Parable points out perils of complacency

"The sharp edge of the parable, as Matthew reports it, seems to indicate a background of controversy. It may well be that the original parable of Jesus was a challenge to the Sadducees ... In their self-centred conservatism, the Sadducees had no concern to carry forward Israel’s mission to be ‘a light to the nations’. As the parable was recalled in Matthew’s community, however, it may have been directed against the dangers of complacency in that community - that settled for the minimum requirements of life as the Lord’s disciples, and was not ready to set out upon the great adventure of putting into practice the program of the Sermon on the Mount.

“The conclusion, ‘To anyone who has will be given more; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away’ – a saying of Jesus that appears several times in the gospels – was probably added by Matthew, to drive home the point of the parable. Its meaning for Jesus was that one who is spiritually open will enjoy God’s on-going blessings; whereas one who is closed will miss the opportunities offered them.”

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

PEACE-----PAX-----REMEMBRANCE DAY-----ARMISTICE-----CESSATION OF WAR -----LEST WE FORGET-----NON-VIOLENCE-----PAX CHRISTI-----FREEDOM-----“IF YOU WANT PEACE WORK FOR JUSTICE” -----“BLESSSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS”-----LIBERTY-----“DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME”-- ---LOVE

You might like to prayerfully and reflectively join the dots.

Fr Kerry

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**Parish Office**

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**Second Collection**

The Annual Education of Clergy Appeal is being held this weekend. Seminary appeal envelopes are also available.

This collection will go some way to defray the ongoing education expenses of Deacon Nathan McKay who will be returning to the Diocese from Rome in the first half of 2015.

Nathan will be ordained to the priesthood in about mid—2015 in Cairns.

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday November 3rd. Photos of the Council have been installed in the 3 churches. Issues discussed included a roster for opening Mother of Good Counsel Church each morning and name tags for parishioners. We will start with nametags for Hospitality Ministers and members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Council would appreciate feedback from parishioners on the idea of nametags for everybody. The next meeting of the Council will be February 2nd 2015.

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**Gifts for St Vincent De Paul Pantry**

This week we are asking for gifts of food items (non perishable) to be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Food items can be left at the Parish Centre or at your Church.

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**R.C.I.A.**

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**Sacramental Program 2015**

Enrolments forms are now available for the Sacramental Program for 2015. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in year 4 in 2015 (or an older grade) then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633 or drop in to collect your enrolment form.

The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Eucharist. Early in the new year, once enrolments have been finalised, a brochure will be posted to you outlining what the Sacraments are about and important dates to take note of.

Lisa DeBuck
Sacramental Coordinator.

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**Quote**

"How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!"

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*St Elizabeth of Hungary*
Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

Calendars are $9.00 ea. and Christmas Cards packet of 8 for $3.00 now available for sale in all 3 churches.

Sacrament of Baptism
Primary School Age or older

If your child is not baptised and is asking questions about God and the Catholic faith then perhaps having your child/ren baptised is something that you would like to discuss as a family, with the Parish Priest, Fr Kerry.

From year 4, the parish offers a Sacramental program where children commence instructions, to prepare them to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist.

So, if your child/ren are of Primary School age or older and would like to be baptised into the Catholic Faith, a program is being developed to assist in this process.

Expressions of interest need to be registered with the Parish Office ☎ 40616633.

Carols @ Christmas Street Party
Wednesday 17 December

This year, Carols will be held as part of the Christmas Street Party. The time for the Carols will be 6.30p - 7.30pm in Canecutter Court.

Any parishioners interested in participating in the choir are most welcome. Practice for the Carols will be held on Monday 15 December at 7pm at the Christian Outreach Centre.

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes $2698.92; Loose $517.65

This Sunday's Texts:
Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thess 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday's Texts:
Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

Catholic Leader
In this issue:

- Iona College rector 'in shock' at being appointed a bishop; staff, students excited for him but sad to see him go.
- Church agencies adapt for G20 while others pray and participate in public displays to express views.

Australian Catholics
In this issue:

Summer/Christmas Issue is out now, please remember to take home a copy!

Church & Toilet Closing Roster
Week commencing 16 November
Jim Arnell

Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan
Lorna Croatto

Altar Linen Roster
17 November
Mary Mizzi

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 4.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Prayer Room
Wednesday 1.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group - Eda Celledoni’s Home, Mourilyan
Thursday 10.00am Rosary and Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre
**Recently Deceased**

June TWINE, Peggy HERITAGE (Tully), Noela McHUGH (Deception Bay - sister-in-law of Bridget Croatto), Wayne GOSS

**Anniversaries**

Nell AGNEW, Tom COYNE, Maria LO GIUDICE, Gloria KELLY, Angela BUOSI, Joe GAGLIANO, Lou CAPOCCHI, Grace SAID, Molly COURTMAN, Kath JENSEN, Giuseppina SPEZIALI, Vincenza PEEL, Ada BERTOIA, Johnny DE BATTISTA, Bruna BUSATO, Fr Patrick DOYLE OSA, Fr John BUCKLEY OSA, Bridget O'KEEFE, Orazio RINAUDO, Fred RUSSO, Angelina BUFI, Peter MASNADA, Irene McKean, John HOULIHAN, Valentino BERTOIA, Francis ANASTASI, Fr Pearse O'MAHONY OSA, Francisco LUCERO, Fulvio NOLI, Giuseppe GRAVAGNA, William WRIGHT, Steve MICALE, Peter MITCHELL, Charles WALSH, Nito SPEZIALI, Cristina CAPPONI, Angelina CALTABIANO, Kath JENSEN, Paul FROEHLING

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

- **MONDAY 17th**
  8.00am Innisfail
  St Elizabeth of Hungary

- **TUESDAY 18th**
  8.00am Innisfail

- **WEDNESDAY 19th**
  8.00am Innisfail

- **THURSDAY 20th**
  NO MORNING MASS

- **FRIDAY 21st**
  9.00am Villanova
  The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

- **SATURDAY 22nd**
  10.45am Warrina
  St Cecilia

**RECONCILIATION (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 22/23 NOVEMBER**

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**The Mass as heaven on earth**

At Mass, we are already in heaven. This is not wishful thinking but the solemn teaching of the Church. Para.1090 of the Catechism teaches: “In the earthly liturgy we share in a foretaste of the heavenly liturgy……where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With all the warriors of the heavenly army we sing a hymn of glory to the Lord”.

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