just talk or theorize about it but to do it. Jesus most powerful device for teaching prayer was by spending time in Prayer.

Fr Kerry

Parish Office
Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 13 October, Tuesday 14 October & Wednesday 15 October 10am - 3pm
Thursday 16 October 10.30am - 3.30pm & Friday 17 October 10am - 3pm

Youth Mass
This Sunday, October 12th at 5pm there will be a Youth Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church organized by the NET team.

This is a mass FOR all young Catholics! It’s an opportunity to get together and celebrate mass in an AWESOME way. Come along and bring your friends and family.

Funeral Pre Planning
This 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.

Diocesan News
The next edition of the Diocesan News is now available in each of the churches.

Holy Communion
(Gluten Free Host)

We are conscious that some of our faithful are on Gluten Free diets, if that is the case provision is made for you to be able to receive the Host in Holy Communion, it is made from potato, rice, tapioca and xanthin gum. Should you require such a host to be consecrated either see the Sacristan or Father before Mass!

Prayer Reflection
An invitation is extended to parishioners interested in coming together for a time of quiet reflection and shared prayer in the Parish Centre at 10.00am on Monday 13 October.

For any enquiries please contact Angie at the Parish Office 4061 6633 or Cathy 0419 688 050.

Emmaus
Come Journey With Us!
Open for those in Year 10 and up. We meet in the Parish Centre from 7.30pm - 9pm each Thursday evening.

Our next gathering will be on Thursday 16 October.

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

Quote
All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example.

St Teresa of Jesus
**Feast of St Gerard Majella**

**Tully**

***“60th” Celebrations***

Saturday 25 October

St Clare’s Tully

**Mass at 2pm** followed by Procession at 3.30pm. Stalls and BBQ, to follow. Fireworks at 8.30pm! Everyone Welcome!

**Aboriginal Cultural Mass**

Will be celebrated in St Thomas Church, Mareeba at 10.00am on Sunday 19 October. Special guest this year will be Gertrude Davis speaking on her faith journey.

After Mass there will be morning tea on the reconciliation lawn adjacent to the church. **Everyone is welcome**

**Volunteer Celebration Dinner**

In conjunction with National Others Week, the Innisfail Christian Outreach Centre cordially invites volunteers in our community to attend this Celebration Dinner.

The Dinner will be held at:

- The Basement
- 66 Edith Street, Innisfail
- commencing at 6.30pm on Saturday 8 November.

Due to the large number of volunteer groups, it is intended that 2 people represent each organisation.

**RSVP:** Innisfail Christian Outreach Centre

Phone 4061 3911 by Friday 24 October.

**Gardening With Soul**

2014 cinema phenomenon – **GARDENING WITH SOUL** is now available as a wonderful DVD. A wonderful dose of wisdom and optimism from a unique nun!


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**Catholic Leader**

**In this issue:**

- Schoolmates starting a new spin on hygiene for Brisbane homeless with Orange Sky Laundries.
- Church and Muslim leaders oppose intolerance.
- New Church on the Gold Coast a sign of life on glitter strip.

**Date Claimers**

⇒ Friday/Saturday 7/8 November - Catholic Men for Christ Breakfast with Fr Morgan Batt. Women’s meeting, Friday 7th November @ 7pm

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**Planned Giving:** Envelopes $2518.72; Loose $460.75

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**This Week in the Parish**

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**Recently Deceased**

Shirley ENGLISH, Pat TOMARCHIO (Mackay – cousin of Mary Marano)

**Anniversaries**

Iva CARDENTI, Frank HANNAN, Joe CROWDEY SNR, Osvaldo REGINONI, Lido BALLINI, Josephine PALADINI, Angie NFCIFORA, Ella FAHEY, Michael BERMINGHAM, Mary O’FARRELL, Edward MARTIN, Ivan MILOSEV, Yvonne MAUME, Osvalio SILVIO, Eunice CAREY, Fr Michael HACKETT, Joan RITCHIE, Mary SIMCOCK, Clement GIBSON, Ann O’LOGHLEN, Angela PATANE, Marcia ROBINSON, Philip TWINE, Ed HARDY, Gaetano TOMARCHIO, Mick MILLER, Elide AGLI, Giuseppe CARUSO, Fr Joseph KNOWLES, Peter MacHERNDL, Gloria KELLY, Liberato CINI, Daniel MARTINEZ, Leonarda CALI, Angela AMARI, Fr Patrick KEANE OSA, Fr Maurice MULDOON OSA, Alfredo LETIZIO, Alice TIERNEY, Giulia CALLEJA, Ferdinando SOSSO, Antonio RUSSO, Ellis MARTINUZZI, Reg GOODMAN, Mary LANKESTER, John CLIFFORD

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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.

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**RECONCILIATION** (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 18/19 OCTOBER**

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**The Adult Catholic**

*The Mass as heaven on earth*

There is nothing so familiar to Catholics as the Mass. With its repeated prayers of contrition, faith, praise and offering, its sung acclamations, the familiar gestures of the Priest, the standing, the kneeling, the sitting and the movement of the congregation, we feel very much at home. Yet few of us “glimpse the powerful supernatural drama we enter into every Sunday”. Over the next few weeks this segment will aim to motivate us to take a deeper look at the Mass so we can better understand why Saint John Paul II called the Mass “heaven on earth”.

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