

## Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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## Parish Bulletin Sunday 23 November 2014

#### **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 Paul Keenan (Principal)

## Good Counsel Primary 96 Rankin St, Innisfail

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

St Rita's Primary 8 Green St, South Johnstone

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Vicki Conomo (Principal)



# It is our choice whether we are in or out of the Kingdom

[Jesus'] criteria for separating people are based on what they did during the course of their lives.

Those who quietly got on with Kingdom living feeding those who were hungry, clothing those who were naked - visiting those who were sick or in prison - these people were taken to one side and told that, in fact, they had been doing those things to Jesus Himself. This came as news to them!

Equally, those who had not done those things were told that when they had refused to do those things, they had been neglecting to do it to Him. This came as a surprise to them too!

The fact Jesus was pointing out to them was a fundamental rule of Kingdom living. We are the Body of Christ - and so, deeply united in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. What we do - one for another - heals and builds up the Body of Christ. What we do not do - one for another - weakens and diminishes it.

Jesus is a king who does not lord it over His people but invites them into the fullness of life that is His Life. Those who already live with that sense of mutual dependence will find this natural and delightful. Others, who see themselves as entirely laws unto themselves, would find this intolerable.

The choice is ours - Christ accepts it - to be Kingdom people - or to prefer to live outside it

(Extracted from a reflection on the Gospel by Catherine McElhinney and Kathryn Turner, from the Weekly Wellsprings website)

http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/weekly wellsprings/year a/sunday 34.htm

The SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

#### Symbols and Images

To be a shepherd in the ancient world was seen as a lowly occupation. Most often the work was done by a hired hand who felt no responsibility for the sheep. But the owner of the sheep exercised both authority and care. Jesus refers to himself as the good shepherd who knows his sheep and his sheep know him. (Source:The Summit)

# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 25 November ~ 4pm - 5pm in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

### The Pastor's Pen

Have you heard the Torres Strait Pigeon's calling from high in the trees of late, with their distinctive "HUM HUM" my sense is that it is mating time and they have returned for the WET season? I have also heard a Willy Wag Tail singing late into the night and another bird, variety unidentified, calling in the early hours of the morning.

Interesting the passage of time, the change of the seasons and how nature heralds and adjusts!

The Church Fathers of the Second Vatican Council encourage us to be proactive and read the 'signs of the times'.

The end of the year heightens our awareness of change, movement and transition, one may well reflect on the time that has passed where I am at and where I am going.

In reality, we are immersed in a passage of endings and new beginnings and therein lay an invitation to embrace this period of transition prayerfully: to quieten within, be aware, make preparations and grow in acceptance, of **HIS** presence.

Fr Kerry

## Parish Office

## Graduates—Good Counsel College

Congratulations to the Year 12 students at the college who have graduated this week and will embrace their immediate futures with eagerness. As a community we keep them close to us in prayerful support for all that lies ahead.

#### St Vincent De Paul

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

## Deanery Liturgy

Next Saturday, November 29th at the Parish Centre those who attended the Liturgy In-service in Cairns with Sr. Carmel Pilcher are gathering to share ideas and plan for an In-service of the Southern Deanery in 2015. The meeting will commence at 10am and conclude with lunch at 12 noon.

If you are already involved in Liturgy or have an interest, you are most welcome.

Enquiries: Vince Vandeleur ~ Ph. 4061 1119 Lydia Massa ~ Ph. 4064 5281

### Quote

Sunday clears away the rust of the whole week.

Joseph Addison

### Christmas Mass Times

## **Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24 December**

Innisfail ~ Vigil 6.30pm;

Midnight Mass (Christmas Carols 11.30pm)

Christmas Day – Thursday 25 December

South Johnstone ~ 7am; Innisfail ~ 9.00am

Advent Reconciliation — Second Rite of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday 16 December at 7.00pm, Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail; other priests will be available to assist with this Liturgy.

#### Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Calling for all parts: Joseph, Mary, shepherds, angels, animals! Come and be part of the real meaning of Christmas. Practice for the Children's Gospel will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 3.30pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail.

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Contact - Maria on 40632210/0448 716 271, or Angie Sheerans on 0409 871 636



## **Baptisms**

This weekend we welcome *Jordyn, Kendra & Indie Long and Destiny Busuttil* into our Parish community through Baptism.

#### Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards



**Calendars** are \$9.00ea. and

#### Christmas Cards

packet of 8 for \$3.00 now available for sale in all 3 churches.



#### **Vinnies**

Ladies are urgently needed to volunteer for counter work. Please call in at the Vinnies Shop if you can assist.

#### Date Claimer

- Carols @ Christmas Street Party Wednesday 17 December
- Carols by Candlelight, East Palmerston Hall ~ Monday 22 December @ 7pm

# Advent Recollection 2014 Filipino Community

The Filipino Community in the Diocese of Cairns invites everyone to a day of Prayer and Reflection in preparation for the Season of Advent. It will be held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at Mercy Valley, Koah- Mareeba. (27 Spena Road- off Kennedy Highway, by Davies Creek Bridge)

Please bring food and drinks to share. Transportation may be arranged.

For more information please contact: Fr Tony Lumukso- 0452 068 377/ frtonyvlumukso@rocketmail.com
Mila Gapaz- 0455 209 959

This Sunday's Texts: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46 Next Sunday's Texts: Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

## Catholic Leader In this issue:

- Archbishop praises Brisbane's handling of G20, and balances cautious optimism with realism about likely outcomes.
- Priest speaks out for farmers and graziers in drought-stricken Queensland

#### **Australian Catholics**

In this issue:



At Christmas we celebrate Christ's birth and the hope that it brings. But that

hope is reborn with each new life that is brought into the world.

Ann Rennie | 26 October 2014

Summer/Christmas Issue is out now, please remember to take home a copy!



Church & Toilet
Closing Roster
Week
commencing
23 November
Peter Loth

Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan

Sharon Worth

Altar Linen Roster 24 November

Aurora Campagnolo

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes \$2821.42; Loose \$569.65

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				
Thursday	10.00am	Rosary and Prayers for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre				



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## Recently Deceased

John SGANZERLA (Babinda), Bishop Jerimah COFFEY (retired Sale Diocese)

#### Anniversaries

Ross TORNABENE, Patrick MOLLOY, Les ARNELL, Myrtle WALLACE, Alan KELLY, Leo ABASCAL, Philomena BOOTHBY, Brian BARRY, Fina MINA, Mons Maurice WALSH, Bernard DAVIS, Lorenzo CRIMELO, Paul SING, Vinnie WILSON, Fr Andrew GILMARTIN OSA, Bert FENECH, Jessie VASICEK, Filippa PAPPALARDO, Henry ERBACHER, Ann MEYER, Fr Gerald GOSS CSsR, Lazzario ZAHRA, Antonio PATANE, Grace SAMMUT, Joe RIBA, Fr Gerard TONER OSA, Antonio CULANTI, Bianca BARBERO, Lucia DALLA VECCHIA, Joy COSTIGAN, Antonino CATALDO, Fr William WALLACE OSA, Fr Anthony LEDDIN OSA, 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

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

MONDAY 24th 8.00am Innisfail St Andrew Düng Lac
TUESDAY 25th 8.00am Innisfail
WEDNESDAY 26th 8.00am Innisfail
THURSDAY 27th NO MORNING MASS
FRIDAY 28th 9.00am Villanova
SATURDAY 29th 10.45am Warrina

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 29/30 NOVEMBER						
Week 5 29/30 NOVEMBER	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail		
COMMENTATOR		///////////////////////////////////////	N. Smith	V. Vandeleur		
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HOSPITALITY		///////////////////////////////////////	M. Siliato	M. Nolan		
MUSIC	Marianne, Christine & Nola	///////////////////////////////////////	///////////////////////////////////////	Sugars Family		

#### The Mass as heaven on earth

In the fourth century, St. Athanasius speaking of the Mass wrote, "My beloved brethren, it is no temporal feast that we come to, but an eternal heavenly feast. We do not display it in shadows: we approach it in reality". Scott Hahn in a comment on this passage writes, "Heaven on earth - that's reality! That's where you stood and where you dined last Sunday! What were you thinking then?" We will conclude the treatment of this topic next week with Hahn's response to the question.