Loving one another, without exception

‘Love your enemies’, these words were addressed to a people whose traditions urged them to care for their own; but saw no place for good will and generosity to foreigners in general - whom they looked upon as rivals and enemies. Old Israel had been taken into covenant with the living God, shown in the Exodus to be the champion of the poor and oppressed. Through the covenant they were called to identify with the ways of God. In fact, their traditions – as today’s reading from the book of Exodus makes clear – were remarkable compared with the outlook of other peoples of their time. As they began to learn what identification with God’s ways involved; they recognised that they must care for the powerless - the poor, widows and orphans, the strangers who had settled among them. But they still had much to learn - their good will was not extended to all of God’s children without exception. In advocating this as the ideal as his New Law of love, Jesus was not abolishing the old Law, but bringing it to ‘fulfilment’. The ideal held up by Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law was clear: ‘I say this to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; so that you will be children of your Father in heaven’ (Mt 5:44).

(From a sermon by Fr John Thornhill SM)

The Pastor's Pen

The second stage of the Synod on the Family concluded in Rome last Sunday. News quickly spread that Pope Francis did not get the two-thirds majority required on the contentious issues dealing with LGBT Catholics and divorced and remarried Catholics, for certain paragraphs in the final report.

What is evident so far is that the process has been more pastoral than could have been expected and the report of the Synod will serve as a starting point for future discussion.

Five things the Synod has done:

Dialogue: Pope Francis asked participants to speak freely and prayed for openness. Dialogue is now part of the church, at the very highest level.

Division: There are clearly divisions in the church on many issues relating to the family (and sexuality); these divisions spilled over into the public forum.

Transparency: There were daily press briefings with vigorous questioning from reporters at the Pope's request, to clear the air of the scent of secrecy.

LGBT: Amidst all of the discussion the topic of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, divorced and remarried Catholics, is now part of the discussion with Pope Francis insisting we keep them on the table.

Beginning: These two weeks represent only Part One, now the Bishops and participants return to their home dioceses and the world-wide church reflects on proceedings, for the next session in October 2015.

(Notes from: The National Catholic Review America This Week) Fr Kerry

Parish Office

All Souls Ecumenical Service
Friday 31 October

There will be a Candlelight Procession 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start at the Lawn section, Innisfail Cemetery followed by a Service at the Uniting Church.

Members of the community who have lost loved ones in recent years are invited to gather again in support of the bereaved.

There will be refreshments at the conclusion of the service.

Please bring a plate to share. All Welcome!

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Ivy Masina, Maddisyn Masina and Sabrina Pollard into our Parish community through Baptism.

Good Counsel College

What is happening at the College?

Work is being done on the “old library’ and auditorium over the next two months to increase classroom space for the new Year 7 intake. The College received funding through the "Flying Start" programme for this. Later this year the oval will be returned to green space when the demountable buildings go.

Enrolments are still open in most grades for 2015.

Children's Liturgy

Next Saturday evening, 1 November 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
**Hospitality**
**St Rita’s — South Johnstone**
Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cuppa ... following Mass next Sunday morning. Please bring a plate to share.

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

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

**Youth Mass - St Clare’s Church, Tully**
There will be a Youth-led Mass at St Clare’s Church, Tully on Saturday 1 November commencing at 6pm. The NET Team will be helping with the organising of this celebration.

After Mass there will be a Pasta Night. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of pasta. All Welcome!

**“What Are You Talking About?”**
Finding it hard knowing what to say in conversations about marriage with your family and friends? Take a copy of the What Is Marriage brochure that explains the simple facts about marriage in everyday language. Let’s educate the world one person at a time!”

An electronic version of the brochure is available on the ACBC website: [www.acbc.catholic.org.au](http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au)

**Catholic Leader**
**In this issue:**

- ‘Little missionary’ Imogen Smith inspired many to pray, some for the first time, after her battle to live one year ago.
- Pope beatifies Second Vatican Council’s ‘great helmsman’ and author of prophetic encyclical Humanae Vitae, Pope Paul VI

**Jesus@theJack**
Laid back. Relevant. Real. An evening for young adults to share a meal and discuss topics of faith.

6:30-8 pm on Nov 3 in the Beer Garden at The Union Jack hotel, Sheridan St Cairns.

Contact Anne on 0407 716 430 or achellingw@cns.catholic.edu.au for more info.

**Invitation**

**PLANNED GIVING:** Envelopes $4239.32; Loose $529.65

**This Sunday’s Texts:**
Ex 22:20-26
1 Thess 1:5-10
Mt 22:34-40

**Next Sunday’s Texts:**
Is 25:6-9
Rom 5:5-11
Mt 11:25-30

**Church & Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 26 October**
Terry Hogan
Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan
Lorna Croatto
Altar Linen Roster 27 October
June Sue Yek

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

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Recently Deceased
Alcide (Joe) CENTIS, Jacqui DEARDON (Melbourne - relative of Pauline Ballini), Gough WHITLAM

Anniversaries
Stefano MARIANI, Frederick KNEUBUHLER, Charles BONANO, Gusa CATANIA, Arnold HORSFORD, Antonio CATELAN, Clara NUCIFORA, Rosario ZAHRA, Giuseppe MICALE, Ron GALIPO, Francis ANASTASI, Alfred SELBY, William CROFT, Nadia CENTIS, Margaret BLACK, Bob O'BRIEN, Bishop John HUTCHINSON OSA, Fr Denis REDMOND OSA, Catherine FRENEY, Hugh McDONALD, John ERNST, Grazia PAGANO, Rosaria GRAVAGNA, Maria CAVALIARO, Annegrete UECHTRITZ, Lucia RUSSO, Eugene POKOJ, Rex WILLETT, Renata SUMICH, Mary LARKIN, Michael OSBORN, Anthony CINI, Giuseppi RISO, Georgina MONTI, Onorina MASSA, Fr Gilbert BUISSON MSC

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 27th 8.00am Innisfail
TUESDAY 28th 8.00am Innisfail
WEDNESDAY 29th 8.00am Innisfail
THURSDAY 30th NO MORNING MASS
FRIDAY 31st 9.00am Villanova
SATURDAY 1st 10.45am Warrina

RECONCILIATION (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 1/2 NOVEMBER
Week 1 1/2 NOVEMBER       6.30pm Sat Innisfail       7.00am Sun Mourilyan       7.00am Sun St Johnstone       9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR             S. Todd               J. Micallef               J. Micallef               B. Bortolanza
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CHALICES                 J. Said               L. Lanzafame             N. Smith               S. Lynch
                          L. Catalano             J. Smith               M. Hogan               J. Terry
                          C. Catalano
HOSPITALITY              B. Barnett             J. Piccollo              J. Piccollo              J. Piccollo
MUSIC                    Silkwood Duo             J. Piccollo              J. Piccollo              M. Nolan, S. Hoad

The Mass as heaven on earth
We all appreciate that the Mass is the making present of the one eternal Sacrifice involved in Jesus offering himself to the Father in his life, death and resurrection. Although the incidents that made up that event occurred in time in about 33AD it is correctly referred to as an “eternal Sacrifice”. The letter to the Hebrews makes this very clear when it refers to Jesus serving “as high priest in the Most Holy Place, that is in the real tent which was put up by the Lord, not by man”. And accordingly at all those things which in heaven accompany this eternal Sacrifice are made present at every Mass. We will explore “those things” next week.