



## 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 31 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 6/7 APRIL 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:**

**Acts: 10:34, 37-43;**

**Col 3:1; Jn 20:1-9**

# CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!

Reflecting on Easter, Pope Francis highlights the importance of 'walking away from the tomb.' Once found, faith must be lived.

As Saint Peter said, 'we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people.' Easter is, in a sense, the starting point of our Christian responsibilities.

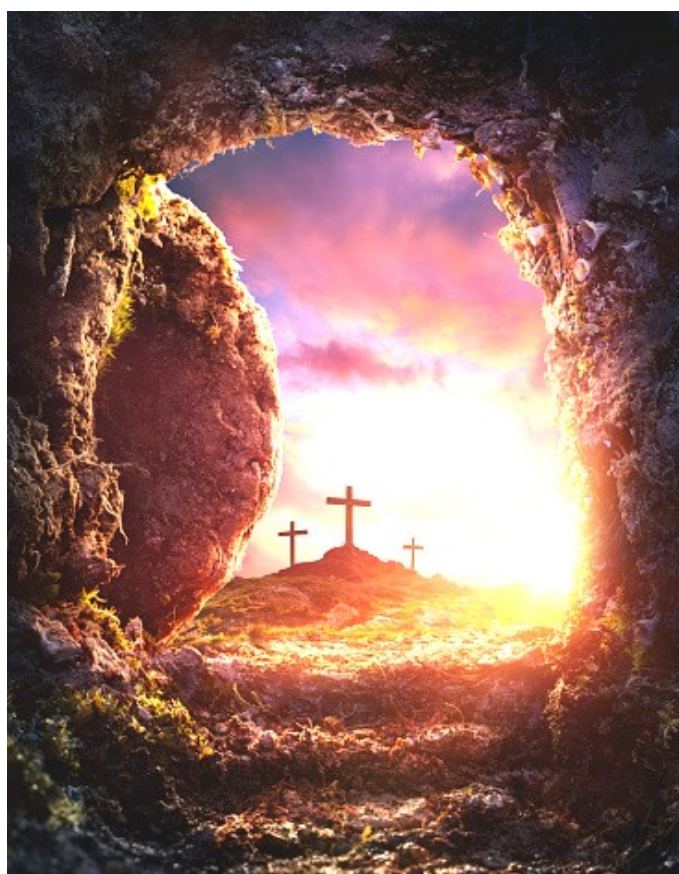
Living the Easter mystery means becoming a joyful Easter people.

We must, therefore, be open to action and change. We cannot become stuck in our ways, crippled by doubt, despair or habit. As Pope Francis says, Easter shows us that 'it is always possible to begin anew, because there is always a new life that God can awaken in us in spite of all our failures.'

The annual celebration of Easter reminds us that what we celebrate is present here and now. Ours is a living faith. As the Pope adds, 'faith is not an album of past memories; Jesus is not outdated. He is alive here and now.' Easter is a celebration of the mystery that Jesus is present. He is here, in both the needy of the world and through the actions of His followers.

So, having celebrated the mystery, we are sent forth to live it. 'Having made himself present in the heart of our world,' the Pope points out, Jesus 'invites us to overcome barriers, banish prejudices and draw near to those around us every day in order to rediscover the grace of everyday life.'

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*Today we celebrate*  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

## Reflection

### Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

### Historical Context – Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

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## Parish Office

### OFFICE HOURS for next week

Easter Monday 1 April: **CLOSED**

Tuesday 2 April; Wednesday 3 April,

Thursday 4 April, Friday 5 April:

10.00am - 3.00pm

### Fr Kerry

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

### Fr James

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

## 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.

## Happy Easter

Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy. May the word of God lead you, guide you, and forever keep you safe in His care. Wishing all a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr Kerry, Fr Hilary & Fr James

## 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

### Easter Video Message by Fr Kerry Crowley

We invite you to watch the short Easter Video Message from Fr Kerry Crowley the Administrator of the Diocese of Cairns: please go to: [https://cairns.catholic.org.au/services-and-ministries/easter-](https://cairns.catholic.org.au/services-and-ministries/easter-message-2024)

[message-2024](https://cairns.catholic.org.au/services-and-ministries/easter-message-2024) or scan the QR code

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Easter.



**SCAN ME**

## Easter Liturgies

Thank you to all who helped prepare our Churches for the celebrations of the feasts of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday/Sunday. Visitors often comment on how meaningful the liturgies were, it means that connections have been made, with the décor, readings, ritual and singing. I am especially grateful to those who took on the respective roles of Coordinator and Choir leader. Good Liturgies result after planning and preparation.

Thank you  
Fr Kerry



### Baptism

This weekend we welcome **Edward Griffin** into our Parish community of Babinda through Baptism.



**Wedding Anniversary**



Yvon and Ted Bimrose are celebrating sixty years of marriage this weekend. They were married on 30th March 1964 at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton. We congratulate and wish them well.

**Carpark behind the Church**

Work will commence on the Carpark behind the Church on Tuesday 2nd April. The upgrade is expected to take approximately 3 weeks to complete. During this time there will be no access to the carpark. Limited parking is available in Grace Street and parking is also available in Rankin Street.

Fr Kerry

**Pastoral Notes**

- The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall and should end before daybreak on Sunday.
- The Lucernarium at the bonfire begins the celebration with a joyful proclamation of Christ's resurrection: the readings of the Vigil are heard in the light of the resurrection.
- The paschal candle is left near the ambo or altar until Pentecost and is alight during liturgical celebrations.
- The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the climax of the Vigil. Receiving the body and blood of the Lord from the altar is the ultimate sign of our belonging to the Church and of our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ. *(Source: Ordo)*

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives**

- Babinda:** Anthony Densmore (40672300)  
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**Cairns Diocesan News**

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

Alternatively, please copy and paste the link below and it will take you straight to the flipbook.

[online.fliphtml5.com/xgvmy/jhvv/#p=1](http://online.fliphtml5.com/xgvmy/jhvv/#p=1)

Copies of the Magazine will also be available in all our Churches.

**Have you heard the one about?**

A plane had flown through a thunderstorm and when they landed a much relieved passenger said to the flight attendant: "Thanks for the rides."

"What do you mean 'rides'? It was just the one flight."

"As I see it, I've had two. I've just had my first and my last ride in a plane!"

*(Source: The Majellan - Summer 2024)*



**EASTER SUNDAY**



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

**Week 6:** Innisfail \$1148.50; Babinda \$987.00  
 Silkwood/El Arish \$

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

*Please pray for.....*

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

*Recently Deceased*

**Nina MAULONI** (sister of Angie Sheerans), **William GREEN**

*Anniversaries*

Fred MELONI, Spiro CINI, Brace BRAVO, Michael ZAMMIT, Mary COTTER, Caterina BONANNO, Vince TOMASETTI, Paula BRISCHETTO, Dennis WALLACE, Charlie HENDRICK, Ottorino SORDELLI, Petrinella BARBAGALLO, Ray BARRY, Warren LARKIN, Fr Patrick MADDOCK OSA, Lawrence HUGHES, Valentine KELLY, Utilio AGLI, Santina ZAPPALA, Joe GRECH, Mario TRONCONE, Walter (Wal) ANTHONY, Alfio GANGEMI, Enrico CROATTO, Dolores GOGGI, Teresa GENOCCHIO, Guiseppi BRINCAT, Guido CROSATO, Grace HATTENSEN, Fr Casimiro DIAZ OSA, Laurence GALEA, Maria ZAMARIAN, Lorenzo ALVERO, John COSTELLO, Vince MOYLAN, Joyce BERGIN, Sam MANGANO, Justin BALDISSERA, Fr Patrick HICKEY OSA, Fr William O’BYRNE OSA, Jeff ZAHMEL, Albert SPICCIA, Angela LO MONACO, Terrence KELLY, Fortunata LUCERO, William SING, Giuseppe CINCINNATO, Joan LOTH, Carmen VICARIOLI, Susan McKEAN, Simon FRASER, Mabel CALLAGHAN, James DALZIEL, John DOOLAN, Jack EGGLESTON, Terry MADDEN, Robert CATELAN, Grace MARANO, Maria BALDINI, Joseph GRIMA

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>MONDAY 1st</b> <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 2nd</b> <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	8.00am Innisfail	
<b>WEDNESDAY 3rd</b> <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Mass in Babinda	
<b>THURSDAY 4th</b> <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	8.00am Innisfail	
<b>FRIDAY 5th</b> <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	5.30pm Innisfail	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 6/7 APRIL				
6/7 APRIL	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	M. Colgrave	//////////	Margaret Grima	Youth
READERS	R. Henderson	//////////	I. Massa L. Massa	Youth Youth
CIBORIUM	P. Dryden	//////////	//////////	Youth
CHALICE	L. Catalano C. Catalano		N. Smith J. Smith	Youth
HOSPITALITY	M. Lehmann	//////////	//////////	M. Richards
MUSIC	Silkwood Duo	//////////	//////////	Youth

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER	
31 MARCH	7.00am Sunday
READER	E. Coenik
CHALICE	T. Densmore & P. Lawie
7 APRIL	7.00am Sunday
READER	K. Taylor
CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio



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

Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 1 April 2024	9.00am Mass Set-up 7 April 2024
Vicky Zahra	J. & K. Ferguson