



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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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

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 Web: www.gcc.qld.edu.au
 James Roberts (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

Ph: (07) 40642153
 Web: www.stritascps.qld.edu.au
 Vicki Conomo (Principal)

St Rita's Primary
7-13 Church St, Babinda

Ph: (07) 40671467
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 Judy Billiau (Principal)

JESUS BEGAN TO SPEAK IN THE SYNAGOGUE



This week's gospel completes the event in Nazareth that began last week with Jesus' declaration of mission. The initial response of the crowd is one of astonishment and approval. However, the people have largely missed the point of Jesus' teaching. When he declared that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free, Jesus probably didn't expect his audience to just say, 'Oh, that's nice!'

The message he preached, and the message that flows throughout the Gospel of Luke, calls for a fundamental conversion of heart; a change to a life motivated by compassion for the lowly. When the people so obviously missed his point, Jesus virtually dismisses them by saying that 'no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'.

To make his point even further, Jesus then cites instances where two of the great prophets of Jewish tradition responded to the needs of pagans from Sidon and Syria rather than the needs of Israel. The two people helped are also very significant. Widows held a special place in Jewish tradition: God entrusted all widows to the care of the whole town. Whenever widows are named as being in need, it is a comment on the society as a whole neglecting its duty of care. Lepers were regarded as absolutely unclean and outcast by virtue of their condition (something that perhaps has never really changed). For Jesus to remind the people of these events is a great reprimand to them. He is, in effect, saying to them, 'if you can't accept my message I will take it to the pagans; the gentiles; and the socially unacceptable.' Is it any wonder that they tried to lynch him on the spot?

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4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 2 February ~ 4pm - 5pm
 in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

The Pastor's Pen

I read in the Atherton Bulletin recently an overview of the Parish from the perspective of a Deacon, where two Deacons serve, the writer Michael Lindsay, married and father of two, is the Principal of St Joseph's School, Atherton, he writes:

"St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) was known for saying, "never see a need without doing something about it." This saying captures much of the essence of diaconal ministry and, as evidenced by Mary, was accomplished without a single deacon in sight. I believe that our parish is already blessed with many such people engaged in diaconal service for our church; and my prayer is that we continue to discern our gifts and the needs around us with a view to responding in such a way that our parish is known by diaconal service – a parish full of "deacons".

In my short experience of our parish school I can say that it has a committed staff (some of whom also are regular members of our parish church) who, according to their individual gifts; respond to the need for providing a Christian context for education. These people work to ensure that the families who are part of our parish school have an opportunity to come to know Jesus and to experience a Christian community. In doing so, they provide diaconal service to the needs of our Church.

In another area of need, we have committed parishioners working in the St. Vincent de Paul shop. On New Year's Eve (or some other eve of a public holiday recently when I was rushing around getting provisions, I drove past St. Vincent de Paul shop in town and saw a few of our parishioners hard at work preparing instead for the needs of local families at this time of year. Immediately I recalled St. Mary's words and saw in these parishioners the spirit of diaconal service on behalf of our Church.

And there are many other similar examples of diaconal service carried out by members of our parish. The "needs of the Church" are varied and the term "poor" is broader than just material needs. Jesus' response wasn't always a dazzling life or death miracle; often, it was just to accompany someone whose need might only have been love.

Let us continue to look for ways that we as parish can continue to develop our diaconal identity."

Fr Kerry

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 1 February 11am - 4pm
Tuesday 2 February, Wednesday 3 February,
Thursday 4 February 10am - 3pm,
Friday 5 February 11am - 2pm

Fr Kerry

Fr Kerry will celebrate Mass at Silkwood, El Arish and South Johnstone this weekend.

"Laudato Si"

Twilight Session on "Laudato Si" an Encyclical Letter on Ecology and Climate by Pope Francis:

Guest Presenter Fr John Chalmers, Venue Mother of Good Counsel Parish Centre, **Monday 8th February from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.**

Bushfire Appeal Western Australia

A total of \$642.60 was collected at all Masses last weekend for the Western Australia Bushfire Appeal. **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

Ways to Be Merciful

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

- ◆ Take time in prayer to contemplate the good qualities of someone who is difficult for you. Do the same for each member of your family.
- ◆ Send a card, flowers, gift or note to someone on the six-month anniversary of his or her loved one's death. By then most people have stopped recognising their grief.
- ◆ Offer to babysit for a busy mom to go out and have a couple of hours to herself.

Ignatian Prayer Group

The Ignatian Prayer Group meeting will next meet on **Tuesday afternoon 2 February at 5.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome.



Baptism

This weekend we welcome **Nash Pierantozzi** into our Parish community through Baptism.

Expressions of Interest

Lenten Group 2016 "Being Lost ... Being Found" Reflections for Lent Year C

The season of Lent during this jubilee Year should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy.

(Pope Francis - *The Face of Mercy, Misericordiae Vultus*)

If anyone is interested in leading or being a part of a Lenten Group please register your name and contact phone number on the clipboards provided in the Church.

Sacramental Program 2016

REMINDER - Enrolments forms are now available for the Sacramental Program for 2016. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year (or an older grade) then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633 or drop in to collect your enrolment form.



The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Lisa DeBuck
Sacramental Coordinator.

Wedding Anniversary

Angelo and Lucy Lanzafame celebrated 50 years of marriage on Friday 29 January 2016. We congratulate and wish them well.



Spotlight - the movie

The film was released this week; it is the story of Child Sexual Abuse in the Boston Archdiocese. It sheds light on a terrible evil. Our hope is that it will also promote dialogue in both the Church and in families regarding the protection of children both within and outside Church.

Fr Richard Leonard SJ is the director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcast, his review of Spotlight is on the Parish Notice Board.

Fr Richard will respond to any media queries on behalf of the Bishops Conference.
Contact information: richard.leonard@nssj.org.au

Church & Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 31 January Joe Sultana	Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan N/A	Altar Linen Roster 1 February June Tierney
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Catholic Leader

In this issue:

- ◆ Pope's representative at International Eucharistic Congress calls widespread malnutrition and starvation 'mass genocide' in the world.
- ◆ Talking point: St Elvera Sesta on teenage insights into the mystery of the Holy Trinity .
- ◆ A regional focus on Cairns Diocese.

New Year's Resolution

Need something new, challenging, exciting, and fulfilling for the New Year?

Join the Mission of the Church,
Become a Missionary in your own Parish.
Join the State School Religious Instruction team,
Be a Catechist or Catechist's Buddy.
Apply for your Blue Card now.
Training is provided. Don't delay.

Call Michelle Pike, State School RI Coordinator.
Mobile: 0408484494
Email: mmpike77@hotmail.com

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!



Charismatic Prayer Group



**Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;
courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.**

Sir Winston Churchill
British Statesman, Prime Minister, Author, Nobel Prize Winner

This Sunday's Texts: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 Lk 4:21-30	Next Sunday's Texts: Is 6:1-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11
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PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes \$2297.21 Loose \$414.75

Responsorial Psalm



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Gospel Acclamation Verse: The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Recently Deceased

Rodney WATSON, John GALLAGHER (Tully)

Anniversaries

Forie VILLALBA, Lily ELARDE, Jack McCANE, Edna DICKSON, Adriano SANTAROSSA, Fr David McKENZIE, Mario TOMARCHIO, Salvatore SPITERI, Gertrude WALTON, Fr James RAYMOND MSC, Jack FERGUSON, Bill DAWSON, Margaret McAVOY, John COYNE, Olley BEUTEL, Angelo LAZZARONI, Rita APAP, Mervyn BOOTHBY, Emma POZZEBON, Joyce QUAGLIATA, Caterina BASILE, Venera RAITI, Elizabeth CINI, Florence SCANLAN, Noel AMATT, Arthur SING, Grazia PULVERENTI, Concetta GRECH, Vladimir ZELENSKY, Frederick HITCHINGS, Maria ABELA, Brian MORRIS, Georgina BRADLEY, Mildred GILL, Gladys O'BRIEN, Fr Nicholas FITZHENRY OSA, Terry LUXFORD

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 1st	8.00am Innisfail	
TUESDAY 2nd	8.00am Innisfail	The Presentation of the Lord
WEDNESDAY 3rd	8.00am Innisfail	
	9.00am Opening School Mass - Good Counsel College	
	11.00am Opening School Mass - Good Counsel College	
THURSDAY 4th	8.00am Innisfail	
	11.30am Opening School Mass - St Rita's, South Johnstone	
FRIDAY 5th	9.00am Villanova	
	9.00am Opening School Mass - Good Counsel Primary	St Agatha
SATURDAY 6th	10.45am Warrina	St Paul Miki & companions

RECONCILIATION: (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 6/7 February 2016				
Week 1 6/7 FEBRUARY	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	B. Bortolanza	////////////////	L. Massa	S. Todd
READERS	M. Todd M. Treston	////////////////	M. Stephensen R. Alvero	Youth Reader Youth Reader
CIBORIUM	M. McCormick-Brown	////////////////	////////////////	P. Renneberg
CHALICES	J. Said L. Lanzafame L. Catalano C. Catalano	////////////////	B. Davies J. Brincat	S. Lynch M. Hogan J. Terry S. Terry
HOSPITALITY	B. Barnett	////////////////	E. Sumich	M. Nolan, S. Hoad
MUSIC	Cousins	////////////////	////////////////	Youth Group

Social Justice Diary

1 February: World Interfaith Harmony Week begins

2 February: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
World Wetlands Day

5 February: 1996: Signing of Cape York Peninsula Heads of Agreement

6 February: Waitangi Day, Aotearoa New Zealand