



# Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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## Parish Bulletin Sunday 29 November 2015

### 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](http://www.gcc.qld.edu.au)  
 James Roberts (Principal)

**Good Counsel Primary**  
**96 Rankin St, Innisfail**

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

**St Rita's Primary**  
**8 Green St, South Johnstone**

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 Vicki Conomo (Principal)

Advent confronts us and wakes us from our stupor. What is the work of Advent for each of us this year? We are invited to quietly prepare our hearts and our lives for the coming of the ever-greater one in the flesh. For what



or for whom are we waiting in life? What virtues or gifts are we praying to receive this year? What material things do we seek? The people, qualities, things we await give us great insights into who we are. Advent, far from being a penitential time or a time of despair, is a time of rejoicing in hope and a time of patient waiting. God knows how impatient we are as a people and as individuals. Nevertheless, patience is a blessed virtue for which we should pray

during Advent.

As Christians, we proclaim the coming of Christ – not just a first coming but another as well that will be far more glorious than the first. The first took place under the sign of patient suffering; the second, on the contrary, will see Christ wearing the crown of God's kingdom. Advent teaches us that there are two ways of looking at history: one is sociological and the other is religious. The first, *chronos*, is essentially unredeemed and cyclic. The second, *xairos*, is redeemed by God in Christ Jesus and becomes the possibility of providence and sacrament.

*From a reflection on the Gospel by Fr. Thomas Rosica*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

*Praise the Lord! sun and moon, glittering stars,  
 sing praise, sing praise highest heavens, rain  
 clouds, Sing praise, sing praise. (from Psalm 148)*

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday 1 December ~ 4pm - 5pm** in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

## ***The Pastor's Pen***

"For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part" the vows exchanged on the day of the wedding, they speak about commitment, hope and dreams for the future: all is very well until the negatives become an issue, especially the reality of a death. With a death there is no longer a spouse, no dual names, no marriage partner to converse with, no presence or that love one being around, no sounding board ----the family home is a museum of memories.

One bereaved person shared with me recently, ways for coping:

# apportion out the chores: do one at a time and spread them over the week,

# become a member of the local Library if only for the fact of reading the daily paper with other people around,

# respond to invitations and eat out regularly,

# plays group sport,

# night-time is the worst.

The Church has an important role to support all her married couples, in their early years, the middle and in later years especially at the time of bereavement.

## ***Parish Office***

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 30 November 12 noon - 5pm,  
Tuesday 1 December, Wednesday 2 December,  
Thursday 3 December, Friday 4 December  
10am - 3pm

## ***Fr Nathan***

This weekend Fr Nathan will be visiting the parish of Silkwood/El Arish and will preside at the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

## ***Ignatian Prayer Group***

The next Ignatian Prayer Group meeting is on **Tuesday afternoon 1st December at 5.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome.

## ***Morning Tea***

After the 9.00am Mass this Sunday there will be a cup of tea in the Parish Centre. This will be an opportunity for Parishioners to meet Mr James Roberts the new Principal of Good Counsel College and his family, Nicole, Lochlan, Harry and Drew. All welcome to attend.

Please bring a plate to share!

## ***Enquiry Night Catholic Faith***

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or you wish to know more about the Catholic Faith please contact the Parish Office, 92 Rankin Street, Innisfail or Phone 4061 6633.

## ***Acknowledgment of Country, Cultures and Faith***

We acknowledge the richness of our Diocese and Parish: a wonderful part of God's creation; its traditional Aboriginal custodians; the people of our rural, urban and industrial environments; the coastal, tableland and western plains settings; the developing suburbs and established townships.

Together, through our faith which has been formed in many ways, we proclaim and celebrate our unity in Christ, and the gift that our church has been to our story.

## ***Advent***

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is providing a free service: access to online daily ADVENT reflection program, 'The Face of Mercy'.

The Program is written around the interrelationship between Mercy and the season of Advent. The Jubilee Year of Mercy commences on December 8, 2015.

You may sign up to the program by going to the website <http://www.thefaceofmercy.org.au>

Once Advent commences you will be emailed each day. You will receive: 1. An extract from the Mass readings for the day 2. A short reflection on that extract relevant to Advent and the Year of Mercy 3. A quotation from Pope Francis concerning mercy 4. A concluding prayer.

## ***29th November, 1980***

***Death of Dorothy Day, Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement (Social Justice Diary)***

## Christmas Street Party

Carols are on Wednesday December 16th  
6.45pm to 7.45pm

Practice dates for the Christmas Street Party Choir:

**Musicians only:** Monday 7th December - 7 pm

**Full practice with choir:** Monday 14th December - 7 pm

Practices will be held at the Christian Outreach Centre.

## Siloam Advent Retreat Day

**Saturday December 12, 'Waiting in Hope'**  
**10.00am to 3.00pm.**

206 Rockley Road, Atherton. BYO lunch.  
Suggested donation \$25.

Registration essential. Phone 4091 2339 or email  
[christine@siloamcentre.com](mailto:christine@siloamcentre.com)

## Anglican Parish of Innisfail/Tully

Invites you to an ecumenical afternoon tea and fellowship.

**The Parish House, Rankin Street**  
2.00pm on 12 December 2015  
Reservations are essential

Christine ~ 0401 816 502, or Olive ~ 4061 4557

## Columban Calendars

### & Christmas Cards



Calendars: \$9.00ea.

and

Christmas Cards:  
pkt of 8 ~ \$3.00



now available for sale in all 3 churches.

**1st December - World Aids Day**

**2nd December - International Day for  
Abolition of Slavery**

**3rd December - International Day of  
Persons with Disabilities**

**3rd December 1874 - Battle of the Eureka  
Stockade**

<b>Church &amp; Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 29 November</b>  Paul Keenan	<b>Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan</b>  Mary Rose Lissa	<b>Altar Linen Roster 30 November</b>  Gail Hogan
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## Catholic Leader

### In this issue:

- ◆ Pray for peace and weep for a world at war, Pope Francis says.
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Society is helping to restore hope this Christmas.

## Name Badges



## Vatican News

### Pope: Eucharist nourishes hunger for love and mercy

The Eucharist is not just a reward for the good, but also strength for the weak and nourishment for those who hunger for love, forgiveness and mercy, Pope Francis said.

"This hunger can be satiated only by the bread that comes from above," the Pope said in a message to participants of the National Eucharistic Congress in Mumbai, India, from November 12-15. "Jesus himself is the loving bread that gives life to the world."

The Pope said the congress' theme, "Nourished by the Eucharist to Nourish Others", was "very relevant" and served as a reminder that people suffered from a spiritual hunger that can be satisfied only by 'the bread that comes from above'.

The sacrament of the Eucharist, he stressed, also 'leads us to solidarity' with those in need; those who partake of Christ's body and blood cannot remain idle when seeing others suffering want and hunger.

"Those nourished by the Eucharist are called to bring the joy of the Gospel to those who have not received it," the Pope said.

"Strengthened by the living bread we are called to bring hope to those who live in darkness and in despair." **CNS**

## Hospitality

### St Rita's — South Johnstone

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cupppaaa ...  
following Mass next Sunday morning. Please bring a  
plate to share.

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



### Next Sunday's Texts:

Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday	10.00am	Italian Rosary Group - Parish Centre
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**PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes \$2731.31 Loose \$558.10**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Innisfail 6.30pm: Lord, to you I lift my soul, I lift my soul to you, O Lord.**

**Innisfail 9.00am: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

**South Johnstone: Let us go, let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation Verse: Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation.**

*Recently Deceased*

**Peter GABRIEL** (Babinda)

*Anniversaries*

Louis LISSA, Mary COMBE, Edward MESTREZ, Norah LONG, Eileen BYRNE, Gordon ROBINSON, Darcy LAWTON, Mary NASH, Augusta DA ROSS, Francesco CATALDO, Fr Ferdinand HARTZER MSC, Flo KELLY, Bert WALTERS, Louis ZAHRA, Grazia DI MAURO, Elizabeth HAYLES, Bill JOHNS, Stella DELAFORCE, Jessica ROSENDAHL, Richard KING, Elio GUGLIELMI, Dante CELLEDONI, Adele ARICI, Charles NELSON, Ethel WILLMETT, Rosario STRAGUZZI, Valdo PUCCINI, Mary Rose LANE, Stefano PANE, Mary BONAVENTURA, Jacqueline SCHWEDE, Maria ROMEO, Maria BARBAGALLO, Louie MASNADA, Boyd FISHER, Fr Patrick CROTTY OSA, Albert BARKE, Raymon ADCOCK, Peter COMBE, Robert HAYLES, Sr. Columba LYONS, Peter MARUFF, Margaret ROBERTSON, Gerard MALTETE, Rosario BORZI, Mario ALBERICH, Ray ZAFFONATO, Fr Gregory ABBOTT MSC

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>MONDAY 30th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	<b>St Andrew</b>
	<b>6.00pm G C Primary Yr. 6 Graduation Mass - Church</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 1st</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY 2nd</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 3rd</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>
<b>FRIDAY 4th</b>	<b>9.00am Villanova</b>	
	<b>9.00am G C Primary, End of School Year Mass - Church</b>	
	<b>10.30am St Rita's, Sth. Johnstone Graduation Mass - Church</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 5th</b>	<b>10.00am Anointing Mass - Parish Centre, Innisfail</b>	
	<b>10.45am Warrina</b>	


**RECONCILIATION: (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am**

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES &amp; ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 5/6 DECEMBER</b>				
<b>Week 1 5/6 DECEMBER</b>	<b>6.30pm Sat Innisfail</b>	<b>7.00am Sun Mourilyan</b>	<b>7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone</b>	<b>9.00am Sun Innisfail</b>
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	S. Todd	////////////////	L. Massa	B. Bortolanza
<b>READERS</b>	M. Todd M. Treston	////////////////	N. Smith P. Arnold	Madeleine Bignall Chelsea Zaini
<b>CIBORIUM</b>	M. McCormick-Brown	////////////////	////////////////	P. Renneberg
<b>CHALICES</b>	J. Said L. Lanzafame L. Catalano C. Catalano	////////////////	B. Davies J. Brincat	S. Lynch M. Hogan J. Terry S. Terry
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	B. Barnett	////////////////	E. Sumich	M. Nolan
<b>MUSIC</b>	Silkwood Duo	////////////////	////////////////	Youth Group

***Australian Catholics ~ In this issue***

***The icing on the Christmas cake? Helping the poor***

The kitchen in the Madeleine Centre at Genazzano FCJ College in Melbourne is all a-bustle. Students are cracking eggs, sifting flour, creaming butter and sugar, marinating fruit and pouring batter in tins, as cakes are rising in the oven while some cool on racks. It's the annual Friends of Romania and the Philippines: Great Cake Bake.



*Clare Deignan | 04 Nov 2015*

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