



## 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.*

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Parish website [www.gcp parish.org.au](http://www.gcp parish.org.au)

## Parish Bulletin Sunday 16 June 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 22/23 June Saturday

Silkwood: 6.00pm

Innisfail: 6.30pm

Saturday Vigil

### Sunday

Babinda: 7.00am

South Johnstone: 7.00am

Innisfail: 9.00am

El Arish:

Lay Led Liturgy 10.00am

This Sunday's Texts:

Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5: 6-10

Mk 4:26-34

## THE LAWS OF GROWTH

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.

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Today we celebrate  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

## Parish Financial Support----Plan Giving

For those committed to Plan Giving, Envelopes for the next Financial Year will be available for collection next weekend.

Fewer people use cash these days, most have arranged for payments to be either made direct from their bank account or have set up a direct credit through online banking, still the **giver needs to be registered with a number allocated**.

For new Plan Givers we ask that you contact the Parish Office to discuss which method of giving you prefer. Pledge cards will be available when the envelopes are put out for collection next weekend.

We trialed in Innisfail recently a 'Tap & Go' machine, the service was not taken up.

For anyone who wishes to make a financial contribution to any of the Churches we service, the respective Bank Details are listed below:

Innisfail, Mourilyan & South Johnstone	Babinda	Silkwood
Acc. Name: Innisfail Catholic Church	Acc. Name: Babinda Catholic Church	Acc. Name: Silkwood Parish
BSB: 084352	BSB: 084352	BSB: 084352
Acc. No: 000019134	Acc. No: 000000647	Acc. No: 000000514
Reference: Name (include PG No)	Reference: Name (include PG No)	Reference: Name (include PG No)

If you require assistance with any of these options please contact the Parish Office on 40630650 during Office Hours 10.00am - 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Your continued support is appreciated.  
Fr Kerry

### OFFICE HOURS for next week

Monday 17 June, Tuesday 18 June:

10.00am - 3.00pm

Wednesday 19 June: 12noon - 3.00pm

Thursday 20 June,

Friday 21 June : 10.00am - 3.00pm

### Fr Kerry

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

### Fr James

This weekend Father James will celebrate Mass in Silkwood, South Johnstone 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.

### Baptism



This weekend we welcome **Ben Speziali, Myles Kerridge** and **Darcy Ridolfi** into our Parish community of Innisfail through Baptism.

### 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**

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



Congratulations to the parish children **Abel Rowe, Jude Rowe** and **Maddisyn Masina** who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist this weekend.

### Date Claimer

60th Anniversary of Ordination and Farewell for Fr Hilary Flynn - Sunday 30 June, 9am Mass, Innisfail followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre.

### A Sense of Humour

*In the words of Pope Francis who has invited 100 comedians to the Vatican to discuss comedy's impact on culture, "A sense of humour is a grace that I ask for every day, and I pray that beautiful prayer of St Thomas More: 'Give me, Lord, a sense of humour,' that I know how to laugh at a joke ... it's beautiful, that prayer, isn't it? Because a sense of humour lifts you up, makes you see the temporariness of life and take things with a spirit of a redeemed soul. It is a human attitude, but it is the closest to God's grace."*

(Majellan Media)



## ***You're Invited***

Come and say farewell and thank you to the Sister's of Mercy for their presence and service to the Cooktown community for over 135 years.

On 24th of June 1888, the first Sisters of Mercy arrived in Cooktown from Ireland. With the recent retirement of Sr Irene Masterson, we come to an end of an era.

**Sunday, 23rd June,**

Mass 5pm St Mary's Church, Cooktown

**Monday 24th June,**

Join us for a Pilgrimage of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

9:30am Cooktown Museum, cnr Helen & Furneaux St

10:30am Cooktown Cemetery to visit the graves of  
4 of Founding Sisters of Mercy  
and

Bishop Hutchinson OSA

11:30am Liturgy at St Mary's Church, Cooktown

Followed by lunch at the Cooktown Bowls Club.

Please RSVP to Lisa Skaines by Wednesday 19th June for catering purposes:

[lisa.skaines@cairns.catholic.org.au](mailto:lisa.skaines@cairns.catholic.org.au) or Ph: 4046 5613

## ***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.

## ***Birthday Corner***

If you would like your birthday included in Birthday Corner please advise the Parish Office on 40630650.



## ***Safeguarding Refresher Training***

Dear Parish Volunteers

*A quick question and answer session from your friendly Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator!!*

**Q: Why am I being asked to complete Safeguarding Refresher training?**

**A:** The Diocese of Cairns is committed to building a safe community and safeguarding training for volunteers is required by the ACSL National Catholic Safeguarding Standards ('ACSL Standards').

**Q: Why is safeguarding refresher training a requirement under the ACSL Standards?**

**A:** By completing refresher training, you continue to help to create a safer environment and Parish for everyone. The training equips you with the knowledge and skills to prevent harm and respond appropriately, if issues arise. It is a small but significant step in our collective effort to protect and nurture our communities.

**Q: What happens if I do not have the time?**

**A:** The volunteer role is a privileged and sacred role in all Parishes and critical to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all members, especially children and adults at risk. All volunteers are required to be up to date with their safeguarding training. It is with the utmost respect of your time and generosity that we ask for your participation to complete the safeguarding refresher training.

*Thank you for your continued support and dedication and please know your efforts are deeply appreciated.  
With gratitude and blessings, Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator*

***"Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility"***

Volunteers include — **All Committee members, Commentators, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion at church and to the sick, Hospitality, Musicians and choir members, Key holders, Money collection counters** must complete at least **ONE** of the Refresher Safeguarding Training Sessions is being offered. These dates and times are currently being offered:

**Wednesday 19 June - 9.30am (Parish Centre)**

**Thursday 20 June - 9.30am (Parish Centre)**

**Wednesday 26 June - 9.30am (Parish Centre)**

**Tuesday 2 July - 5.30pm (Parish Centre)**

Sessions are approximately 1 1/2 hours. Please register your name to the Parish Office either on 40630650 or [innisfail.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au](mailto:innisfail.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au)

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

*Please pray for.....*

*Those who are sick:* Vicki De Brincat, John Lizzio, Andy Jones, Gerald Walton

**Recently Deceased**

**Frank CORSI, Luigi FEDALTO, Ronald POPPI (Babinda)**

**Anniversaries**

Evelyn GILMOUR, Grace MAUGERI, Mary GRASSO, Maria SILVIO, Mate DESPOT, Anita GALVIN, Joyce McCLELLAND, Frank McROBBIE, Clorine WALSH, Maria SADLEIR, Marina GONI, David KING, Beatrice KNEUBUHLER, Joe & Lilly CAMILLERI, Frank & Anne CHETCUTI, Fenella TRESTON, Concetta PENSINI, Queenie CONNOLLY, Michael MAHER, Albina CAZZULINO, Danilo BORTOLAZZO, Cecilia YORE, Robert MULLINS, Leonarda GANGI, John MARTIN, Salvatore RAITI, Tom ARCHER, Frederick SCANLAN, Sr Virginia BOOTHBY, Annie SMITH, William SCHABE, Francesco GRASSO, Shirley CAVANAH, Joyce TANAEL, Patrick BYRNE, Grace ENGLISH, Joe GENOCCHIO, Frank BYRNE, Dennis O'HALLORAN, Salvatore MONTI, Emilio SALVADORI, Shirley JORDAN, Louis BROCCARDO, Sandy CAUCHI, Robert DORE, Adam PETERSEN, Alex McEACHAN, Joe LO GIUDICE, Francis Joseph McAVOY, Katie ZAPPALA, Frank AZZOPORDI, Nino CALTABIANO, Reg EDMONDSON, Ann STREET, Andrew MORRISON, Marcello MAGGIOLO, Fr William BOLGER OSA, Fr Paul DEMPSEY OSA

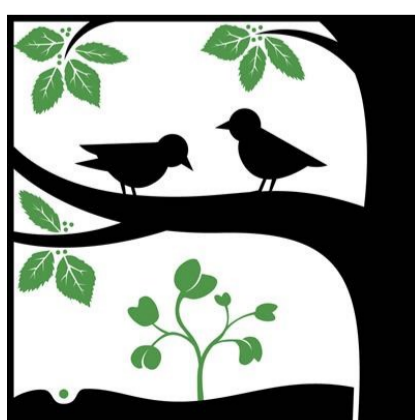
**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>MONDAY 17th</b>	8.00am Innisfail	
<b>TUESDAY 18th</b>	8.00am Innisfail	
<b>WEDNESDAY 19th</b>	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Babinda	
<b>THURSDAY 20th</b>	8.00am Innisfail	
<b>FRIDAY 21st</b>	5.30pm Innisfail	

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 22/23 JUNE**

22/23 JUNE	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>		N. Smith	////////////////	M. Hogan
<b>READERS</b>	M. Lehmann	R. Camuglia	////////////////	B. Bortolanza J. Ferguson
<b>CIBORIUM</b>	<b>Volunteer please</b>	////////////////	////////////////	A. Sheerans
<b>CHALICE</b>	L. Catalano C. Catalano	J. Hempenstall	////////////////	S. Hoad A. Parisi
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>Volunteer please</b>	////////////////	////////////////	M. Nolan
<b>MUSIC</b>	Natasha	////////////////	////////////////	Diana & John

<b>BABINDA MASS TIME &amp; ROSTER</b>	
<b>16 JUNE</b>	<b>7.00am Sunday</b>
<b>READER</b>	First Eucharist
<b>CHALICE</b>	BJ Price &
<b>23 JUNE</b>	<b>7.00am Sunday</b>
<b>READER</b>	R. Price
<b>CHALICE</b>	R. Price & E. Wiles



When making out your Will please consider the needs of the Parish.  
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<b>Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 17 June 2024</b>	<b>9.00am Mass Set-up 23 June 2024</b>
A. Campagnolo	M. & M. Nolan