



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

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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 13/14 April Saturday

Silkwood: 6.00pm

Innisfail: 6.30pm

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

Babinda: 7.00am

Mourilyan: 7.00am

Innisfail: 9.00am

El Arish: 10.00am

This Sunday's Texts:

Acts: 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

'In reality,' Pope Francis points out, 'Thomas is not the only one who struggles to believe. In fact,' the Pope adds, 'he represents all of us a little bit.'

But Thomas does not only represent us with his explicitly articulated doubt. Rather, Thomas highlights our tendency to walk away. Thomas had absented himself from the community. Returning, he seems a touch transactional: Show me the proof, then I'll commit!

As Pope Francis highlights, Jesus answers Thomas' doubt 'in front of everyone, in the community.' It was, the Pope suggests, as if Jesus was telling Thomas that 'if you want to meet me, do not search far away; remain in our community, with the others, and don't go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them.' Be open to encounter, not closed to possibilities.

This, evidently, is a lesson for us too. Every Christian generation is called to find the Risen Christ together. We belong with each other, with Christ forming a mystical unity out of our diversity.

In this, the story of Thomas has another lesson for the Church. We Christians are called to be a welcoming people. 'Let us ask ourselves,' the Pope suggests, 'if in the name of Jesus' wounds, we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy but welcoming everyone.'

After all, despite his attitude Thomas was still included and welcomed by the community whose testimony he doubted. Even more pointedly, Our Lord opens his exchange with the doubter with some clearly welcoming words: 'Peace be with you.'

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John 20, 19-31

*Today we celebrate
Second Sunday of Easter*

REFLECTION

Historical Context – My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

Scriptural context – Not an ending?

The final two verses of today's gospel passage (Jn 20:30-31) read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition – possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.

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Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS for next week

Monday 8 April,
Tuesday 9 April; Wednesday 10 April,
Thursday 11 April, Friday 12 April:
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 **Leo Pappalardo** into our Parish community of Innisfail through Baptism.

St Rita's Convent Babinda

The building is owned by Catholic Education Services. Mr Bill Dixon, Director of Catholic Education and Fr Kerry will discuss and share at a meeting **5.30pm** on **Monday April 15th** at St Rita's Church, future plans for the building.

All are 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

Good Friday Collection 2024

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection.

**This year our Parish contribution amounted to
\$764.15 (Innisfail), \$217.00 (Babinda)
\$211.00 (Silkwood).**

The Good Friday collection is to assist with the upkeep of the shrines of the Holy Land and for the support of Christians in the homeland.

Carpark behind the Church

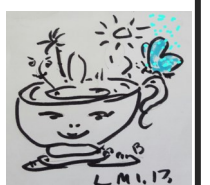
Work commenced on the Carpark behind the Church on Tuesday 2nd April. The upgrade is expected to take approximately 3 weeks to complete. During this time there will be no access to the carpark. Limited parking is available in Grace Street and parking is also available in Rankin Street.

Fr Kerry

Hospitality - Innisfail

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cuppaaa 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 !!



Memorial Service for Nina Mauloni

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday **10th April at 10.30am** in Mother of Good Counsel Church, Rankin Street, Innisfail for Nina Mauloni.

After the committal at the cemetery the family invite you to join them for light refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Have you heard the one about?

Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants to summer camp?

In case he got a hole in one.

(Source: The Majellan - Summer 2024)

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Babinda: Anthony Densmore (40672300)
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WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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Assumed into heaven

FITZROVIA CHAPEL, tucked away behind the shops in London W1, is a tiny gem of a church so exquisite that it is used not only for weddings but as a venue for making a proposal. Its curvy domed ceiling is drenched in gold mosaic, its marble walls and floor reflect the light of innumerable candles, and last Tuesday evening the experience of grace, beauty and Gothic charm was completed by sublime music, as the ORA Singers launched their new album. *Sanctissima: Vespers and Benediction for the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary* (Harmonia Mundi; £17.99 for 2 CDs) interweaves plainchant and sixteenth-century pieces with modern compositions, seven of which were specially commissioned.

Four singers – any more would have been too loud for the intimate space – gave a taste of what is on offer, and superlatives of beauty swirled around as four of the new compositions were presented.

Ave Maris Stella, a 28-line rhyming anthem, was sung first in plainchant and then in a version by Sir James MacMillan – “the greatest living choral composer”, the director of ORA, Suzi Digby, told us – with



the trebles concluding the Amen in a gloriously soaring descant. Oliver Tarney, who had composed the only piece in English, *In Homeward Flight*, spoke of music that was “between the ineffable and the radiant”. The ORA Singers aim to commission 100 new pieces by 100 living composers over 10 years, and they have already commissioned 62.

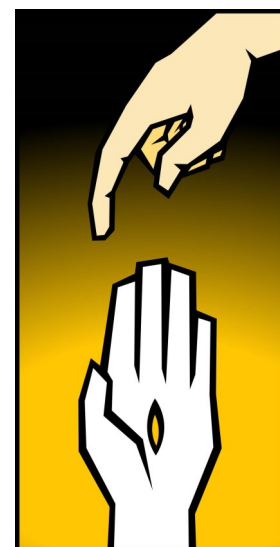
Even the album cover is lovely, featuring a black Madonna dressed in orange and blue by Haitian artist Patricia Brintle, set in the circle that has become the visual trademark of a choir *The Times* has dubbed “the most mellifluous vocal group this side of heaven”.

THE NEWS OF the auction next Saturday of 25 letters to a young Beatle fan by Louise Harrison has reminded us of the piety of George, the youngest of her four children. He was baptised in the church of Our Lady of Good Help in Chestnut Grove, Wavertree, Liverpool on 14 March 1943. Thereafter, things followed a familiar pattern. He went to Mass with his mother, made his First Confession and first Communion, and decided to put Confirmation off. “I’m not going to bother with that, I’ll just confirm it myself later on,” Harrison said. “From then on, I avoided church.”

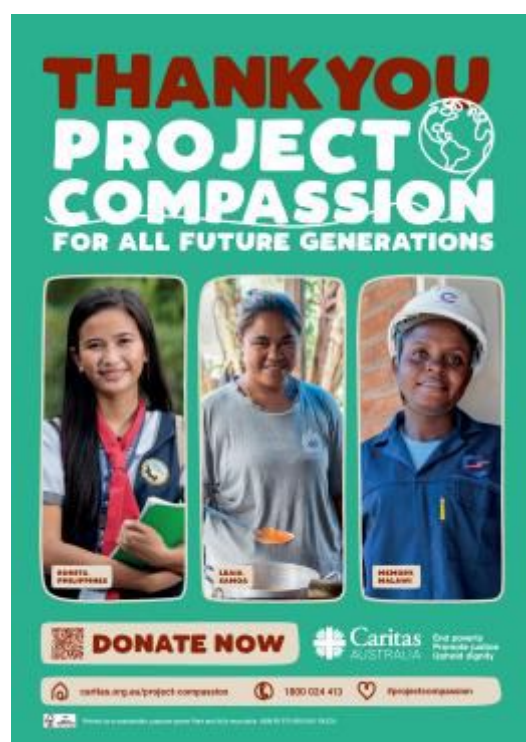
When the twitch on the thread came, it was from the East, as was the way of it in the 1960s. But George was keen to reassure Louise that his embrace of Hare Krishna was a refreshment rather than a rejection of his childhood faith.

“Dear Mum,” he wrote in 1968. “Thanks for your letter last week and if it’s any comfort to you, don’t worry about me, or don’t think anything negative about Maharishi. All he’s doing is teaching us how to contact God. It doesn’t affect my dedication to the Sacred Heart in any way. Don’t think that I’ve gone off my rocker because I haven’t. But I now love you and everybody else much more than ever.”

THE TABLET: 19/26 AUGUST 2023



Thank You!



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world’s most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Week 6: Innisfail \$130.00; Babinda \$257.40
Silkwood/El Arish \$270.00

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

Responsorial Psalm: (Babinda): We give you thanks, O God, for you are good, your love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! 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, Fr Hilary Flynn, Lucy Contarino

Recently Deceased

Kathleen BENSI, Nina MAULONI (Brisbane - sister of Angie Sheerans), **William GREEN**
Thomas TRESTON (Brisbane - formerly of Innisfail, brother of Michael Treston)

Anniversaries

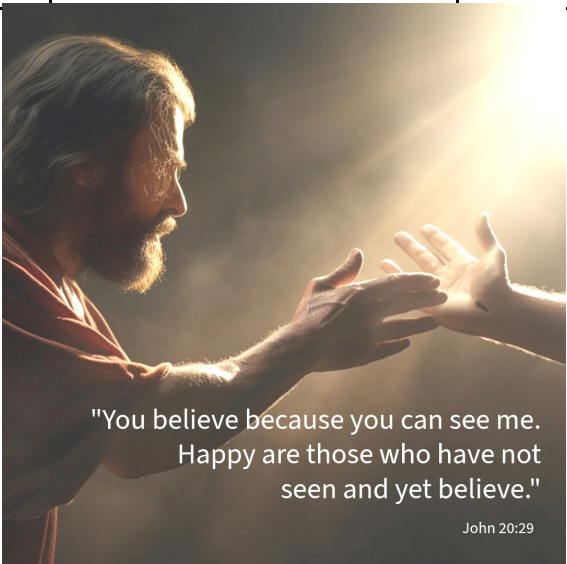
Fr John BOLGER OSA, Mary BRINCAT, Joan BAXTER, Doug WATSON, Anselmo BERTEI, Kathlyn TRELOAR, Les SAWDY, John MARTY, Salvatore BARBERA, Hayden CAREY, Geoffrey JENSEN, Godfrey BERRY, Olive MILLARD, Salvatore ZAPPALA, Edwyn RYAN, Florence LE GRAND, Grace PALU, Oreste FANTONI, Bridget CROATTO, Dave DE JARLAIS, Selwyn MITCHELL, Salvatore GRAVAGNA, Vincenzo ROSANO, Ted HAMMERTON, Rev Filomeno LUCERO, John CROUCHER, Laura AM GIBNEY, Frank GRECH, Ann KLIESE, John CROWLEY, Justin NELSON, Clotilda LAZZARICH, Fr Jose PERTEJO OSA, Jane XERRI, Norina BANDIERA, Johanna CHIDGEY, Lottie AITKIN, Frank COSTELLO, Guiseppe GRASSO, Richard QUINN, Micky CINI, Angelo BANDIERA, Bertha O’SHEA, Charmaine AZZOPARDI, Santo BASILE

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 8th	NO MORNING MASS	
TUESDAY 9th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 10th	8.00am Innisfail 10.30am Innisfail - Memorial Service for Nina Mauloni 5.00pm Babinda	
THURSDAY 11th	8.00am Innisfail 1.00pm Innisfail - Funeral Mass for Kathleen Bensi	St Stanislaus
FRIDAY 12th	5.30pm Innisfail	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 13/14 APRIL				
13/14 APRIL	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	P. Dryden	R. Bandiera	////////////////	R. Basaglia
READERS	M. Lehmann	C. Morrison	////////////////	R. Lankinen C. Basaglia
CIBORIUM	L. Catalano	////////////////	////////////////	M. Gangi
CHALICE	P. Erbacher T. Zahra	J. Smith	////////////////	M. Hogan S. Hoad
HOSPITALITY	Volunteer please	////////////////	////////////////	E. Lankinen
MUSIC	Volunteer please	////////////////	////////////////	Diana & John

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER	
7 APRIL	7.00am Sunday
READER	K. Taylor
CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio
14 APRIL	7.00am Sunday
READER	E. Wiles
CHALICE	P. Lawie & B J Price



When making out your Will please consider the needs of the Parish.
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Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 8 April 2024	9.00am Mass Set-up 14 April 2024
Olive Zaffonato	Angie Sheerans