



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

Parish Priest ~ Fr Kerry Crowley

Assistant Priest ~ Fr James Thazhoor CMI

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.

PO Box 64, Innisfail QLD 4860

Tel: 40630650

Contact information for Babinda is as above.

email: innisfail.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au

Parish website www.gcp parish.org.au

Parish Bulletin Sunday 2 June 2024

PARISH CHURCHES

Mother of Good Counsel
90 Rankin St, Innisfail

~ ~ ~

St Rita of Cascia
5 Green St, South Johnstone

~ ~ ~

Christ the King
10 Harbour Rd, Mourilyan

~ ~ ~

St Rita of Cascia
15 Church St, Babinda

~ ~ ~

St John the Evangelist
4 Harold St, Silkwood

~ ~ ~

Our Lady of Fatima
32 Glasgow St, El Arish

Masses for Next Weekend 8/9 June Saturday

Silkwood: 6.00pm

Innisfail: 6.30pm

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

Babinda: 7.00am

Sth Johnstone: 7.00am

Innisfail: 9.00am

El Arish: 10.00am

This Sunday's Texts:

Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

“THIS IS MY BODY”

Pope Francis points that at the Last Supper Jesus ‘breaks himself apart’. In doing so, the Pope suggests, Jesus shows his followers ‘that the aim of life lies in self-giving.’

The Pope reminds us that ‘we find the greatness of God in a piece of Bread, in a fragility that overflows with love, that overflows with sharing.’ In the fragility of the Eucharist, the Pope adds, we find ‘the strength of the love that becomes small so it can be welcomed and not feared.’

The Pope also highlights how the Eucharist reveals ‘the strength to love those who made mistakes.’ It was on the night he was betrayed, with Judas at the table, that Jesus ‘responds to Judas’ “no” with the “yes” of mercy.’

‘When we receive the Eucharist,’ the Pope explains, ‘Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; and he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is *the Bread of sinners*.’

‘The Eucharist,’ the Pope says, ‘is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.’ That being the case, this Sunday we might do well to ask ourselves what situation or person we are being strengthened to help.

© Nick Brodie



Today we celebrate

The Most Holy BODY AND BLOOD of CHRIST

REFLECTION

Historical Context – Covenant

Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam – each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David – each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.

Gospel Focus – Words of Institution

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

© Greg Sunter

OFFICE HOURS for next week

Monday 3 June, Tuesday 4 June:

Wednesday 5 June, Thursday 6 June,

Friday 7 June : 10.00am - 3.00pm

Fr Kerry

This weekend Father Kerry will celebrate Mass in Innisfail and South Johnstone.

Fr James

This weekend Father James will celebrate Mass in Silkwood, Babinda and El Arish.

Reconciliation

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

After Hours & Weekends

If a priest is required after hours and on weekends please phone **0419 716 627**. Thank you.

Adoration at St Rita's Babinda

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday after Mass at Saint Rita's Babinda. Everyone is welcome!

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist - St Rita's, Babinda

Three candidates from St Rita's School community will be conferred with the Sacrament of Confirmation and make their First Eucharist at St Rita's, Babinda on Sunday 16th June.

As a community we continue to pray for these children and their families.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the 30 candidates who were confirmed by Fr Kerry Crowley on Monday evening at Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail. In particular we thank Donna Vecchio the Sacramental Coordinator for her commitment and faith, working with parents and in preparing the children.

First Eucharist Innisfail & South Johnstone

Congratulations to the parish children who will receive the sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend!

Saturday 1 June - Innisfail



Mia Aquilina	Gabriella Nucifora
Peter Cecchi	Bodhi Puccini
Ryan Chekamba	Pippa Slingo
Rocco Cielo	Dallas Stephenson
Sailah D'Urso	Ryan Stephenson
Jaxsyn Howell	Jaxon Villari
Laynie Locastro	Mason Zadelj
Lockie Locastro	Oliver Zadelj
Cooper Mizzi	Macy Zecchinati
Sunday 2 June	Innisfail
Hunter Cashman-Cataldo	Ethan Fatim
Charlize Di Carlo	Cody Ferrau
Harlem Di Carlo	Ryan Forsyth
Ricki Di Carlo	
Sunday 2 June - South Johnstone	
Domenic Bryan	Flynn Giudice
Mary Bryan	Zara Giudice

St Vincent De Paul - Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference, Innisfail (Vinnies)

Making a lasting difference in your community by becoming a member of St Vincent de Paul Society.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is committed to serving people in need in our community. We do this by respecting every person's human dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

The Conference meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Parish Centre, Innisfail.

Please consider joining the St Vincent De Paul Conference in Innisfail.

Contact Mary O'Farrell on 0427 682 929 for further Information.



St Vincent De Paul - Donation Box

For anyone who would like to make a monetary donation to St Vincent De Paul the **Blue SVDP box** is located at the entrance to the church on the left hand side near the side door. Thank you.

Safeguarding Refresher Training

ALL who are on Ministry (this includes **Commentators, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion at church and to the sick, Hospitality, Musicians, Money collection counters**) must complete at least **ONE** of the Refresher Safeguarding Training Sessions that will be offered. These dates and times are currently being offered:

- Wednesday 20 June - 9.30am (Parish Centre)
- Thursday 21 June - 9.30am (Parish Centre)
- Wednesday 26 June - 9.30am (Parish Centre)

Sessions are approximately 1 1/2 hours. Please register your name to the Parish Office either on 40630650 or innisfail.pariah@cairns.catholic.org.au

Other dates and times will be offered as soon as they have been organised.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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

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

Sth Johnstone: Lydia Massa (0424649093)

Mourilyan: Colleen Morrison (0488391111)

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

El Arish: Amanda Olsen (0459124085)

To learn more about **SAFEGUARDING** go to <http://cairns.catholic.org.au/services-and-ministries/safeguarding>

it is our responsibility to work together to protecting our young and vulnerable.

St Vincent De Paul Society-Visitation

Probably the most important of the Society's activities is visitations. We are doing a fair deal of it now.

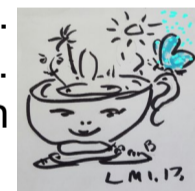
We thought there may be parishioners or others who would welcome a visit from time to time. Two of us come along.

If you are interested please leave your name, address and phone number in an envelope with Angie at the Parish Centre and we will be in touch. Alternatively phone Mary O'Farrell on 0427 682 929. Our members really do enjoy their visitations.

Hospitality - Innisfail

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cupppaaa following Mass **next** Sunday morning. You are invited to bring a plate to share. Please use utensils provided when placing refreshments on your plate.

See you there !!



Hope & Inspiration - Being Grateful

"Gratitude is the key to happiness. When we are thankful for what we have, our hearts overflow with joy and contentment.."

Gratitude is a powerful practice that can transform our lives. It is the act of recognising and appreciating the positive aspects of our existence, both big and small. Being grateful allows us to shift our focus from what is lacking in our lives to what we already have, fostering a sense of contentment and fulfillment.

When we are grateful, we can appreciate the simple joys, the kindness of others and the opportunities that come our way. Gratitude enables us to find meaning in everyday experiences and to cherish the relationships that enrich our lives.

Expressing gratitude has numerous benefits. It improves our mental and emotional well-being, reducing stress and anxiety. It enhances our relationships, as we become more attentive and appreciative of others. Being grateful also helps us maintain a positive outlook, even during challenging times, by reminding us of the good that still exists.

In a world often consumed by resentment and desires for more, practicing gratitude allows us to find contentment and joy in the present moment. It is a simple yet profound way to cultivate a fulfilling and meaningful life. Let us remember to be grateful for the blessings we have and to express that gratitude every day.

(Source - Majellan Media)

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation and call on your name, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (Babinda): I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Please pray for.....

Those who are sick: Vicki De Brincat, John Lizzio, Rodney Calleja, Dino Della Mattea, Andy Jones

Recently Deceased

Gloria PIETROBON, Sarina NUCIFORA, Stephen TOPPING, Elena BROSNAN (Tully),
Rev Jim SMITH (Brisbane), **Bill COTTER, Corazon GUINNEY** (Griffith, NSW- sister of Ching Salvadori)

Anniversaries

Franz KORGER, Domenico GATTERA, George GRIMA, Brianna SPITERI, Adelina GRASSO, Gladys RIDOLFI, Fr William CONNOLLY OSA, Robert DELANEY, Victor FENECH, Joan JOY, Rachael FONTANA & Baby Reily FONTANA-BUGEJA, Elija BUGEJA, Leonardo AUCELLO, Dino SORBELLO, George SING, Phil MULLINS, Giovanni PRIVITERA, Genoveffa PEZZUTTI, Mons. Vince VANDELEUR, Noeleen GRAY, Antonio CONTARINO, Samuel CREMONA, Evelina JURSS, Peter BONANO, Guisepe AGLI, Guisepe RACITI, Grace GRAY, Robert DILLON, Giovannina RINAUDO, Vito FIAMINGO, John CLARK, Mary CALLEJA, Eva WARD, Pat CAMPAGNOLO, Mons. Michael O'BRIEN OSA, Fr Gaetono BORG OFM CAP, Fr John HOGAN OSA, Ulderico MASSA, John JOHNSTON, Mary COSTIGAN, Oscar AGLI, Elizabeth CALTABIANO, Maria JOHNSTONE, Marina FORMIATTI, Alfonso BRIANESE, Deon MELONI, Lucy BRESCANSIN, Stuart DICKSON, Elisa CAVASIN, Beatrice BALL, Doris GROSSMAN, Patrick GALLAGHER, Monica McKINNON, Apolinario ABASCAL, Mary DAVIS, Leonarda & Settimo (Sam) MAULONI, Jessie PORTELLI, Enrico MARANESI, Frank CARDILLO, Neil SWINDLEY, Sam LO MONACO, Florida BAZU-CANU, Salvatore PATANE

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 3rd	NO MORNING MASS	
TUESDAY 4th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 5th	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Babinda	St Boniface
THURSDAY 6th	NO MORNING MASS	
FRIDAY 7th	5.30pm Innisfail	The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 8/9 JUNE

8/9 JUNE	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	S. Todd	R. Bandiera	////////////////	R. Basaglia
READERS	L. Catalano	C. Morrison	////////////////	C. Basaglia B. Bortolanza
CIBORIUM	P. Dryden	////////////////	////////////////	T. Camilleri
CHALICE	P. Erbacher T. Zahra	J. Hempenstall	////////////////	M. Gangi D. Wheeler
HOSPITALITY	Volunteer please	////////////////	////////////////	M. Nolan
MUSIC	Volunteer please	////////////////	////////////////	Diana & John

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER	
2 JUNE	7.00am Sunday
READER	S. Fontana
CHALICE	R. Price & E. Wiles
9 JUNE	7.00am Sunday
READER	B.J. Price
CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio



When making out your Will please consider the needs of the Parish.
www.gcparish.org.au

Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 3 June 2024	9.00am Mass Set-up 9 June 2024
V. Zahra	A. Sheerans