



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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James Roberts (Principal)

Good Counsel Primary
96 Rankin St, Innisfail

Ph:(07) 40612994
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Liam Kenny (Principal)

St Rita's Primary
8 Green St, South Johnstone

Ph:(07) 40642153
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Vicki Conomo (Principal)

YOU ARE THE CHRIST

THE SON OF MAN WAS DESTINED TO SUFFER MUCH.

In today's Gospel we find Jesus still in foreign territory. He had moved north to the region of Caesarea Philippi, the city then recently constructed by Philip the Tetrarch, son of Herod the Great. He had named his new city in craven tribute to the Roman Caesar and appended his own name to it lest it be confused with that much more significant Caesarea on the Mediterranean seashore. Philip had sited his Caesarea beneath the towering escarpment now known as the Golan Heights. Nothing remains of it today. There Jesus obtained the definitive acknowledgement from the Apostles, through the mouth of Peter, that he was indeed the Christ, the one promised so long ago, firstly in the time of Abraham, vaguely as a blessing and then progressively defined as the Messiah, the Saviour especially consecrated to God, by Patriarch and Prophet—none more explicitly than by the Prophet Isaiah.



Isaiah intimated that the Messiah would be rejected and would suffer grievously at the hands of those he would save. And it is this aspect of his mission that Jesus seized upon. His reference to the need for his disciples to take up the Cross and follow him indicated that it was crucifixion he was talking about. Peter was horrified, as well he might be. But he had missed the point. It was ordained that the Christ must suffer and so enter his glory and we must be prepared to follow him, as did Mary his Mother whose seven sorrows we have just commemorated immediately after we had exalted the Holy Cross.

(Source: *Random Thoughts—Upon the Year of St Mark*, William Grundy)

**24th SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 15 September ~ 4pm - 5pm
in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

The Pastor's Pen

Sir Michael Parkinson was interviewed on Compass (the Religious Program) last Sunday evening, the topic The Meaning of Life. Early in the interview mention was made of 'Mary' she was spoken of in glowing terms, at first I thought it was in reference to 'Mary' the Mother of Jesus but in fact it was his wife 'Mary' of 50 plus years, Irish - born committed and a practicing Catholic.

Sir Michael's religious formation was in the Church of England, these days he does not hold to any form of worship and doubts greatly the major tenants of the Christian Faith, while interestingly he admires Mary, his wife for her beliefs and practices and is conscious of the many ways his family has been blessed over the years. He unquestionably gives Mary full credit for being his rock and a sense of direction throughout his high profile life in the Media; a life that saw him interviewing and mixing with Celebrities while engaging in excessive drinking and late nights. The turning point came when Mary told Michael at the height of a drinking binge "*that he looked ugly*" from there he curtailed his excesses.

The Parkinson's have three sons, now grown up who live in close proximity to their parents, it is his family and the strong faith conviction that Mary has, that Sir Michael admits is the nucleolus of his life. He admits, "*I wish I had the faith conviction that Mary has.*"

Fr Kerry

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:

Ordination of Deacon Nathan McKay

The Parish is considering hiring a Bus to take people interested in attending the Ordination of Deacon Nathan McKay at St Monica's Cathedral on Friday 18th September 2015. The Bus would leave the Parish Centre at around 5.15pm and return after the Ordination. A small fee would be payable to cover the costs of the Bus. If you would like to travel up to the Ordination by Bus please put your name and contact number on the clipboard in the church by **Sunday 13 September**.

Parish - Income and Expenditure

In line with the principles of good stewardship, the insert in this week's Bulletin provides an itemised account of Revenue and Expenses of the Parish for the last financial year.

The Parish Finance Committee suggests that 2016 would be opportune for all parishioners to have a fresh look at Sacrificial/Plan Giving.

Ordination to the Priesthood Nathan McKay

Deacon Nathan left on Friday for a little quiet time, prayerfully preparing for his Ordination to the Priesthood next **Friday September 18th, at St Monica's Cathedral commencing at 7.00pm**. Nathan after the normal commitments post Ordination around Gordonvale and Cairns will return to Innisfail for the Week September 21st – 25th while I am on Retreat. He will then head off to spend time with his sister and her family down south and have a short break, returning around October 15th to take up his appointment in Mother of Good Counsel Parish, Innisfail. May I suggest as a gesture of welcome and appreciation that we might have a **second collection** for him next Sunday? Know we are all invited to his Ordination; kindly keep him in your prayers.

Fr Kerry

Ignatian Prayer Group

The next Ignatian Prayer Group meeting is on **Tuesday afternoon 15th September at 5.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome.

'Laudato Si' is an Encyclical Letter on Ecology and Climate by Pope Francis.

For anyone who ordered a copy of '*Laudato Si*' our order has all arrived and the books can be collected from the Parish Office during opening hours. The cost of the book is \$5.00.

Liturgy Workshop

The Liturgy Workshop (the Word) will be re-run on Sunday 27th September after the 9am Mass at the Parish Centre.



Baptism

This weekend we welcome *Cody Ferrau and Cooper Mizzi* into our Parish community through Baptism.

Advent



United in Marriage

Congratulations to



Katelin Archer & Jade Melvin who were married in Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail this weekend.

We offer them our prayers and best wishes.

Ministers of Music Weekend



Catholic Leader

In this issue:

- ♦ Bishops use Social Justice Statement to call for substantial increase in Australia's intake of migrants and refugees and for end to off-shore detention.
- ♦ Bishop calls for prayers for federal politicians during national debate on marriage.

Church & Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 13 September Jim Arnell	Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan N/A	Altar Linen Roster 14 September Vicky Zahra
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Australian Catholics



In this issue:

Finding a voice

Young people are our country's future, but that doesn't mean they can't use their gifts and play a role in its present as well. A group of students in Melbourne is working to empower and engage their peers to be part of the national conversation in areas such as refugee policy.

(Ruby O'Sullivan-Belfrage - Australian Catholics)

Please collect your copy from the church and take some time to read and reflect on the edition.

When you're **thankful** for what you have, you are always rewarded with more.

Try to stay positive and things will get better.

lessonslearnedinlife.com

COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be my followers you must take up your cross and follow me."

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This Sunday's Texts: Is 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35	Next Sunday's Texts: Wis 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16 - 4:3 Mk 9:30-37
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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 \$2741.71 Loose \$538.85

Responsorial Psalm



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Recently Deceased

Carmelo LO GIUDICE, Ligio GHIDELLA (Babinda), Conrad RIERA

Anniversaries

Joe CAMILLERI, George CAMILLERI, Carmel DOOLAN, Liliast STARR, Marie KEANE, William FITZGERALD, Rosaria CONOMO, Mattia GULI, Frank DOLAN, Irene GALLAGHER, Christian JESSEN, Joseph CROWDEY JNR, Giuseppe REITANO, Martin RIERA, Giovanni DEL COBBO, Fr William HANLEY, Fr Joseph GUIB MSC, Eileen LAMBART, Damasca DONIZZI, Guligima DOTTI, Anna MARIANI, Giuseppe LAGANA, Lena PENNISI, Henry SULLIVAN, William O'FARRELL, Carmelo PAPPALARDO, Sid GALIPO, Phyllis STEWART, Niel COLIMBI, Rosina GULLOTTA, Carlo SCUDERI, Giuseppe MIZZI, Francesca CATALANO, Tina BANNO, Tom BYRNE, Venera DI SALVO, Fr Fredrico XUEREB OSA,

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 14th	8.00am Innisfail	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
TUESDAY 15th	8.00am Innisfail	Our Lady of Sorrows
WEDNESDAY 16th	8.00am Innisfail	Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
THURSDAY 17th	NO MORNING MASS	
FRIDAY 18th	9.00am Villanova	
SATURDAY 19th	10.45am Warrina	
SATURDAY 20th	11.00am Italian Mass - Innisfail	

RECONCILIATION: (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 19/20 SEPTEMBER				
Week 3 19/20 SEPTEMBER	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	P. Cassar	////////////////	M. Stephensen	J. O'Brien
READERS	Madeline Bignall L. Catalano	////////////////	I. Massa L. Massa	F. Cazzulino A. Sheerans
CIBORIUM	J. Sultana	////////////////	////////////////	A. Sheerans
CHALICES	L. Lanzafame D. Withnall A. Harding J. Sue Yek	////////////////	N. Smith J. Smith	M. Sorbello A. George S. Mathew
HOSPITALITY	B. Barnett	////////////////	J. Piccolo	M. Nolan
MUSIC	Natasha	////////////////	////////////////	Marianne & Frances

"The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian Community; they are the heart of our Church."

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