



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 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 11/12 May Saturday

Silkwood: 6.00pm

Innisfail: 6.30pm

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

Babinda: 7.00am

South Johnstone: 7.00am

Innisfail: 9.00am

El Arish: 10.00am

This Sunday's Texts:

Acts: 10-25-26,34-35,44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10 ; Jn 15:9-17

'I CALL YOU FRIENDS'

Jesus' command to 'love one another' is given twice in this short passage. As such, it needs to be taken seriously and become the guiding principle in our daily lives. But, as Pope Francis once said, expressing Christian love means going beyond 'words, words, words'.

'First and foremost,' the Pope points out, 'it is important to realise that Christ's love is not a superficial feeling.' In this Gospel passage Jesus was not telling his disciples to be unflappably polite or overtly nice to each other. This was not a message about social conventions. Jesus is concerned with our attitude toward others, and those actions that flow from it. 'Love,' as the Pope points out, 'is fulfilled in everyday life, in attitudes, in deeds.'

As the Pope has repeatedly stressed, loving another person often requires us to challenge our own attitudes. We are called to love everyone, with openness to, as the Pope puts it, 'however they may be and whatever their situation.'

While sometimes hard, this is our Christian duty: We are called to love in response to being loved.

Which means it is not our place to judge or put conditions on the love we receive and share. 'To love as the Lord loves us,' the Pope says, 'means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be.'

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*Today we celebrate
Sixth Sunday of Easter*

REFLECTION

Scriptural context – The Last Supper Discourse

In the three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), the events of the Last Supper are dealt with in a very similar way. They all include Jesus taking bread and wine and speaking what are referred to as the words of institution – the words that are spoken over the bread and wine in every Eucharistic celebration today. In the Gospel of John, however, the Last Supper is dealt with very differently. It includes an extended 'discourse' that is incredibly rich in imagery and theological implications. Perhaps because this gospel was written well after the others it was deemed unnecessary to retell the story but it was timely to do some reflecting on the meaning of the events?

Living the Gospel – Love One Another

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

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Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS for next week

Monday 6 May: **CLOSED**,

Tuesday 7 May; Wednesday 8 May;

Thursday 9 May

Friday 10 May: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Fr Kerry

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

Fr James

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

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.

Bishop's Plenary - Sydney, May 5-9

Father Kerry will be away from the Parish from Sunday evening 5 May until Thursday evening 9 May attending the Bishop's Plenary in Sydney.

During this time Father James will be looking after the Parish.

Babinda Prayer Group

Meeting after Mass this Sunday at the St Rita's Primary School Staffroom.

Coffee, tea, snacks and religiously inspired conversation aplenty!

Everyone is most welcome.

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

Father Kerry's 80th Birthday Celebration

Father Kerry will be celebrating his 80th Birthday during the week. To honour this special milestone the parish will be hosting a Morning Tea in the Parish Centre next **Sunday 12th May** following the 9am Mass.



You are invited to bring a plate to share.
Everyone is welcome!

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Monday 27 May - Mother of Good Counsel, Innisfail

Sacrament of First Eucharist:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Mass - Innisfail - 1st June
Sunday 7am Mass - South Johnstone - 2nd June
Sunday 9am Mass - Innisfail - 2nd June

Please keep children and their families in your prayers as they begin their preparations for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Webinar Invitation

You're invited to a webinar called 'Why God?' presented by Fr Richard Leonard SJ. The webinar is held on **Tuesday 7th May at 7pm** and is free. Fr Richard explores the insights into the way God works through people and often unexpected places and events. To register, use the link below.

INVITATION: Join us for a Conversation with Richard Leonard (mailchi.mp)

World Mission May Rosary Prayers

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Monday – Friday

Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: **893 8798 2280**

Password: **876574**



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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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Loretta Musumeci (40671438)

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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.

Feast of the Three Saints - Silkwood

Will be celebrated this Sunday 5 May commencing with the **Italian Mass at 10.00am** followed by feast and entertainment, **Solemn Procession** will be at **2pm** and **English Mass at 3.00pm**. Entertainment and feast will continue until 9.00pm.

Everyone Welcome!



"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come without leaving happier."

Mother Teresa

WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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Sign up for Mary

SHE WANTED women to be free to choose their own way of serving God in the religious life, inside or outside the cloister, just as men were. In 1631 the Vatican Inquisition, unimpressed, called her "a heretic, a schismatic, a rebel against holy Church". She was thrown into a filthy cell. In 1951, Pope Pius XII described her as "that incomparable woman, whom England, in her darkest and most bloodstained hour, gave to the Church". Now, still a little off the pace, the Church is moving in its stately way towards recognising Yorkshirewoman Mary Ward as a saint.

You need a miracle for each stage of the process: beatification and canonisation. Evidence of popular devotion is also required, and the global response to an online petition launched for Mary Ward Week (23-30 January) shows how deeply her life and personality – curious, dogged, independent-minded, trusting, prayerful – resonates today.

"So many lay persons have signed," Dr Elizabeth Cotter IBVM, the postulator for her Cause, told us. "Past pupils of the schools she inspired all over the world, Friends of Mary Ward group members, as well as some of our CJ and IBVM Loreto sisters."



Special events this week will include an ecumenical service on Sunday 28 January, at St Thomas' Anglican Church, Osbaldwick, outside York, where Mary Ward is buried. The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, will be giving the homily.

You can add your name to the petition by visiting: chn.g.it/6cPLBzPSrP

ROBERTO AMOROSINO writes from Rome to tell us he was often sent photocopies of *Tablet* articles by his father-in-law, Canon Thomas New, who died in November, aged 93. Canon New was the vicar at All Saints,

Banstead, Surrey before retiring 30 years ago with his wife Joan to Denbury, in south Devon.

"I always saw copies of *The Tablet* at the vicarage ever since I was welcomed into Tom's family as his daughter's fiancé back in the early 1980s. It was his favourite publication, and it was disseminated and discussed among his community in Denbury, an amazing group gathered around the Church of St Mary the Virgin, now left without their reference point, but more than ever inspired by Tom's faith, his interest in life, in people and in families."

WE HAD a letter recently from Fr John McLean, a 95-year-old retired priest in the Diocese of Galloway. His local postmaster (always sticklers for the rules) had told him she couldn't make photocopies of a recent article in *The Tablet* he had wanted to send round to friends without our permission – could we help?

We put copies in the post. We had a letter back from Fr McLean this morning. In reading his breviary for the Epiphany, he'd come across these words: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings tidings of good, who publishes salvation ..." (Isaiah 52:7).

"I thought this could so aptly be applied to you and all those engaged in producing *The Tablet*," he wrote. We were chuffed.



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Please pray for.....

Those who are sick: Gloria Pietrobon, Vicki De Brincat, John Lizzio, Rodney Calleja, Sarina Nucifora, Ralph Arnell FMS, Len Parisi, Dino Della Mattea

Recently Deceased

Lucy CONTARINO, Kenneth (Ken) BRAND, Angelina (Ange) MACCARONE, Connie MATARAZZO, Bishop Peter INGHAM (Sydney), **Abner MARIBLANCA** (Los Angeles - brother of Aida Giardina)

Anniversaries

Bridget TAIT, Joyce SANTAROSSA, Vita STELLA, Helmar McDERMID, Fr Jack SEARY OSA, Fr Michael CAPRA, Fr Adolphus LECAILLE, Fr Thomas DOWNEY OSA, Alfina MARANO, Reta SCANLAN, Ida CORSI, Louisa FOY, Viviana STRANO, Mary BARBAGALLO, Mary RYAN, Rosario CALTABIANO, Eileen DELANEY, Pierina SOSSO, Salvatore CRISTAUDDO, Gladys TREMBATH, Santo SILIATO, Gertrude MADL, John VANDELEUR, Louisa O'CONNOR, Giulio AGLI, Bill FINDLAY, Lorraine LEPP, Salvatore MARANO, Ada DOLAN, Charles LEE, Orazio GRASSO, James DOOLAN, Thelma RICKARDS, Alf MARTINUZZI, Peter MACORIG, Josie SULTANA, Lucy KELLY, John DRYDEN, Kathleen VERNEY, Giuseppa UCCHINO, Bessie BAILLIE, Regina PRIOR, Fr Eugene WALSH OSA, Fr Thomas O'BRIEN OSA, Fr Vincent LANDY OSA, Fr Augustin GONZALEZ OSA, Fr Maurice O'CONNER OSA, Anne KLIESE, Salvatore RISO, Basilio DALLA VECCHIA, Graziella SANTAROSSA, Isidoro LA SPINA, Owen JONES, Eda CELLEDONI

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 6th	NO MORNING MASS	
TUESDAY 7th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 8th	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Babinda	
THURSDAY 9th	8.00am Innisfail	
FRIDAY 10th	5.30pm Innisfail	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 11/12 MAY				
11/12 MAY	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	M. Colgrave	P. Arnold	////////////////	B. Bortolanza
READERS	M. Lehmann	M. Grima	////////////////	C. Basaglia J. Ferguson
CIBORIUM	L. Catalano	////////////////	////////////////	M. Hogan
CHALICE	P. Erbacher T. Zahra	J. Smith	////////////////	M. Gangi D. Wheeler
HOSPITALITY	Volunteer please	////////////////	////////////////	M. Nolan
MUSIC	Volunteer please	////////////////	////////////////	Antoinette, Christine & Noela

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER	
5 MAY	7.00am Sunday
READER	S. Jia
CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio
12 MAY	7.00am Sunday
READER	G. Parisi
CHALICE	R. Price & E. Wiles



When making out your Will please consider the needs of the Parish.
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Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 6 May 2024	9.00am Mass Set-up 12 May 2024
Teresa Riznyk	Angie Sheerans