



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

Parish Priest ~ Fr Kerry Crowley

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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 28 July 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 3-4 August 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:
2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6
Jn 6:1-15

THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD

In the readings for Ordinary Time, we take a break from the sequence of readings from the Gospel of Mark for a few weeks and this week's reading begins a diversion into chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The whole of John 6 is an extended discourse that explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The chapter and the discourse begin with this week's miraculous feeding of the multitude. As this event occurs in each of the four gospels there is a compelling argument that there is some basis in fact or, at the very least, that the metaphoric image of Jesus feeding a crowd was an enduring one in Christian communities.

Jesus is described as testing the disciples, asking them where they might be able to purchase bread for the crowd. Phillip is overwhelmed at the thought of spending a fortune on enough bread for more than 5,000 people. A small boy nearby had a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Jesus took the bread and fish, gave thanks and then had the disciples begin to distribute the food. When everyone had eaten their fill, the disciples collected twelve hampers of leftovers. Some commentators suggest that the twelve baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel – indicating that the message of Jesus will be enough to feed and sustain the whole of Israel. Having witnessed this miracle the people have a sudden insight into who they think Jesus might be – the promised Messiah come to free them from their Roman oppressors. Wary of the crowd's mistaken understanding of what the Messiah is to be, Jesus literally heads for the hills to avoid being made a political figurehead for the people.

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Today we celebrate
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

REFLECTION

Living the Gospel – Plenty for all

The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.

Different View – A miracle of sharing

Some scripture scholars suggest that the real miracle of the feeding of the multitude was not so much a multiplication of meagre resources by Jesus but rather a personal response by individuals within the crowd. It is suggested that upon seeing the willingness of Jesus (and the small boy whose food it was) to share the small amount of food available, everyone dug into their pockets and pulled out the small amount of food they also had and shared it with one another. The miracle was a breaking through from selfishness and isolation to a spirit of sharing and community.

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OFFICE HOURS for next week

Monday 29 July: 12noon - 3.00pm

Tuesday 30 July: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Wednesday 31 July: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday 1 August: 10.00am-3.00pm

Friday 2 August: 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, Mourilyan and El Arish.

After Hours & Weekends

If a priest is required after hours and on weekends please phone **0419 716 627**. Thank you.

Reconciliation

Available each **Saturday at 11.30am** in Mother of Good Counsel Church.



Baptism

This weekend we welcome **Hayz Walker** 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**

Parish Financial Support-----Plan Giving

For anyone who wishes to make a financial contribution to any of the Churches we service either online or through a branch of the National Bank please contact the Parish Office on 40630650 so that the correct Bank Details can be provided to you.

Thank you.

Australian Catholics

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"Saints in song"

Celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross and Feast of the Assumption with bespoke musical compositions.



(Words: Fiona Dyball — Source: Australian Catholics)

Copies of Australian Catholics are still available in all Churches

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday 15th August

(A holy day of obligation) Mass Times for Innisfail, South Johnstone, Silkwood,

Thursday 15 August: **Good Counsel Primary**

9.00am

Thursday 15 August: **St John's School/Parish, Silkwood**

9.00am

Thursday 15 August: **St Rita's School/Parish, South Johnstone**

9.30am

Thursday 15 August: **Good Counsel College**

12.00noon

PARISHIONERS are welcome to attend any of the Masses listed above.



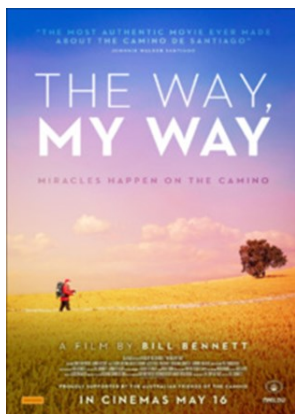
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2024

**This Sunday, 28 July 2024 we celebrate IV
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.**

**The theme chosen by the Holy Father –
“Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. Psalm 71:9)**



Friday, Saturday, Sunday
2nd, 3rd 4th August 7.30pm
Adults At Children Price Admission
\$11.00



Based on the best selling Camino memoir
of the same title, *The Way, My Way* tells
the story of one man's journey along the
800km pilgrims trail, the Camino de
Santiago in Spain. Searching for meaning,
he didn't realise it was right in front of him,
one step at a time.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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To learn more about **SAFEGUARDING**
go to <http://cairns.catholic.org.au/services-and-ministries/safeguarding>
it is everyone's responsibility to work together to
protecting our young and vulnerable.

Trevisani e Amici in onore di St Pio X

Choir Practice

The feast of 'Trevisani e Amici, in onore di St Pio X'
will be celebrated with an 11am Mass in Mother of
Good Counsel Church on **August 18th**.

The music for this Mass is beautiful - we will have 2
practices in the church and we are inviting you to
become involved.

The practices will be held on **Thursday 8th
August at 5pm** and on **Friday 16th August at 6pm**.

Music will be provided.

Thank you

Diana

*“Just don't give up trying to do what you really want
to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't
think you can go wrong.” — Ella Fitzgerald*

Hope & Inspiration - Thoughts to Inspire

“TREASURES OF TIME – CHERISHING OUR ELDERLY”

***“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.”
Mark Twain***

Grandparents, and all the elderly for that matter, are treasures of our lives. They hold stories of the past, teaching us through their many experiences.

Their hands, though worn with age, have cared for us and helped us grow. Their wisdom, born from a life full of ups and downs, guides us in making better choices.

Spending time with them gives us a sense of comfort and reminds us to appreciate the small things in life. Our grandparents in particular, connect us to our roots, sharing traditions, offering wisdom and values that shape who we are. The love they give is endless and their patience shows us the beauty of taking life slowly. Their memories and lessons are gifts, making every moment with them precious and meaningful. So, don't forget our elderly, make the time to visit them, as it is guaranteed to bring joy and warmth to their hearts.

“Heavenly Father, bless our grandparents and all the elderly with health and happiness. May their wisdom guide us and their love surround us. Grant them peace and joy, and may we honour and cherish them always. Amen.”

(Source - Majellan Media)

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us, God answers all our needs.

Responsorial Psalm (Babinda/Mourilyan): The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Please pray for.....

Those who are sick: Andy Jones, Gerald Walton, Leonardo Nucifora, Cheyenne Stephensen, Eddie Lee

Recently Deceased

Nita DAQUINO (formerly of Innisfail), **Michael WARD** (Relative of Fr Kerry),
Brother Leo HERNON CFC, (Brother of Fr Ivan Hernon),
Bishop Kevin MANNING (Emeritus Bishop Parramatta NSW).

Anniversaries

Maria Anna BRINCAT, Violet GIBSON, Archibaldo SUMIDO, Gavin SWINDLEY, Dorothy LUXTON, Peter DI MAGGIO, Bill RAFFLES, Constance TIERNEY, Joseph GRECH, John WARWICK, Laurence BREEN, Leisa PATERSON & Baby Aden, Con KELLY, Silvio DE BORTOLI, Alfio FICHERA, Maria MICALE, Giuseppina REA, Rosalinde HONG, Monica ERNST, Howard WATSON, Sebastian Busty NUCIFORA, Margaret RULE, Tim CASEY, Emilia SORDELLI, Sr Maria WELCH, Myles HALPIN, Maria BIANCHIN, Lyle CARNE, Francesca DEL SAL, Annie MADDEN, Michael McNAMEE, Richard POSAR, Carmelina LIZZIO, Maria SALVESTRO, Maria GANGEMI, Venerando DI SALVO, Edwin SHAW, Joseph GUARRERA, Walter ERCEG, Bill BROWN, Doreen RUDICEN, Dan FITZPATRICK, Stefano MARIANI, Fr Kevin FLANAGAN, Lena NUCIFORA, Abramo POZZEBON

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 29th	NO MORNING MASS	
TUESDAY 30th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 31st	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Babinda	St Ignatius of Loyola
THURSDAY 1st	8.00am Innisfail	St Alphonsus Liguori
FRIDAY 2nd	5.30pm Innisfail	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 3/4 AUGUST				
3/4 AUGUST	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	S. Todd	////////////////	N. Smith	Youth
READERS	M. Lehmann	////////////////	I. & L. Massa	Youth Reader Youth Reader
CIBORIUM		////////////////	////////////////	Youth
CHALICE	L. Catalano C. Catalano	////////////////	M. Grima J. Brincat	Youth
HOSPITALITY		////////////////	F. McLeish	
MUSIC	Silkwood Duo	////////////////	////////////////	Youth

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER	
28 JULY	7.00am Sunday
READER	M. Rowe
CHALICE	T. Densmore & P. Lawie
4 AUGUST	7.00am Sunday
READER	P. Lawie
CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio



When making out your Will please consider the needs of the Parish.

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Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 29 July 2024	9.00am Mass Set-up 4 August 2024
Y. Diaz	T. & M. Hogan