



**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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**PALM SUNDAY  
OF THE  
PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**HOLY WEEK**

Monday of Holy Week 14 April		Reconciliation 7.00pm (Innisfail)
Tuesday of Holy Week 15 April		Reconciliation 6.30pm (Tully)
Holy Thursday 17 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00pm Babinda 7.30pm Innisfail	
Good Friday 18 April		Stations of the Cross 10.30am (Innisfail) Reconciliation 11.30am (Innisfail) The Lord's Passion 3.00pm (Innisfail, Babinda, Silkwood)
Holy Saturday 19 April		
Easter Sunday 20 April		7.00am South Johnstone 7.00am Babinda 9.00am Innisfail 10.00am El Arish

*The Pastor’s Pen*

Momentum is gathering resulting from Bishop Joe’s announcement of a Diocesan Synod launch on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th this year, invoking the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

Bishop Joe: “*I encourage the active participation of all clergy, religious and laity. Each member of our diocese has a unique perspective and contribution to make, and it is essential that we create an inclusive environment where everyone feels empowered to share their insights. The success of this Synod will depend on our collective commitment to listening, learning, and collaborating for the common good of our Church.*”

Saturday June 14th is the Opening Session when ALL in our parishes are invited to assemble, pray, and give voice to issues of concern in the diocese, at Brothers Leagues Club Cairns from 10.00am to 4.30pm. We ask that you book your seat now either by scanning the barcode, on [www.shorturl.at/Q3CJQ](http://www.shorturl.at/Q3CJQ) or call at the Parish Office for staff to assist. Dependent on numbers, our hope is to provide Bus Transport.

I see this Synod as an opportunity for us to broaden our horizons about church and church life and encourage you to respond, with your attendance.

Fr Kerry



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

**Monday 14 April, Tuesday 15 April,**  
**Wednesday 16 April, Thursday 17 April:**  
**10.00am - 3pm**

**Good Friday 18 April: CLOSED**

**Silkwood: Good Friday - CLOSED**

*Fr Kerry*

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

*Fr James*

This weekend Father James will celebrate Mass in Innisfail and Babinda.

***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.

***RCIA***

Please keep the Elect and their Sponsors in your prayers as they continue in this period of Purification and Enlightenment, centered on conversion and the preparation rites on Holy Saturday.

***Acknowledgement of Country***

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

***Reconciliation – Lent***

Reconciliation will be offered in Innisfail on **Monday 14th April commencing at 7.00pm**. Three priests will be available.

Tully Parish is scheduled to have Reconciliation on **Tuesday 15th April commencing at 6.30pm**.

**Holy Week**

**HOLY THURSDAY – 17 APRIL**

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 6.00pm Babinda  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7.30pm Innisfail

**GOOD FRIDAY – 18 APRIL**

Stations of the Cross	10.30am Innisfail
Reconciliation	11.30am Innisfail
The Lord’s Passion	3.00pm Innisfail
The Lord’s Passion	3.00pm Babinda
The Lord’s Passion	3.00pm Silkwood

**HOLY SATURDAY – 19 APRIL**

Reconciliation	11.30am Innisfail
Easter Vigil	6.00pm Silkwood
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>6.30pm Innisfail</b>

**EASTER SUNDAY – 20 APRIL**

7.00am Babinda  
7.00am South Johnstone  
9.00am Innisfail  
10.00am El Arish



**Palm Sunday**  
**12th and 13th of April 2025**

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

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

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

**Week 5. Innisfail \$1707.20; Babinda \$269.00; Silkwood \$...**

***Easter Choir***

Choir practice for the Easter ceremonies will be held at **5pm at Mother of Good Counsel Church, Tuesday 15th April**

Everyone is welcome; we need you!

Diana O'Brien

***Gifts for St Vincent De Paul Pantry***

THIS WEEK we are asking for gifts of food items (non-perishable) to be taken up at the **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** on **Holy Thursday 17 April**. Gifts for the needy is an old tradition of the Church. Food items can be left at the Parish Office or bring them along on **HOLY THURSDAY night**.

***Wanted!! CLEAN, SMALL Screw Top Glass bottles.***

**Tablet Bottles** as well as **Herb Bottles** with the holes in the lids, are **NOT** suitable. **ALL LABELS** must be removed prior to leaving them at the Parish Office.

***JOIN THE YOUTH MINISTRY ROUNDTABLE***



The Youth Ministry Roundtable is a Diocese of Cairns initiative, led by young people, to strengthen youth ministry across the diocese.

Meeting every 6–8 weeks, the group will explore practical steps, support new projects, and help shape the future direction of youth ministry.

**Apply now:** [forms.office.com/r/ziq9tng6UB](http://forms.office.com/r/ziq9tng6UB)

***Parish Safeguarding Representatives***

**Innisfail:** Rosalee Lankinen (0429426949)

Alfio Parisi (0499010242),  
Caroline Aracic (0407555039)

**Babinda:** Anthony Densmore (40672300)

Loretta Musumeci (40671438)

**Sth Johnstone:** Lydia Massa (0424649093)

**Mourilyan:** Colleen Morrison (0488391111)

**Silkwood:** Bernadette Pennisi (0437000296)

Gail Bromell (0419682183)

**El Arish:** Amanda Olsen (0459124085)

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.

***ONGOING SYNOD MEMBERSHIP - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN***

We're seeking parishioners to join the Diocesan Synod – a deeper commitment to help guide our diocese into a more collaborative and consultative future.



Synod members will help shape the long-term processes that support a more connected Church. Interested? Fill out the Expression of Interest form: [forms.office.com/r/fGvZEiRKC8](http://forms.office.com/r/fGvZEiRKC8)

***75th Anniversary of Feast of the Three Saints***

**Silkwood, Sunday 4th May 2025**

**10.00am** Concelebrated Italian Mass, followed by traditional Italian food, music, children's entertainment.

**2.00pm** Solemn Procession of Three Saints

**3.00pm** Afternoon Mass (English)

**7.30pm** Fireworks display; music and dancing until 9pm.

For more information visit  
[www.feastofthethreesaints.com.au](http://www.feastofthethreesaints.com.au)

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***Community Unity***

Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago has reminded his people that receiving holy communion at the Eucharist is not a private act but a communal one. As such, the established norm, approved by the Holy See, is for the faithful to process together and receive the Sacred Host standing. The common ritual posture, he said, 'holds a profound meaning.' As the very word 'communion' itself implies, it expresses the unity of the Body of Christ.

He was responding to a minority of Mass-goers, who act out of personal piety, choose to kneel to receive communion. Disrupting this moment (of unity) only diminishes this powerful symbolic expression, by which the faithful in processing together express their faith that they are called to become the very Body of Christ they receive. Certainly, reverence can and should be expressed by bowing before the reception of holy communion, but no one should engage in a gesture that calls attention to oneself or disrupts the flow of the procession. That would be contrary to the norms and the tradition of the Church, which all the faithful are urged to respect and observe.... Respecting these norms, he said is not merely about liturgical order. It is about honoring the deeper truth that, in the sacred liturgy, we are one body, united in Christ.

*(Liturgy News Autumn/March 2025)*

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*Please pray for ...*

*Those who are sick:*


*Recently Deceased*

**Anna PIZZOLATO, Sr. Anne MOULE RSM, Joshy MATHEW** (Kerala) Brother-in-law Fr Sabu (Edmonton)

*Anniversaries*

Angelo BANDIERA, Bertha O’SHEA, Charmaine AZZOPARDI, Santo BASILE, Kit RYAN, John SORENSEN, Carmelle CHINN, Caterina SPAGNOLO, Bevan ADCOCK, Philip KELLY, Angela BONANNO, Joyce ANGEL, Salvatore SORBELLO, Fr Ignatius SUGURE OSA, Fr James HOOPER OSA, Fr James BREEN OSA, Caterina DALLA VECCHIA, Edward MOLLOY, Dan Mc AVOY, Florence STEINE, Ester CANTONI, Ante TOLIC, Antonia PARISI, Mary DOOLAN, Giuseppe LEOTTA, Catherine BREEN, Antonino FERRAU, Giovanni & Sarah BARBAGALLO, Celina BORTOLAZZO, Gordon HIGGINS, Alfio GRASSO, Bishop Thomas CAHILL, Cecilia O’LOGHLEN, Lawrence O’HANLON, Francesco CERAOLO, Barbara CULANTI, Sandy EATON, Giulia NOLI, Rosaria GANGEMI, Ken BASEDEN, Alfia SENDRA, Ida PUCCINI, Caterina SORBELLO, Lena Mc GEOWN, Clara DE FAVERI, Madge HANDY, Ross PARISI, Fr Frank CRANE, Connie RIERA

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

MONDAY 14th	8.00am Innisfail	
TUESDAY 15th	8.00am Innisfail 10.30am Innisfail – Funeral Mass for Anna Pizzolato	
WEDNESDAY16th	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Babinda	
THURSDAY 17th	6.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Babinda 7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Innisfail	
FRIDAY 18th	3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - Babinda 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - Innisfail 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - Silkwood	

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2024 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.5 million (\$1.4 million [2023], \$1.4 million [2022] and \$1,126,098 [2021]). The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 19/20 APRIL 2025				BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER		SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER	
19/20 APRIL 2025	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	7.00am Sun South Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail	13 APRIL	7.00am Sunday	19 April	
COMMENTATOR	R. Rimmington	L. Massa	J. Ferguson	READER	S. Brand	COUNTERS	A. Strano & M. Gaia
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CIBORIUM	L. Gaia	//////////	T. Camilleri	20 APRIL	7.00am Sunday	PRIEST’S MEAL	Rene Gaia
CHALICE	//////////	F. McLeish J. Brincat	A. Parisi	READER	M. Rowe	CLEANING	F. & K. Lizzio
HOSPITALITY	G. Bromell	E. Sumich		CHALICE	R. Price & E. Wiles		
MUSIC	//////////	//////////	Antoinette, Christine & Noela	Altar Linen Roster		9.00am Mass Set Up	
				Week commencing		20 April 2025	
				14 April 2025 A. Campagnolo		K. & J. Ferguson	