



# Mother of Good Counsel Parish

(embracing the areas of Innisfail, Mourilyan, South Johnstone, Babinda, Silkwood & El Arish)

**Parish Priest ~ Fr Kerry Crowley**

**Priest in Residence - Silkwood ~ Fr Hilary Flynn**

**Innisfail, Babinda and Silkwood Parishes have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in all activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.**

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## Parish Bulletin Sunday 17th March 2024

### PARISH CHURCHES

Mother of Good Counsel  
90 Rankin St, Innisfail

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St Rita of Cascia  
5 Green St, South Johnstone

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Christ the King  
10 Harbour Rd, Mourilyan

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St Rita of Cascia  
15 Church St, Babinda

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St John the Evangelist  
4 Harold St, Silkwood

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Our Lady of Fatima  
32 Glasgow St, El Arish

### Masses for Next Weekend 23/24 March Saturday

Silkwood: 6.00pm

Innisfail: 6.30pm

Saturday Vigil

### Sunday

Babinda: 7.00am

Mourilyan : 7.00am

Innisfail: 9.00am

El Arish: 10.00am

#### This Sunday's Texts:

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-30

## 'THE HOUR HAS COME'

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

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*Today we celebrate*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B**

## **REFLECTION**

### ***Gospel Focus - Love of life***

Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.

### ***Scriptural context - The Final Days***

Today's reading reminds us that we are closing in on the events of the Passion that we will remember more closely over the next couple of weeks. Although the Gospel of John appears to have Jesus in and around Jerusalem quite often, the events described in this week's reading take place in the preparation for Passover, immediately before the final days leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a fitting culmination to the Sunday gospels of Lent. It prepares us for the account of the Passion that will be the gospel next week.

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## ***Parish Office***

### **OFFICE HOURS for next week**

Monday 18 March **10.30am - 3.30pm**;  
Tuesday 19 March, Wednesday 20 March,  
Thursday 21 March, Friday 22 March:  
10.00am - 3.00pm

### ***Fr Hilary***

This weekend Father Hilary will celebrate Mass in Silkwood, South Johnstone and El Arish.

### ***Fr James***

This weekend Father James will celebrate Mass in Innisfail and Babinda.

### ***After Hours, Weekends & Emergencies***

If a priest is required after hours and on weekends please phone **0408078989**. Thank you.

### ***Reconciliation***

Available each **Saturday at 11.30am** in Mother of Good Counsel Church.

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

You are cordially invited to attend the Chrism Mass on **Wednesday 20 March**, St Monica's War Memorial Cathedral, 181 Abbott Street, Cairns commencing at **7pm**. The Main Celebrant will be **Bishop Brian Finnigan**.

**Celebrating the Blessing of Oils and  
Renewal of Priestly Commitment.**

### ***Easter Choir***

Choir practice for the Easter ceremonies will be held at **5pm at Mother of Good Counsel Church**  
**Tuesdays, 19th and 26th March**

Everyone is welcome; we need you!

Diana O'Brien

## ***Welcome to Country***

We acknowledge the Indigenous people's of this land, Ma:mu and Wanyurr Majay Country.

### ***Priests Emergency - Cairns area***

**Priest for MEDICAL EMERGENCY - 0409 622 392**

### ***Coordinator - Easter Vigil Ceremony Innisfail***

With Easter only 2 weeks to go we are looking for one or two people to take on the role of coordinating the Easter Vigil Ceremony. Previous information is available from the Parish Office.

### ***St Patrick's Day - 17th March***

Parish sing-a-long at 10.00am in the Parish Centre this Sunday morning to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

**ALL WELCOME!**

### ***Stations of the Cross during Lent***

Following the Stations of the Cross at **St Alban's Church** on Friday evening 22 March those who wish to will gather for a meal.

### ***Passion/Palm Sunday - 23/24 March***

Palms will be needed for the **2** weekend Masses in **Innisfail** as well as at **Christ the King Church, Mourilyan, Babinda, Silkwood and El Arish**.

If you can assist please leave them in an **undercover area either at the front of the Parish Centre** or in a shaded area at the other churches on **Saturday, 23rd March**.

*Thank You*

### ***Palm Sunday - Ecumenical Procession***

All interested participants are asked to gather with palms at St Alban's Church, Rankin St. Innisfail at **8.30am on Sunday March 24** for the Ecumenical procession.

## Reconciliation - Lent

Reconciliation will be offered in Innisfail on **Monday 25th March commencing at 7.00pm**. Two priests will be available.

Tully Parish is scheduled to have Reconciliation on **Tuesday 26th March commencing at 7.00pm**.

## Holy Week

### HOLY THURSDAY – 28 MARCH

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6.00pm Babinda  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm Innisfail

### GOOD FRIDAY – 29 MARCH

Stations of the Cross	10.30am Innisfail
Reconciliation	11.30am Innisfail
The Lord's Passion	3.00pm Innisfail
The Lord's Passion	3.00pm Babinda
The Lord's Passion	3.00pm Silkwood

### HOLY SATURDAY – 30 MARCH

Reconciliation -	11.30am Innisfail
Easter Vigil	6.00pm Silkwood
Easter Vigil	8.00pm Innisfail

### EASTER SUNDAY – 31 MARCH

7.00am Babinda  
7.00am South Johnstone  
9.00am Innisfail  
10.00am El Arish

## Parish Safeguarding Representatives

**Babinda:** Anthony Densmore (40672300)  
Loretta Musumeci (40671438)

**Innisfail:** Rosalee Lankinen (0429426949)  
Alfio Parisi (0499010242)  
Caroline Aracic (0407555039)

**Sth Johnstone:** Patricia Arnold (0401903269)  
Lydia Massa (0424649093)

**Mourilyan:** Colleen Morrison (0488391111)

**Silkwood:** Bernadette Pennisi (0437000296)  
Gail Bromell (0419682183)

**El Arish:** Amanda Olsen (0459124085)

## Wanted!!

**CLEAN, SMALL Screw Top Glass bottles.**

**Tablet Bottles** are **NOT** suitable and **all LABELS** must be removed prior to leaving them at the Parish Office.

## Catholic Charismatic Renewal Healing Service - John Mutoya

**Wednesday 20th March  
10.00am**

**St Clare's Church, Tully**

## Cairns Diocesan News

The Easter 2024 edition is now available on Diocese website [www.cairns.catholic.org.au](http://www.cairns.catholic.org.au)

Magazine available in All Churches.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

### Please donate to Project Compassion

Week 4. Innisfail \$654.50; Babinda \$124.00; Silkwood \$238.00

**Responsorial Psalm:** Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**Responsorial Psalm (Babinda):** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Please pray for.....*

*Those who are sick:* Gloria Pietrobon, Ken Brand, Cathy Catania, Ryan Snow, Vicki De Brincat, Sopha Jenkyns, Cecilia Fishbourne, John Lizzio, Nina Mauloni (sister of Angie Sheerans), Rodney Calleja, Sarina Nucifora, Ralph Arnell FMS, Len Parisi

*Recently Deceased*

**Isidoro (Sid) CALI, Bishop Austen (Robin) CRAPP OFM** (Waverley, NSW),  
**George CAVANAHAH** (Father of John Cavanah), **Archbishop Frank CARROLL** (Canberra)  
**Catherine (Kitty) WATSON** (Cairns, formerly of Silkwood)

*Anniversaries*

Salvatore CALTABIANO, Frank ZADELJ, Manus FRIEL, Dylan GHIDELLA, Dina PEDROLA, Maria BODNAR, Jim O'BRIEN, John WALLIS, Maria JONES, Mary McDOUGALL, Fr James GALWAY OSA, Fr Nicholas McCOY OSA, Fr Michael MIZZI OSA, Fr Thomas JONES, Johann BINDER, Salvatore MOLLA, Gerlarda (Gina) BARTOLO, Jean WILLIAMS, Mary Rose KING, Michelina GRECH, Sebastiano MARANO, Christopher FISCHER, Mario CROATTO, Fr John FLYNN, Joe CAMENZULI, Laurie BACON, Nazzarina SPITERI, Joseph DE BRINCAT, Maria DE BRINCAT, Orazio LEMURA, Jack GILL, Thomas MURNANE, Salvatore PARISI, Marie DALZIEL, Alfio UCCHINO, Florence SCULLEN, Danica FRANICH, Monty BRINCAT, Kate TRESTON, Teresa MORAN, John (Bimbo) BOYCON, Virginia PASINETTI, David JACK, William WILSON, Santo LIZZIO, Brian FRIEL, Giovanni VACCARO, Lorraine CUTULI

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>MONDAY 18th</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 19th</b>	8.00am Innisfail	St Joseph
<b>WEDNESDAY 20th</b>	8.00am Innisfail <b>NO MASS AT BABINDA</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 21st</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 22nd</b>	5.30pm Innisfail	

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 23/24 MARCH 2024**

23/24 MARCH	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	S. Todd	C. Morrison	//////////	M. Hogan
<b>READERS</b>	R. Henderson	P. Hempenstall	//////////	J. Ferguson
<b>CIBORIUM</b>	P. Dryden	//////////	//////////	D. Wheeler
<b>CHALICE</b>	L. Catalano C. Catalano	J. Hempenstall	//////////	A. Parisi S. Hoad
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	M. Lehmann		//////////	J. & K. Ferguson
<b>MUSIC</b>	Natasha	//////////	//////////	Diana & John

<b>BABINDA MASS TIME &amp; ROSTER</b>	
<b>17 MARCH</b>	<b>7.00am Sunday</b>
<b>READER</b>	R. Price
<b>CHALICE</b>	P. Lawie & BJ Price
<b>24 MARCH</b>	<b>7.00am Sunday</b>
<b>READER</b>	S. Brand
<b>CHALICE</b>	R. Price & E. Wiles

When making out your Will please consider the needs of the Parish.  
[www.gcp parish.org.au](http://www.gcp parish.org.au)

<b>Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 18 March 2024</b>	<b>9.00am Mass Set-up 17th March</b>
Linda Broccardo	M. & M. Nolan

