



## Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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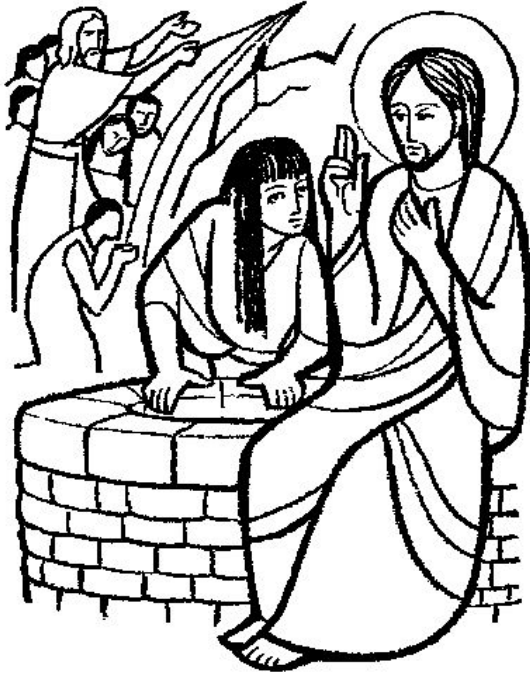
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#### 'SHARP EDGE' TO ENCOUNTER AT THE WELL

The woman's reaction to her enlightenment was a reminder to those who had found faith in Christ that they too were called to be missionaries. And this reminder has a sharp edge. It is not easy for us, today, to appreciate the bitterness of the estrangement between Jews and Samaritans – though the shocking conflicts of recent times may help us to understand the violent attitudes that divided these two groups. Of the Synoptic Gospels, Luke alone – the Gentile convert - shows any sympathy for the Samaritans. A missionary outreach to these people, therefore, must have seemed almost unthinkable to early Christians, most of who were from a Jewish background. The attitude of Jesus, and the success he had in this chance meeting with Samaritans, was an encouragement for them to take up the Church's mission, even though the difficulties seemed insurmountable.

<http://theemmausseries.com/alent03.html>

#### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Tuesday 25 March**

**from 4pm - 5pm**

**in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre**

**Today we celebrate**

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

**YEAR A**

#### **LITURGICAL NOTES**

*"Baptism is the sacrament by which its recipients are incorporated into the Church and are built up together in the Spirit into a house where God lives, into a holy nation and a royal priesthood. Baptism is the sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been signed by it" (Christian Initiation. General Introduction 4). Once we have been baptised, we are drawn into a unity that transcends all boundaries of age, race or culture. We are called then to allow that unity to shine in our relations with all people. This unity must be expressed when we gather for Sunday Mass as we again share in our Communion with Christ and with one another. We must take that blessing of unity into our lives. "As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what if being bought about in us in mystery may come to true completion."*

*(Source: The Summit)*

#### **Weekend Mass Times**

**29/30 March 2014**

##### **Innisfail**

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am

##### **South Johnstone**

Sunday 7.00am

## The Pastor's Pen

It is interesting returning from holidays relaxed and refreshed and as the week unfolds, to learn that there would be in the life of the parish, Five Funerals and in addition, I assisted with another with parish connections at Edmonton.

For family and friends such occasions are key moments, they are pivotal times of faith, an opportunity to celebrate the gift of life and a freeing time for the deceased to commence life in its fullness in Heaven, while for families to grow in acceptance, to love and to let go.

One might well ask the question at such times "Where is God in all of this?" often a pat answer of pious sayings has no substance, but for people of faith God is present, God helps us to recognise goodness in memories, incidents, good times and words to name but a few, in reality God is in all, even in the moments of sorrow.

Lent 2014 is timely for us; desert time to be with Jesus, to ponder his journey, his words and his actions, yes they led to His death and Resurrection, which makes Resurrection available for us.

Fr Kerry

|| **Easter Choir Practice** – Choir practice for Easter will be held on **Wednesday evening 26 March at 7.30pm** in the Church.

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|| **Project Compassion**

|| Lenten Share Packs (Envelopes) have been distributed and are available at the Church entrance.

|| A **second collection** be taken up at all Masses for the Lenten Season.

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|| **Lenten Discussion Group "You Have Set Us Free"**

|| **Meets each Thursday during Lent at 4pm**

|| **in the Parish Centre**

|| If anyone is interested in joining a Lenten discussion and prayer group please phone Parish Centre on 40616633 or Vince Vandeleur 40611119 .

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

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|| **Wanted!!** – **CLEAN, Small Glass bottles** (eg baby food, spice/mustard jars), suitable for Easter water may be left at the Parish Office.

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|| **Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass)**

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

|| **Parishioners are encouraged to attend!**



## Third Sunday of Lent



**Your donation to Project Compassion means vulnerable people can live in safe, supportive communities and have hope for the future.**

For most of Archie's life, he lived with his family beside the Plaridel River in the Philippines, an area prone to flooding and typhoons. An emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped the family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood prone river.

**Please donate to Project Compassion and help vulnerable families living in unsafe environments to resettle into secure housing, where they can start to have hope for the future.**

Our parish contribution last week was \$763.85

**Parish Office**

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



**Baptisms**

This weekend we welcome into our faith community *Kody D'Urso, Finlay Russo and Jaggah Caltabiano.*



**St Vincent De Paul**

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



**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.

**COORDINATORS NEEDED!**

**Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross & The Lord's Passion**

**Easter Vigil**

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



*"This picture has been developed through a long, prayerful and creative process. It captures something of John 4:4-14, the Trinity, and Revelation 22:17." Mark Wiggin*

**Catholic Leader—In this issue:**

- Catholics in country Queensland pray for desperately needed rain.
- Brisbane justice and peace commission leader lobbies for the release of a priest and human rights activist arrested in Sri Lanka.

**Emmaus Youth Group News**

**When:** Thursday Nights 7pm - 9pm  
**Youth Group next Thursday evening  
27 March**

**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](mailto:youth@gcc.qld.edu.au)

**Light hearted humour**

**The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."**

**Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."**

**Quote**

*"A home represents the most precious human wealth, that of encounter, that of the relationships between persons... who live together and who, together, help one another to grow..."  
Pope Francis*

**This Sunday's Texts:**

Ex 17:3-7  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
Jn 4:5-42

**Next Sunday's Texts:**

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

**PLANNED GIVING**

Envelopes \$2388.43  
Loose \$344.80

**Church Closing Roster  
Week commencing  
23 March**

John Krestyn

**Church Cleaning  
Roster - Mourilyan**

Mary Rose Lissa

**Altar Linen Roster  
24 March**

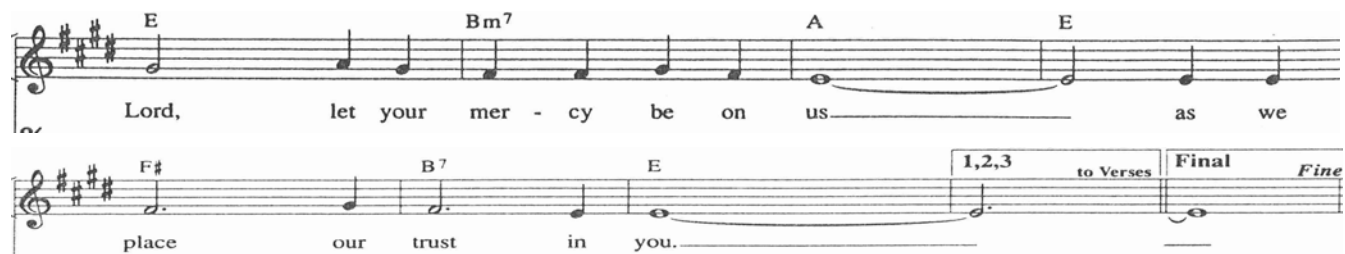
Loy Cazzulino

**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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## Recently Deceased

**Dylan GHIDELLA, Barry MERRITT** (Mareeba - brother of Lorna Jones), **Emma MOLINARI**  
**Noreen STEPHENS** (Babinda)

## Anniversaries

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 Vincent O'BRIEN, Rosina MAMMINO, Desmond GUNTON, Fr Thomas HUNT OSA, Fr Bernard BALDWIN MSC, Assunto CARDENTI, Thomas KNOWLES, Luke CATANIA, Tina de GIORGIO, Bro. Ambrose BRADLEY, Leonardo SORBELLO, William CONNOLLY, Alf CALTABIANO, Sheila BIRCHLEY, Mary BUTCHER, Richard GILL, Alice JACKSON, Maurice ZAHRA, Miles NELSON, Fr James COMMERFORD

## WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>MONDAY 24th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 25th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 26th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 27th</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 28th</b>	<b>9.00am Villanova</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 29th</b>	<b>10.45am Warrina</b>	

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 29/30 MARCH				
Week 5 29/30 MARCH	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>		////////////////////	I. Massa	V. Vandeleur
<b>READERS</b>	Julianna Trueman I. Barry	////////////////////	N. Smith P. Arnold	J. Krestyn
<b>CIBORIUM</b>	J. Sultana	////////////////////	////////////////////	M. Gangi
<b>CHALICES</b>	J. Said P. Erbacher M. Camilleri A. Campagnolo	////////////////////	M. Stephensen R. Alvero	M. Sorbello
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	B. Barnett	////////////////////	D. Dalla Vecchia	M. Nolan
<b>MUSIC</b>	Marianne, Christine & Nola	////////////////////	////////////////////	Sugars Family

### The Adult Catholic

### Lent and Prayer

In the Lenten readings Jesus invites us to share in two profound and intimate prayer experiences. He first invites us to join him on Mt. Tabor to share the glory of his face shining like the sun and being affirmed by the Father as the beloved Son. Later he invites us to join him in the Garden of Gethsemane where after great travail he accepts the chalice of suffering. We are all most likely to experience both Mt. Tabor and Gethsemane. Are we yet able to say "Father I give myself into your hands, do with me what you will, whatever you may do I thank you"?