

Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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BLIND MAN PENETRATES WITH THE EYES OF THE HEART

For the Pharisees, the blind man must be a sinner, or his parents. Jesus by healing him on the Sabbath day, breaks the Law, therefore Jesus is a sinner. They see only the letter of the Law, not its true spirit.

The man is not blind because of sin, but to show forth the glory of God. Physically blind, he comes to profess his belief in Jesus as the Christ. 'Lord I believe'. He came to the true sight of faith in the Lord of life. 'As long as

the day lasts, I must carry out the will of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world'. The call to all of us is to share in his work, by being the light of the world in our time. We have one life span and are asked to make the best of it.'

http://torch.op.org/preaching_sermon_item.php?sermon=5615&ref=lit

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 1 April from 4pm - 5pm

in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Today we celebrate

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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LITURGICAL NOTES

"A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 42). We can take for granted the many postures and gestures we share during the celebration of Mass. We join often in word and song throughout the celebration—our unity of voice should give expression to our unity of hearts. Then we sign ourselves with the cross, we stand attentive to the mystery we celebrate, we sit and sometimes we kneel. Our unity in posture should express our unity of heart to be one with the assembly and so we sustain one another. "O God, who enlightens everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity." (Source: The Summit)

Weekend Mass Times

5/6 April 2014

Innisfail

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm Sunday 9.00am

South Johnstone

Sunday

7.00am

The Pastor's Pen

Last Tuesday was the Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord. The feast recalls the time when the Archangel Gabriel visited Mary and invited her to become pregnant and conceive The Lord by the Holy Spirit. Mary's "yes" commenced the human life of Jesus, known to us as the Incarnation, God becoming Man.

The Incarnation is essential to our journey of Salvation, Jesus' conception, his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The Spiritual Life for each of us takes in that journey, Jesus wishes to accompany us all the way, to the tops of mountains, to the darkness of the trenches, it is important to be aware that it is a Journey and in faithfulness will lead us to a destination.

In the meantime we are en-route, travelling, continuing to arrive at The Destination which is the goal, fulfilment, completion and fullness------Heaven.

Fr Kerry

Easter Choir Practice − Choir practice for Easter will be held on **Wednesday evening 2 April** at 7.30pm in the Church. Anyone interested in joining the choir is most welcome to attend!

Reconciliation – Lent – Second Rite with visiting priests, Monday 7 April at 7.00pm, Mother of Good Counsel Innisfail.

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)
 | Wednesday 9 April, St Monica's Cathedral,
 | Cairns commencing at 7pm.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend!

Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY ~ 17 April Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm

Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

GOOD FRIDAY ~ 18 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 ~ 19 April

Reconciliation - 11.30am Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

Easter Vigil Ceremony - 8.00pmMother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail

EASTER SUNDAY ~ 20 March

7.00am (St Rita's Church - South Johnstone)
9.00am (Mother of Good Counsel Church - Innisfail)



Fourth Sunday of Lent



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to build a just world by enabling vulnerable communities to be architects of their own future.

This week we meet Martina, a teacher in the Solomon Islands. She teaches children songs from Caritas Australia's *Disaster Risk Management project* which was established because natural disasters in threatened the homes and communities of people there. Through the power of nursery rhymes and songs, children are learning how to stay safe during an emergency.

Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your donation means we can help communities around the world to prepare for the unexpected.

Our parish contribution last week was \$763.90

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are: Monday 31 March - Friday 4 April 10am - 3pm

Weekday Mass Intentions

As a result of the recent break-in, the diary containing the list of Mass Intentions was taken. If anyone has booked a weekday Mass Intention in advance please contact the Parish Office.

Hospitality
St Rita's — South Johnstone

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

Come share, laugh and eat with your Church Community.
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75th MARIST ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

A Wine and Cheese meeting will be held this Sunday evening 30th March 2014 from 5pm - 6.30pm. Anyone interested, is welcome to join us in the Good Counsel College Lunchroom, to discuss plans for the 75th Marist Anniversary Dinner, which will be held on Saturday 31st May 2014. Any queries may be directed to Debra Withnall at Good Counsel College, Innisfail.

DATE CLAIMER

75th MARIST ANNIVERSARY DINNER, MASS AND OPENING OF THE LA VALLA CENTRE. GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE 31ST MAY 2014 FROM 4PM.

> **DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE** from Good Counsel College Accounts Office.

Catholic Leader—In this issue:

- New Vocations initiative to help engage young Catholics.
- Find out some of the best places in Australia to make a retreat.

Emmaus Youth Group News

When: Thursday Nights 7pm - 9pm Youth Group next Thursday evening 3 April

Where: Parish Centre, next door to the church

Youth group is open to 16-25 years. We come with open minds and hearts, a passion for social justice, truth, and the need for awareness amongst young people!

Come and enjoy this fun enjoyable experience!

Contact: Charles 0407 743 478 youth@gcc.qld.edu.au

Children's Liturgy

Next Saturday evening, 5 April at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Children of primary school age will: be invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and then taken into the Parish Centre to hear the readings of the week at their level and to complete an activity. We hope to see you? there!

> Any queries, please contact Lisa deBuck on 40633524

Words of Wisdom

'God has not called me to be successful. He called me to be faithful.' Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

This Sunday's Texts:

1 Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Next Sunday's Texts:

Ezek 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes \$2613.68 Loose \$449.95

Church Closing Roster Week commencing 30 March John O'Brien

Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan

Lorna Croatto

Altar Linen Roster 31 March

Vicky Zahra

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH						
Tuesday	10.00am 4.00pm 7.30pm	Italian Prayer Group - Parish Centre Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Prayer Room G C Primary P & F - Theatrette				
Wednesday Thursday	1.30pm 10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration, Christ the King Church, Mourilyan Rosary and Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre				

Responsorial Psalm

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Recently Deceased

Emma MOLINARI Cheryl AYLETT (Atherton), Laidley MORT, Bishop Michael PUTNEY (Townsville)

Anniversaries

Margaret O'BRIEN, John COSTIGAN, William MADDEN, Emilia PENSINI, Saviour FENECH, Renato SCAMNELLO, Fr Denis GUINAN OSA, Spiro CINI, Grace BRAVO, Michael ZAMMIT, Mary COTTER, Caterina BONANNO, Vince TOMASETTI, Paula BRISCHETTO, Denis WALLACE, Charlie HENDRICK, Ottorino SORDELLI, Petrinella BARBAGALLO, Ray BARRY, Warren LARKIN, Fr Patrick MADDOCK OSA, Lawrence HUGHES, Valentine KELLY, Utilio AGLI, Alfio GANGEMI, Enrico CROATTO, Dolores GOGGI, Teresa GENOCCHIO, Guiseppi BRINCAT, Guido CROSATO, Grace HATTENSEN, Fr Casimiro DIAZ OSA, Maria ZAMARIAN, Lorenzo ALVERO, John COSTELLO, Vince MOYLAN, Fr Patrick HICKEY OSA, Fr William O'BYRNE OSA, Jeff ZAHMEL, Albert SPICCIA, Angela LO MONACO, Terrence KELLY, Fortunata LUCERO, William SING, Giuseppe CINCINNATO, Joan LOTH

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 31st 8.00am Innisfail

TUESDAY 1st 8.00am Innisfail

WEDNESDAY 2nd 8.00am Innisfail

THURSDAY 3rd NO MORNING MASS

FRIDAY 4th 9.00am Villanova

SATURDAY 5th 10.45am Warrina

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

RECONCILIATION: (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 5/6 APRIL							
Week 1 5/6 APRIL	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail			
COMMENTATOR	S. Todd	///////////////////////////////////////	M. Stephensen	B. Bortolanza			
READERS	M. Todd M. Treston	///////////////////////////////////////	I. Massa L. Massa	Sinead Cristaudo Jack Cristaudo			
CIBORIUM	A. Amatt	///////////////////////////////////////	///////////////////////////////////////	P. Renneberg			
CHALICES	J. Said L. Lanzafame L. Catalano C. Catalano	///////////////////////////////////////	B. Davies J. Brincat	S. Lynch M. Hogan J. Terry S. Terry			
HOSPITALITY	OSPITALITY B. Barnett		P. Mellick	M. Nolan S. Hoad			
MUSIC	Silkwood Duo		///////////////////////////////////////	Youth Group			

The Adult Catholic

Lent and Easter

As the faith of a baptized Catholic matures it is likely that he or she would come to regard participation in the celebration of the Easter Triduum as an absolutely essential part of his or her life of worship even deferring or modifying travel plans to enable attendance. This segment will' over the next couple of weeks, have a closer look at the Triduum which begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil.