



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

(embracing the areas of Innisfail, Mourilyan & South Johnstone)

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PARISH CHURCHES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Mother of Good Counsel
90 Rankin St, Innisfail

Sat, Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sun, 9am
3rd Sun, Monthly 11am,
Italian Mass

St Rita of Cascia
5 Green St, South Johnstone

Sun, 7am (every 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sunday)

Christ the King
10 Harbour Rd, Mourilyan

Sun, 7am (every 2nd & 4th
Sunday)

PARISH SCHOOLS

Good Counsel College
66 Owen St, Innisfail

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Paul Keenan (Principal)

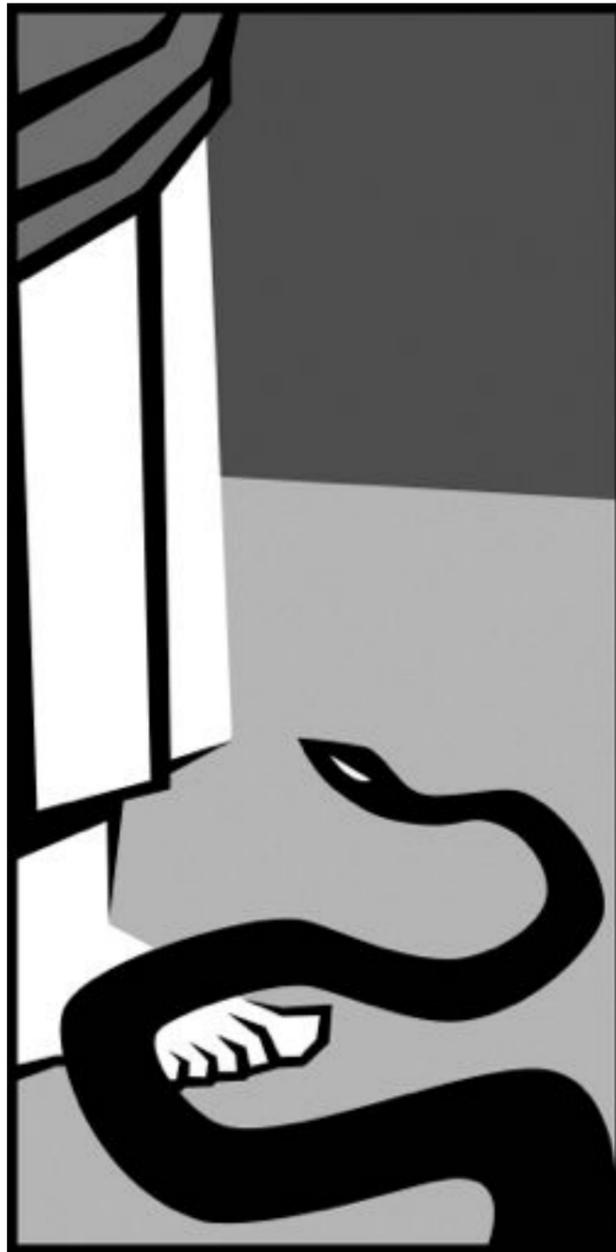
Good Counsel Primary
96 Rankin St, Innisfail

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Web: www.gcps.qld.edu.au
Liam Kenny (Principal)

St Rita's Primary
8 Green St, South Johnstone

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Vicki Conomo (Principal)

TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS IS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC



**1st SUNDAY
of LENT**

(Reflection on the Gospel by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm.)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 24 February ~ 4pm - 5pm
in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Fr John McGrath

This weekend we welcome Fr John who will preside at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass, 7am Mass at Mourilyan and 9am in Innisfail.

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 23 February,

Tuesday 24 February, Wednesday 25 February,

Thursday 26 February & Friday 27 February

10am - 3pm

Project Compassion Envelopes

Lenten Share Packs (Envelopes) are still available in each church. A **second collection** will be taken up at all Masses for the Lenten Season.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening during Lent at **St Alban's Church, Rankin Street, Innisfail commencing at 7pm.**

Wanted!!

CLEAN, Small Glass bottles (eg baby food, spice/mustard jars), suitable for Easter water may be left at the Parish Office.

Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass)

Tuesday 24 March, St Monica's Cathedral, Cairns commencing at 7pm.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend!



This week we meet married couple Eric and Ma in Fiji who had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they received training supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life.

Please donate to Project Compassion today and help people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to grow food for life.

PLEASE DONATE TO

PROJECT COMPASSION TODAY!

Why is the Church Involved in Weddings?

Why is the Church involved at all in marriage, the most foundational of human institutions? After all, marriage was around a long time before the Church. Early Christians entered into marriage according to local customs and culture, just like everyone else. The only difference was really one of attitude as Christians began to appreciate that the loving union of husband and wife was not only about individuals and families but also about the love of God shown in Christ.

As late as the ninth century, Pope Nicholas I proclaimed that marriage by mutual consent was accepted as valid without any civil or Church ceremony. From the eleventh century the Church required all secular weddings to be blessed by a priest and, eventually, to take place in a church.

It was not until the twelfth century that an established wedding ceremony developed and that marriage took its place among the Church's sacraments. In the same century, Pope Alexander III decreed that the basis for a valid marriage was the couple's mutual consent and that this consent established an unbreakable marriage contract.

The logical conclusion of this understanding is that the minister of the sacrament of marriage is the couple, not the priest. The couple administer the sacrament to each other; the role of the priest is as a witness.

The catechism spells out the central role of the Church in the celebration of Christian marriage:

"The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life." (CCC 1661)

The Catholic marriage rite provides for a dignified ceremony that is warm yet solemn and worthy of the occasion. In words, actions and symbols, it encourages reflection on the meaning of Christian marriage by all who participate in the ceremony. It witnesses to an understanding of married love which is much deeper than that often promoted by society.

The love that unites the bride and groom invites all present to reflect on and wonder at the mystery of human love and to perceive that God's love for us is something like this, only much greater. The loving communion that exists between a husband and wife is the clearest sign and indication available to us of the extent to which God loves the human family.

Just as married love is a commitment to grow in intimacy, to permanence and to fidelity in good times and in bad, so God's love for us is all these things. Yet our understanding of marriage as a sacrament goes even further than this. Not only do a couple mirror or reflect God's love, they embody the presence of Christ in a unique way.

In Catholic marriage, the wife and husband commit themselves to being a sign of Christ's love to the community of faith. The community, in turn, offers its support to the couple as they journey through life. It is also the responsibility of the community to support and nurture marital vocations and to call all couples to ever-greater heights of faith and love.

(Source: Elizabeth Harrington - Catholic Leader 8 Feb 2015)

World Day of Prayer 2015



World Day of Prayer—Friday 6 March
St Alban's Anglican Church, Innisfail
Everyone Welcome!

Sacramental Program 2015

An Information Night will be held on **Wednesday 25 February at 7pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church** to meet you and your child and to provide an overview of the year.

The Sacramental Program for 2015 is due to begin very shortly. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and is in year 4 (or an older grade) and you have not completed an enrolment form for the program, please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633.

Lisa DeBuck
 Sacramental Coordinator.



Catholic Leader

In this issue:

- ♦ Pope Francis' 2015 Lenten Message.
- ♦ Fijian couple gives first-hand account of how Project Compassion donations change lives in their community.

Australian Catholics

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Channelling God's peace



PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE HOME A COPY!

Church & Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 22 February Vince McAvoy	Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan Mary Rose Lissa	Altar Linen Roster 23 February Aurora Campagnolo
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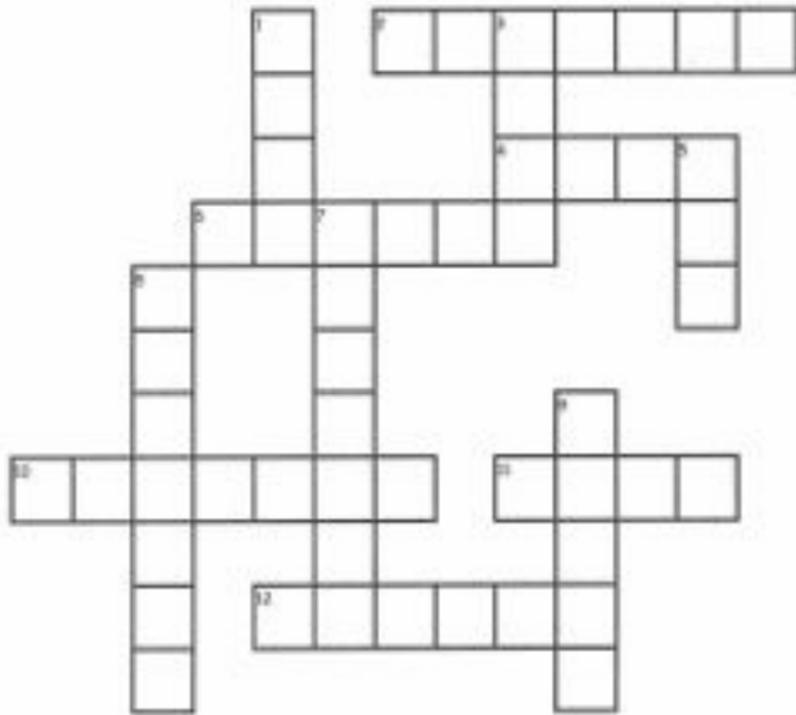
This Sunday's Texts: Gen 9:8-15 1 Pet 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15	Next Sunday's Texts: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31-34 Mk 9:2-10
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Believe the Good News

Mk 1:12-15



Across

- 2: Jesus said to the people of Galilee, 'God's _____ will soon be here.'
 4: untamed
 6: when Jesus was being tested, _____ took care of him
 10: cats, dogs, horses, and monkeys are all _____
 11: the opposite of bad
 12: Jesus went into the _____ for forty days

Down

- 1: Jesus went to Galilee after this man was arrested
 3: Jesus told the good _____ in Galilee
 5: the sun appears in the sky during the _____
 7: when Jesus left the desert he went to this place
 8: Jesus said, 'Turn back to God and _____ the good news'
 9: Jesus was in the desert for this many days

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Wednesday	1.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group - Eda Celledoni's Home, Mourilyan
Thursday	10.00am	Rosary & Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes \$2284.52; Loose \$344.00

Responsorial Psalm

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Anniversaries

Umberto ZAMARIAN, Augusta SCULLEN, Fr Thomas HIGGINS, Kathleen FAHEY, Joseph CALLAGHAN, John JOSE, Tony AZZOPARDI, Pat & Ronnie GALLAGHER, Lourdes ABASCAL, Emma BROCCARDO, Joey VILLAVELES, Elizabeth O'MALLEY, Walter VANDELEUR, James DORE, Albert SQUARCI, Adell SQUARCI, VINCENZA COCO, Annie MORAN, Ellen GALVIN, Doreen O'CONNELL, Romeo DELLA MATTEA, Peter POWER, Fr Nicholas O'KEEFE OSA, Mose ROMANO, Venera BATTIATO, Mariano DE PRIMA, Nancy MURPHY, Fr Laurence FUNCHION OSA, Terry SMITH, Joan JOY, Oliviero SACCHI, John NORCOTT, Fr John ANDERSON, John BRINCAT, Mario SPINA, Vincent MUSCAT, Benjamin GARATE, Bruno SARO, Lorna BOOTHBY

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 23rd	6.00pm Innisfail
TUESDAY 24th	8.00am Innisfail
WEDNESDAY 25th	NO MORNING MASS
THURSDAY 26th	NO MORNING MASS
FRIDAY 26th	9.00am Villanova - Lay Led Liturgy
SATURDAY 27th	10.45am Warrina - Lay Led Liturgy



SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 28 FEBRUARY/1 MARCH

Week 1 28 FEBRUARY/ 1 MARCH	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	S. Todd	////////////////////		B. Bortolanza
READERS	M. Todd M. Treston	////////////////////	I. Massa L. Massa	Youth Reader Youth Reader
CIBORIUM	A. Amatt	////////////////////	////////////////////	P. Renneberg
CHALICES	J. Said L. Lanzafame L. Catalano C. Catalano	////////////////////	M. Stephensen R. Alvero	S. Lynch M. Hogan J. Terry S. Terry
HOSPITALITY	B. Barnett	////////////////////	P. Mellick	M. Nolan, S. Hoad
MUSIC	Silkwood Duo	////////////////////	////////////////////	Youth Group

