



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

Ph:(07) 40635300
Web: www.gcc.qld.edu.au
Paul Keenan (Principal)

Good Counsel Primary
96 Rankin St, Innisfail

Ph:(07) 40612994
Web: www.gcps.qld.edu.au
Liam Kenny (Principal)

St Rita's Primary
8 Green St, South Johnstone

Ph:(07) 40642153
Web: www.stritascps.qld.edu.au
Vicki Conomo (Principal)

GOSPEL OFFERS A NOTE OF REASSURANCE

As we face the challenge of entering deeply into the climax of the Church's year of faith - the commemoration of the Saviour's Paschal mystery. It is as if the liturgy of this last Sunday of our journey anticipates our mood and reassures us. The readings bring us some of the greatest texts of the Scriptures, texts which - as we stand among the Greek pilgrims who wanted to 'see Jesus' - help us, in the words of the gospel, to come to terms with 'the kind of death Jesus was to die.'

The horror of the Saviour's Cross is plainly stated: His "obedience" to the Father's will, according the letter to the Hebrews, is made with "prayer and entreaty, with loud cries and tears. And John's gospel tells us, "his soul was troubled," as his fateful "hour" approached - in which he was to give all, like "a wheat grain" which 'falls on the ground and dies."

If he invites us to share this fate with him - "wherever I am, my servant will be there too" - he also helps us to trust in his Father, as we face the ordeals of our personal lives. His prayer is "heard," and through the sufferings which have been a sharing in the destructiveness and darkness of our world, he enters into a new and final existence. In the words of the letter to the Hebrews, he is "made perfect"; as John's gospel puts it, he is "glorified." This is a powerful statement in biblical language - God's "glory" is the incomparable divine greatness. Having "emptied himself" to become one with us, the manhood he shares with us is now filled with divine greatness - and the grain which falls to the ground "yields a rich harvest," transforming the whole of creation.

(From a homily on today's readings by Fr John Thornhill sm)



TODAY WE CELEBRATE

5th SUNDAY
of LENT

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

The Pastor's Pen

I have had a good holiday and it is good to be back, I might not now have the time to read The Weekend Australian till 1.30pm on Saturdays anymore, nor have my evenings free to do as I please nor to wake at my leisure but one question that was asked to me in different ways by family & friends while away was:” ***Do you like being a Priest?***”

It is an insightful question and one often taken for granted, I appreciated it being asked and being given the time to respond.

I sense it could well be asked to all of us and maybe the best time to ask it is when relaxed and away from normal routine.

Do you like being Married? Do you like being a Parent? Do you like being a Student? Or in the case where there has been a loss or life change: How are you coping?

All are good questions when asked sensitively and especially are beneficial when given the time and space to reflect and respond?

Fr Kerry

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 23 March, Tuesday 24 March,
Wednesday 25 March , Thursday 26 March
& Friday 27 March 10am - 3pm

Passion/Palm Sunday

Palms are needed for the 2 weekend Masses in Innisfail next weekend. If you can assist please leave them in the undercover area at the front of the Parish Centre next Saturday, 28 March.

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

Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass)

Friday 27 March, St Monica's Cathedral, Cairns commencing at 7pm.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend!

Reconciliation – Lent

Second Rite with visiting priests, **Monday 30 March at 7.00pm**, Mother of Good Counsel Innisfail.

St Vincent De Paul

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

Quote

Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

(*Harriet Beecher Stowe*)

Coordinators Needed!

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

If anyone is interested in coordinating any of these ceremonies please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible on 4061 6633

In the words of Pope Francis ...

Jesus, help us to love God as Father and our neighbor as ourselves.

Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY ~ 2 April
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

GOOD FRIDAY ~ 3 April
Stations of the Cross - 10.30am
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

Reconciliation - 11.30am
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

The Lord's Passion - 3.00pm
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

HOLY SATURDAY ~ 4 April
Reconciliation - 11.30am
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

Easter Vigil Ceremony - 8.00pm
Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

EASTER SUNDAY ~ 5 April
7.00am (St Rita's Church - South Johnstone)
9.00am (Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail)

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat

(13th April – 9th May 2015)

This retreat is for: Men and Women; Young and Old; Married or Singles. It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. The retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life within your daily routine.

You don't need any special qualifications. All you need is the desire to open yourself to God and the generosity to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. Where you are now is where God is waiting for you.

Fr Federico Pelicon, a newly ordained Jesuit, will facilitate the Retreat while living in the Parish for the four weeks.

The brochure is available from all three churches or at the Parish Centre.

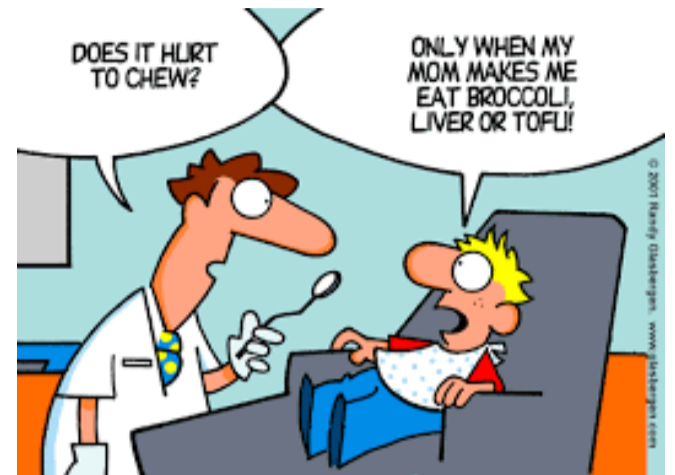
For more details please contact Fr Kerry on Ph 4061 6633.

Catholic Leader

In this issue:

- Church rallies to help people in decimated Vanuatu
- Priest and parishioners call on the help of Our Lady and outsiders to revive one of their 'bush churches.'

A Sense Of Humour



Church & Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 22 March Fred Caltabiano	Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan Lorna Croatto	Altar Linen Roster 23 March Vicky Zahra
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This Sunday's Texts: Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33	Next Sunday's Texts: Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47
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Baptism

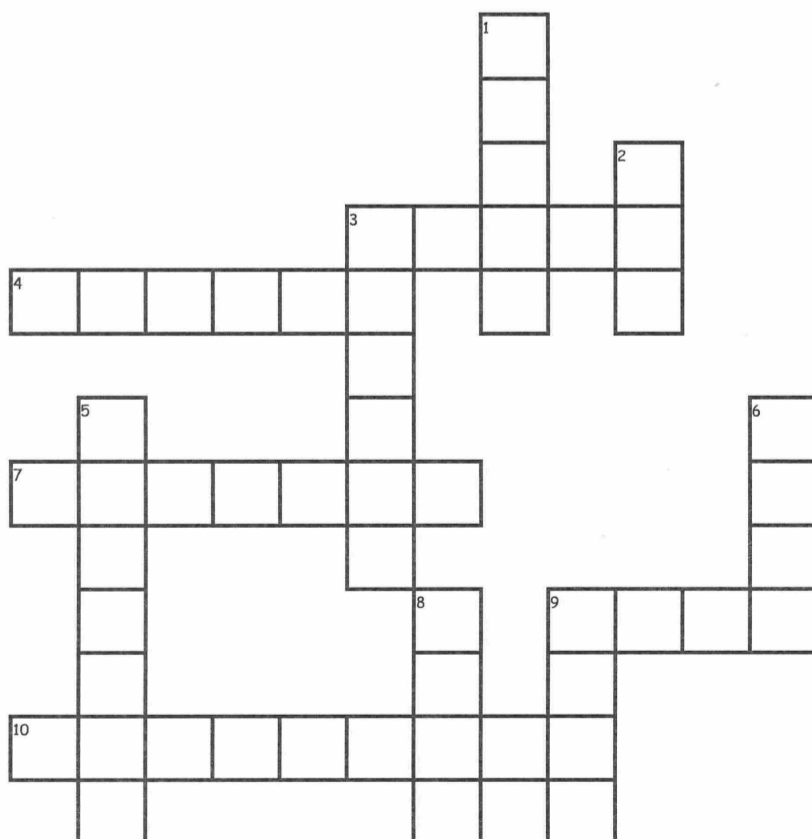
This weekend we welcome **Gabriella Nucifora** into our Parish community through Baptism.

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The grain that dies gives much wheat

Jn 12:24-26



Across

- 3: if this falls on the ground and dies it produces lots of wheat
- 4: if you serve Jesus, his _____ will honour you
- 7: someone who serves people is a _____
- 9: to care about someone very much is to _____ them
- 10: Jesus' friends were called his _____

Down

- 1: one grain can produce lots of this if it dies
- 2: the number before two
- 3: grass and other plants grow out of the _____
- 5: sure
- 6: if someone has less than you, you have _____
- 8: tumble
- 9: the opposite of win

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday	10.00am	Rosary Group - Parish Centre
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 \$2962.42; Loose \$555.05

Responsorial Psalm



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Recently Deceased

Bernice DOTTI, Les GHIETTI, John CATELAN (Townsville), **Dina CAVALLARO** (Tully), **Sr. Muriel EVANS SGS**
Malcolm FRASER

Anniversaries

Monty BRINCAT, Kate TRESTON, Teresa MORAN, John (Bimbo) BOYCON, Virginia PASINETTI, David JACK, William WILSON, Santo LIZZIO, Brian FRIEL, David ENGLISH, Monica DELLIT, Arthur ELLIS, Grant MENZIES, Michael DENSMORE, Jamie LEES, Jamie BUCKINGHAM, Sean ANDERLINI, Daniel WOODS, James CUTHBERTSON, Tom DOWLING, Annie FAHEY, Milicent WILSON, Elisa CRAPELLA, Orazio LIZZIO, Ross TORNABENE, John O'BRIEN, Rosina MAMMINO, Desmond GUNTON, Fr Thomas HUNT OSA, Fr Bernard BALDWIN MSC, Assunto CARDENTI, Thomas KNOWLES, Luke CATANIA, Tina di GIORGIO, Bro Ambrose BRADLEY, Leonardo SORBELLO, William CONNOLLY, Alf CALTABIANO, Sheila BIRCHLEY

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 23rd	8.00am Innisfail	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Project Compassion Collections - 2015</p> <p>Week 1 - \$601.40</p> <p>Week 2 - \$784.15</p> <p>Week 3 - \$585.90</p> <p>Week 4 - \$641.35</p> </div>
TUESDAY 24th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 25th	8.00am Innisfail	
THURSDAY 26th	NO MORNING MASS	
FRIDAY 27th	9.00am Villanova	
SATURDAY 28th	10.45am Warrina	

All people involved as Commentators, Readers, Ministers of Communion are asked to be at Church 15 minutes prior to the commencement of Mass.

RECONCILIATION (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 28/29 MARCH				
Week 5 28/29 MARCH	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR		//////////	L. Massa	V. Vandeleur
READERS	Youth Minister I. Barry	//////////	M. Stephensen R. Alvero	J. Krestyn A. Clifton
CIBORIUM	A. Amatt	//////////	//////////	M. Gangi
CHALICES	J. Said P. Erbacher M. Camilleri A. Campagnolo	//////////	N. Smith J. Smith	M. Sorbello
HOSPITALITY	B. Barnett	//////////	E. Sumich	M. Nolan
MUSIC	Marianne, Christine & Nola	//////////	//////////	Volunteer please

Caritas
AUSTRALIA

**Fifth Sunday
of Lent**

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

In a remote Andean village in Peru, Caritas Huacho is helping farmers like Cristian to grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable fruit crops, which will provide a secure income and a wide variety of food for life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in Peru grow and harvest sustainable crops, providing their families with food for life.

Our Parish Contribution last week was \$641.35