



## 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 Bulletin Sunday 9 March 2025

### 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 15/16 March 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:

Deut 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

## TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL

'Jesus does not converse with the devil', observes Pope Francis.

The Pope points out that Jesus never seeks the devil's opinion, nor does he get into a dialogue with the devil. Jesus only gives firm answers, rebuffing the devil with Scripture, even when the devil tries to warp Scripture to his own ends.

Hoping that Lent can be 'a time of the desert' for each one of us, a time when we can find silence and make time for prayer, the Pope also warns us against falling into a 'slumber of the conscience'.

Silence and prayer must never become dialogue with the devil. If we start to think of ourselves as holier than others, excuse ourselves from helping the poor, or judge others whose lives appear different from our own, then perhaps we have started listening to the devil's opinion.

This Lent we might reflect on this temptation to self-justify, to dialogue with evil. 'The devil does this with us', the Pope suggests. Too easily the devil can, as the Pope puts it, 'disguise himself with sacred, apparently religious motives!'

Therefore, we might begin Lent by praying for the fortitude to answer our own inner temptations with firm resolve.

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*Today we celebrate  
First Sunday of Lent- Year C*

## *The Pastor's Pen*

It was pleasing to have good numbers come to worship at all services throughout the day on Ash Wednesday, to receive ashes with the words *'repent and believe in the Gospel'* while making a public statement of faith and a belief in Easter.

Likewise, this weekend we have a good number of candidates who will join the Diocesan Community at St Monica's Cathedral, Cairns for the 10.00am Mass for the Rite of Election, it is a special moment for each on the Journey to Easter, for reception into the Catholic Church.

Also, younger members of the parish community are furthering their journey after Baptism, while preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Last week following their recent retreat, each received the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lent is that special time when like Jesus, we journey to our own desert for the unknown, his was fasting and temptation, the goal set for us is: prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Fr Kerry

### **OFFICE HOURS for next week Innisfail**

**Monday 10 March, Tuesday 11 March,  
Wednesday 12 March, Thursday 13 March,  
Friday 14 March: 10.00am - 3pm**

**Silkwood: 1.30pm - 4.30pm every Friday**

#### *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 (Babinda through to Silkwood/El Arish) please phone 4046 5225, Press 1 to leave a voicemail or Press 2 if a Priest is required after hours. Thank you.

#### *Reconciliation*

Available each **Saturday at 11.30am** in Mother of Good Counsel Church or phone Parish Office for a more suitable time.

#### *Baptisms*

This weekend we welcome **Laityn Binder, Ryder Macdonald, Sophia McBride, Mahlia and Aubrey Lawrence** into our Parish community of Innisfail and **Arnold Mesner** into our Parish Community of Babinda through Baptism.



#### *Lent*

- *In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and at the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts.*
- *From Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after Easter Time.* (Source: The Ordo)

### *Acknowledgement of Country*

We acknowledge the Indigenous people of this land, Ma:mu and Wanyurr Majay Country.

#### *Rite of Election*

This year the Rite of Election will be celebrated at St Monica's Cathedral, 10.00am Mass, on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March (First Sunday of Lent)**. It is an important step for candidates participating in the Parish Rite of Christian for Adults (RCIA). Our Parish has a good number on the RCIA Journey who will participate in the Rite of Election. Please keep them and their families in prayer.

#### *Anointing Mass - Innisfail*

The next Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am in the Parish Centre.

#### *Anointing of the Sick - Silkwood, South Johnstone, Babinda & El Arish - 15/16 March*

Anointing of the Sick during Mass will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month at Silkwood, South Johnstone, Babinda and El Arish.

#### *Birthday Corner*

Best wishes and God's blessings to **Phyllis Westcott** who celebrated her **99<sup>th</sup> birthday** on Monday and **Mike Gaia** who celebrated his birthday last week.



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

#### *Stations of the Cross during Lent*

As in previous years, St Alban's will host Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, starting at 7pm. Stations of the Cross will go from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent through to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (ie: Fridays 14 Mar, 21 Mar, 28 Mar, 4 Apr).





**First Sunday of Lent  
8th and 9th of March 2025**



## **A Second Collection will be taken up each weekend during lent in support of Project Compassion.**

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

### **Project Compassion Envelopes – Important Update**

This year, Project Compassion donation envelopes have changed in line with our commitment to sustainability and Laudato Si' action plan. Instead of 6 separate envelopes for each week of Lent, we now have one single envelope designed to be used throughout the six weeks of Lent. **Parishioners can still choose to donate weekly by taking 6 envelopes or you can choose to make a one-time contribution at any point during Lent.**

This change helps reduce paper waste and our environmental impact while ensuring that your generous support continues to reach those in need. Thank you for uniting with us to care for both our global family and our common home.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through envelopes or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

## ***Hope & Inspiration***

### **Hope in Every New Chapter**

***"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."***

***~ C. S. Lewis ~***

There comes a time when we need to move forward, even from things that have been part of our lives for a long time. It's not always easy, but holding on too tightly can keep us from what's ahead.

Think of a well-loved book. You've read its pages again and again, finding comfort in familiar words, but one day, you realise it's time for a new story. The memories of the old one stay with you, but new pages bring fresh lessons, new characters and different adventures.

Life is like that, too. Whether it's a routine, a place or a goal we once chased, sometimes we reach a moment when staying the same is no longer helping us grow. Moving on doesn't mean we don't value what came before, it means we're ready for what comes next.

Just as we put down a finished book to start another, we can step forward with courage, knowing new chapters hold possibilities we've yet to discover. The past will always be part of us, but the future is waiting to be written.

**YOUR NEXT CHAPTER IS GOING TO BE AMAZING.....**

(Source: Majellan Media)

## ***Parish Safeguarding Representatives***

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it is everyone's responsibility to work together to protecting our young and vulnerable.

## ***Australian Catholics***



In this issue: Autumn 2025

**"Many things about Mary Magdalene"**

Often called the 'Apostle to the Apostles,' Mary Magdalene occupies a unique and multifaceted role in the New Testament.

(Words: Andrea Dean—Source: Australian Catholics)

**Copies of Australian Catholics are available in all Churches**

## ***On the Noticeboard***

- **Positions vacant – Centacare FNQ**  
Community Recovery Support Roles – Assisting Flood -Impacted Communities (Tully and Cassowary Coast)
- Letter from Bishop Joe Caddy – Palms Mission

## ***Priests Emergency - Cairns area only***

**Priest for MEDICAL EMERGENCY - 0409 622 392**

## ***Have you thought? – The Devil***

The personification of 'the devil' is sometimes difficult to contemplate. The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as 'the devil'. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, *diabolos*. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that *diabolos* was the word used. *Diabolos* has several meanings: *the accuser*; *the slanderer*; *the one who separates*. It is the purpose of the temptations to 'separate' Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that 'separate' us from what we know to be right.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Be with me, Lord, be with me when I am in trouble.

**Responsorial Psalm (Mourilyan & Babinda):** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*Please pray for ... ..*

*Those who are sick:* Sr. Anne Moule RSM

*Anniversaries*

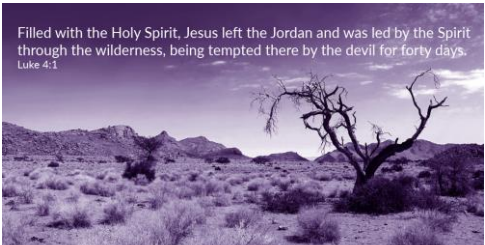
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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

MONDAY 10th	8.00am Innisfail	
TUESDAY 11th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 12th	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Babinda	
THURSDAY 13th	8.00am Innisfail	
FRIDAY 14th	5.30pm Innisfail	
SATURDAY 15th	10.00am Innisfail Parish Centre – Anointing Mass	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 15/16 MARCH					
15/16 MARCH	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
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BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER		SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER		Altar Linen Roster	9.00am Mass Set Up
9 MARCH	7.00am Sunday	15 MARCH		Week commencing	16 March 2025
READER	R. Rowe	COUNTERS	R. Gaia, G. Bromell	10 March 2025	K. & J. Ferguson
				T. Riznyk	
CHALICE	P. Lawie & BJ Price				
16 MARCH	7.00am Sunday	PRIEST’S MEAL	Barbara Kendall		
READER	J. Marks	CLEANING	M Bromell, R. D’Urso		
CHALICE	T. Densmore & P. Lawie				



**Symbols and Images:** In the Scriptures, the desert or the wilderness is a place of great deprivation and hardship. We sometimes hear about people undergoing a ‘dark night of the soul’ or a ‘desert experience’. Such experiences can be a time of testing. However, these experiences often lead to a new understanding of God or a renewed faith, in much the same way that God's people experienced when he led them through the wilderness to the Promised Land.

(Source: The Summit)