



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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SELFLESSNESS RELEASES 'NEW FORCE' INTO THE WORLD



If hatred is contagious, so too is good will. Jesus forgave his enemies; Stephen, the first martyr, followed his example; the attitudes of the early Christian martyrs embarrassed and challenged the imperial authorities. The selfless response of the followers of Jesus has released a new force in the world's history. It was the teaching of Jesus that inspired Ghandi's program of non-violent resistance, and the heroic leadership of Martin Luther King...the last section of today's gospel shows the charter of Jesus is a call to learn and identify with the generous and merciful ways of God, the Father in Heaven, who cares for 'bad men as well as good'.

Extract from a sermon by Fr John Thornill
(<http://www.theemmauseries.com/a07sunday.html>)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 25 February
from 4pm - 5pm

in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Today we celebrate

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I BELIEVE"

This small booklet is available for purchase at the doors of the Church for \$3.00. Place the money in any of the St. Vincent de Paul boxes. It was written by the same person who wrote "30 Days of Grace". The format is a series of thirty reflections each comprising a short passage of scripture, a reflection, a thought for the day extracted either from a homily of Pope Francis or the writings of St. Francis of Assisi and a concluding prayer. It can be used as a mini personal retreat to cover any thirty day period. It would also be useful as a personal prayer resource for Lent and parishioners who are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council may find it a helpful introduction to regular daily personal prayer if that activity is not currently part of their lives.

Weekend Mass Times

1/2 March 2014

Innisfail

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am

South Johnstone

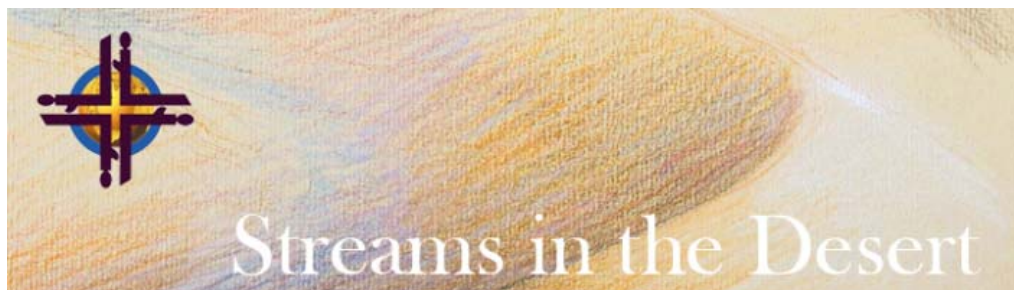
Sunday 7.00am

Fr Kumaradhas Manuwel & Fr Peter Hayes

This weekend we welcome Fr Kumaradhas who will preside at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and 7am Sunday in Mourilyan. Fr Peter Hayes will preside at the 9am Mass in Innisfail.

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:
Monday 24 February - Friday 28 February 10am - 3pm



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 2014 MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH INNISFAIL

This year our Parish is hosting the Day of Prayer on Friday March 7th at 9.30am.

An invitation is extended to parishioners to be involved in the Liturgy and the Hospitality afterwards in the Parish Centre. All women of the parish are asked to please bring a plate to share.

For more information please contact
Teresa Stewart 0438 194 109.

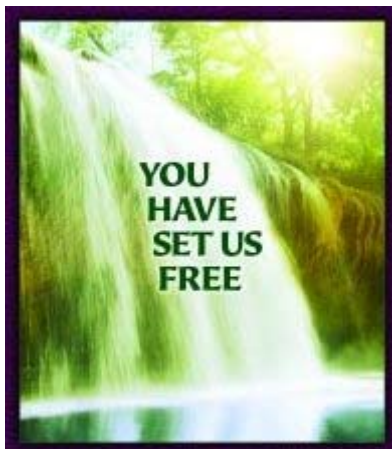
Expressions of Interest

Lenten Groups 2014
"You Have Set Us Free"

The Gospels for Lent in 2014 engage our minds and our hearts with vivid stories: the Samaritan woman at the well; the man Jesus cures of blindness and the Pharisees who refuse to 'see'; Martha by the tomb of Lazarus.

"For each of us Lent reminds us that through Jesus' life, death and resurrection we have been set free from the chains of death - in all its forms. At our own baptism we were claimed by Christ as beloved daughters and sons of God. Baptism is the first sacrament and sets us free to be on mission spreading God's reign of peace, reconciliation, joy, care, compassion and justice throughout our world."

If anyone is interested in leading or being a part of a Lenten Group please register your name and contact phone number with the Parish Office 40616633 as soon as possible.



St Vincent De Paul

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Responsibilities of Members

In a spirit of prayerfulness each member of the Parish Pastoral Council will:

- ◆ Embrace opportunities for personal faith development and for gaining skills to assist with effective participation in the Parish Pastoral Council's operations.
- ◆ Represent the Parish Pastoral Council when required.
- ◆ Be an active, practising catholic.
- ◆ Ensure that Parish Pastoral Council meeting documents are studied before the actual meeting.

Parishioners are now invited to nominate themselves or another parishioner for membership of the Council.

Formation sessions will be provided for those nominated.

Information Booklets and Nomination Forms are available from the Parish Centre and will be available at all Masses.

Election of 7 members to the Council will take place in March.

Australian Catholics Magazine

The Summer 2014 edition of Australian Catholics is now available.

FROM ROME



'When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelisation, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfilment...

Consequently, an evangeliser must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!

Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* ('The Joy of the Gospel'), offers advice to Christians on proclaiming the message of Christ



NET Team 2014

A warm welcome is extended to the NET Team members who will be in our Parish and School's for the remainder of this year working in Youth Ministry.

The Team members this year are **David George (Sydney)**, **Michelle Pyke (Toowoomba)**, **Joseph Sherry (Brisbane)**, **Jolene Gervais (Manitoba, Canada)** and **Khaylin Spice (Sydney)**.

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!



Light hearted humour

A preacher said to a farmer, "Do you belong to the Christian family?" "No." said he, "they live two farms down."

"No, I mean are you lost?" "No, I've been here thirty years."

"I mean are you ready for Judgement Day?"

"When is it?" "It could be today or tomorrow."

"Well, when you find out for sure when it is, you let me know. My wife will probably want to go both days!"

Become a State School Religious Education Teacher or Helper in 2014

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ..."

Matthew 13:31-32.



State School Religious Education is a valuable ministry. As the school year has now commenced we are now asking for volunteers to assist with this ministry. Please ask yourself if this is a ministry you could be part of. Resource material is provided and assistance is available if required.

Please consider giving 1 hour each week to teach Religious Education in the State Schools. No teaching skills are required. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office on 4061 6633.

Catholic Leader—In this issue:

- Words of Pope Francis provide inspiration in Lenten program.
- Young Brisbane woman passionately works for the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer for Christian unity.
- Pope shares with engaged couples his thoughts on marriage.

	Australia remains a prosperous nation, despite many marginalised and disadvantages people in our midst. Our economy does undergo rises and falls, but it remains strong ...	
	Yet around 20 per cent of the world's poor live in countries near us - in East and South-East Asia and the Pacific.	
	In our region, Australia is the rich man and Lazarus is at our gate.	
	(Lazarus at Our Gate, Social Justice Statement 2013-14, p. 3)	

Quote

Life is precious. Not because it is unchangeable, like a diamond, but because it is vulnerable, like a little bird. To love life means to love its vulnerability, asking for care, attention, guidance, and support."
Fr Henri Nouwen

PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes \$4736.33
Loose \$390.15

This Sunday's Texts:

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48

Next Sunday's Texts:

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48

Church Closing Roster
Week commencing
23 February
John Guli

Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan
Sharon Worth

Altar Linen Roster
24 February
Mary Mizzi

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday	4.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Prayer Room
Wednesday	1.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group - Eda Celledoni's Home, Mourilyan
	7.30pm	Knights of the Southern Cross
Thursday	10.00am	Rosary and Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Responsorial Psalm

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Anniversaries

Kathleen FAHEY, Joseph CALLAGHAN, John JOSE, Tony AZZOPARDI, Pat & Ronnie GALLAGHER, Lourdes ABASCAL, Emma BROCCARDO, Joey VALLAVELES, 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 Sean ANDERSON, John BRINCAT, Mario SPINA, Alfia RISO, Vincent MUSCAT, Benjamin GARATE, Bruno SARO, Lorna BOOTHBY, Saverio DIMECH, Hugh FITZGERALD, Joseph STEINE, Roldan-LL ABASCAL, Kevin MORAN, Mario SARDI, Dr Elmer PASIMIO, Fr Edmund HOGAN OSA, Sr Agatina CURMI, Giovanni SANTAROSSA, Emma SULTANA, Angelo CATALDO

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 24th	8.00am Innisfail
TUESDAY 25th	8.00am Innisfail
WEDNESDAY 26th	8.00am Innisfail
THURSDAY 27th	NO MORNING MASS
FRIDAY 28th	9.00am Villanova - Lay led Liturgy with Communion
SATURDAY 1st	10.45am Warrina - Lay led Liturgy with Communion

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 1/2 MARCH

Week 1 1/2 MARCH	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	S. Todd	////////////////////	J. Micallef	B. Bortolanza
READERS	M. Todd M. Treston	////////////////////	I. Massa L. Massa	Simon Cristaudo Leigha Clark
CIBORIUM	M. McCormick-Brown	////////////////////	////////////////////	P. Renneberg
CHALICES	J. Said L. Lanzafame L. Catalano C. Catalano	////////////////////	N. Smith J. Smith	S. Lynch M. Hogan J. Terry S. Terry
HOSPITALITY	B. Barnett	////////////////////	E. Sumich	M. Nolan S. Hoad
MUSIC	Silkwood Duo	////////////////////	////////////////////	Youth Group

The Adult Catholic

"It follows from our gathering each Sunday as part of the Eucharistic Assembly the dies Domini (the day of the Lord) is also the dies Ecclesiae (the day of the Church). As I have noted elsewhere, among the many activities of a parish, none is as vital or community forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist. It is the setting of the celebration of the Sacrament of unity (Sacramentum unitatis) which profoundly marks the Church as people gathered "by" and "in" the unity of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Adapted from Dies Domini by John Paul II