



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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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)

St Rita of Cascia
15 Church St, Babinda

- # Sat, Vigil Mass 6.00pm
- # Sun, 8am

PARISH SCHOOLS

Good Counsel College
66 Owen St, Innisfail

Ph: (07) 40635300
Web: www.gcc.qld.edu.au
Cathy Barrett (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
Greg Hoare (Principal)

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

Ph: (07) 40671467
Web: www.stritasbabinda.qld.edu.au
Judy Billiau (Principal)

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

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**TODAY WE CELEBRATE
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Pastor's Pen

Recently I completed 'The Spiritual Exercises' of St Ignatius of Loyola in a 30-day silent retreat. Saint Ignatius had a conversion after being injured in a battle in 1521 and developed 'The Spiritual Exercises', which have an emphasis on imaginative meditation.

Ignatius organized the Exercises into four "weeks." These are not seven-day weeks, but stages on a journey to spiritual freedom and wholehearted commitment to the service of God.

First week. The first week of the Exercises is a time of reflection on our lives in light of God's boundless love for us. We see that our response to God's love has been hindered by patterns of sin. However, we are also aware of God's love and forgiveness for us and have the opportunity to receive the 'Sacrament of Reconciliation'.

Second week. The meditations and prayers of the second week teach us how to follow Christ as his disciples.

Third week. We meditate on Christ's Last Supper, passion, and death. We see his suffering and the gift of the Eucharist as the ultimate expression of God's love.

Fourth week. We meditate on Jesus' resurrection and his apparitions to his disciples. We walk with the risen Christ and set out to love and serve him in concrete ways in our lives in the world.

After completing additional reading on Ignatian Spirituality and doing a retreat; I think this spirituality has a lot to offer.

The following may be helpful:

Martin, James. *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life*. (An excellent book!!)

<https://jesuit.org.au/wp-content/uploads/ACIS-2018-Program.pdf> (Includes short retreats as well - Australia)

God Bless

Fr. Nathan

Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS for next week

Monday 10 September

Tuesday 11 September, Wednesday 12 September,

Thursday 13 September, Friday 14 September:

10am - 3pm

Fr Nathan

Fr Nathan will celebrate Mass in Silkwood and El Arish this weekend.

Fr Joseph

Fr Joseph will celebrate Mass in Innisfail and Mourilyan this weekend.

Kerala Floods

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish this weekend to assist those affected by the devastating floods in Kerala.



Baptism

This weekend we welcome Arison Deicke into our Parish community through Baptism.

St Rita's Parish, Babinda

Weekend Masses

Fr Grundy will celebrate the Masses in Babinda this weekend.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 11 September ~ 4pm - 5pm

in the Prayer Room, Parish Centre

ALPHA

We are dependant on the faithful of our Parish to keep up the prayer support for ALPHA, if not a participant you might like to do a Novena, pray the Rosary, light a candle, or pray on the night we have our meetings (each Saturday 9am - 11am).

Prayer is the foundational ingredient for the success of ALPHA.

Hospitality - Innisfail

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cuppaaa ... following Mass this Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Come share, laugh and eat with your Church Community.
See you there!



This Sunday's Texts:

Is 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

Next Sunday's Texts:

Is 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul conference has discussed Father Kerry's Pastor's Pen passage in last week's bulletin about the homebound unable to attend Mass.

We thought our parishioners themselves may be the answer. If you are aware of any such homebound, please leave that person's name, address and phone number with Angie at the Parish Centre. We ourselves will undertake the task of locating any others.

More importantly if you are able to offer transport to Mass yourself, please leave your name, address and phone number with Angie and nominate the Mass which best suits you for the transport. Thanking you in anticipation.

National Police Remembrance Day 2018

The National Police Remembrance Day will be held at St. Clare's Church, Tully on Friday 28th September at 10am. It is a significant day of commemoration where people can reflect on each individual Police Force and remember those Officers killed on duty. It also provides an opportunity to honour all Police who have given their lives serving the Australian community. All welcome.

Voices needed to add to volume of Choir. Please contact Roy Favier on 4068 3610 or 0409 662 117.

Catholic Missions

Want to challenge yourself and make a difference?

Join the Trek to Reach Out: Myanmar 2019 and witness firsthand some of the life-changing projects your support makes possible, all while discovering the warmth and mystique of the Land of the Golden Pagodas.

Trip details:

31 January – 10 February 2019

11 day trip, 3 day trekking challenge

3/5 moderately challenging

For more information, please go to:
catholicmission.org.au/trek today.

We respectfully acknowledge the Ma;Mu people, as traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is Mother of Good Counsel Parish.

We acknowledge the Elders, past and present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.



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Catholic Leader

- ◆ Record numbers marches down Brisbane City to protest Labor's "extreme" abortion bill.
- ◆ Dad's keep growing faith in fatherhood

Next Week in the Parish (Innisfail)

Thursday 13 September @ 10am - Rosary and Prayer for Priests - Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Australian Catholics

In this issue: Spring 2018

"What young people want"



Starting out his career as a teacher, Luke Bogoni remembered how boring he'd found RE class. So he asked his students what they wanted out of the class, and was surprised by their response.

(Words: Luke Bogoni - Australian Catholics)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE HOME A COPY!

Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th to May 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org



**THE FAITHFUL FRIEND IS A SECURE REFUGE;
WHOEVER HAS FOUND ONE HAS FOUND A TREASURE.**

-SIRACH 6:14



www.spreadjesus.org

Church & Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 9 September Tom Puccini	Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan N/A	Altar Linen Roster 10 September Pierina Bertuola
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PLAN GIVING-Innisfail, Mourilyan, Sth. Johnstone:
Envelopes \$2981.49 Loose \$458.00

PLAN GIVING-Babinda: Envelopes \$257.00 Loose \$197.00

Responsorial Psalm : Praise the Lord, my soul, praise the Lord, my soul.

Responsorial Psalm (Babinda/Mourilyan) : Praise the Lord, my soul!.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased

Santo LAGANA, Robyn WAUGH, Peggy GAGGIN nee Burke (Marooka, Brisbane)

Anniversaries

Albino BUOSI, Filippa LO GIUDICE, Conrad RIERA, Les VEIL, Filomena DIMECH, Sam MAUGERI, Thomas GIBNEY, Emeterio LUCERO, Mary O'HANLON, Filippo MARANO, Carol SORBELLO, Alfio CALI, Michael ROSANO, Maria SPINA, Rosario GAROZZO, Ellen BEVAN, Edward DELLIT, Patrick HARNEY, Nicola BUFI, Bruce COWAN, Winifred NEWNES, Frank DE MARIA, Veneranda FINOCCHIARO, Hannah FRIEL, Alfio BORZI, Sebastiano MARANO, Jack BRADLEY, Tom HARVEY, Fr Duncan McNAB, Joe CAMILLERI, George CAMILLERI, Carmel DOOLAN, Liliias STARR, Marie KEANE, William FITZGERALD, Rosaria CONOMO, Mattia GULI, Frank DOLAN, Irene GALLAGHER, Christy JESSEN, Joseph CROWDEY JNR, Giuseppe REITANO, Martin RIERA, Giovanni DEL COBBO, Albert LAGANA, Fr William HANLEY, Fr Joseph GUIB MSC

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 10th	8.00am Innisfail	
TUESDAY 11th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 12th	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm St Rita's, Babinda	
THURSDAY 13th	NO MORNING MASS	
FRIDAY 14th	8.15am St Rita's, Babinda 9.00am Villanova	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
SATURDAY 15th	10.45am Warrina	Our Lady of Sorrows
SUNDAY 16th	11.00am Italian Mass - Innisfail	

All people involved as Commentators, Readers, Ministers of Communion are asked to be at Church 15 minutes prior to the commencement of Mass.

RECONCILIATION: (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am; RECONCILIATION: (Babinda) Before Mass

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 15/16 SEPTEMBER 2018				
15/16 SEPTEMBER 2018	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	P. Cassar	//////////	I. Massa	J. Ferguson
READERS	Youth Reader M. Treston	//////////	N. Smith P. Arnold	F. Cazzulino A. Sheerans
CIBORIUM	M. Santacatterina	//////////	//////////	R. Lankinen
CHALICES	L. Catalano C. Catalano A. Campagnolo V. Bimrose	//////////	M. Croatto L. Croatto	M. Sorbello J. Terry S. Terry Volunteer please
HOSPITALITY	R. Erese B. Barnett	//////////	Volunteer please	Y. Diaz B. Barnett
MUSIC	Natasha	//////////	//////////	Volunteer please

BABINDA MASS TIMES & ROSTER		
8/9 SEPTEMBER 2018	Vigil 6.00pm Saturday	8.00am Sunday
READER	C. Marks	R. Price
CHALICES	M. Bartolo J. Bartolo	M. Preuss A. Densmore
15/16 SEPTEMBER 2018	Vigil 6.00pm Saturday	8.00am Sunday
READER	D. Anderson	S. Brand
CHALICES	L. Musumeci A. Sciacca	F. Lizzio R. Price

Social Justice Diary

- 8 Sep:** International Literacy Day
- 9 Sep:** Child Protection Sunday
- 10 Sep:** World Suicide Prevention Day
- 11 Sep:** 2001: Terrorist attacks on New York and Washington DC, causing nearly 3000 deaths
- 12 Sep:** 1843: Battle of One Tree Hill near Toowoomba, Qld, between Aboriginal landowners and European settlers
- 13 Sep:** 2007: Adoption by UN of Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- 14 Sep:** 1981: Pope John Paul II's encyclical Laborem Exercens ('On Human Work')