



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 Santhosh George

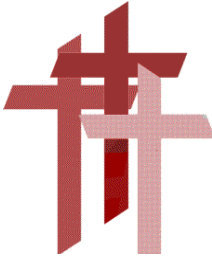
Innisfail, Babinda and Silkwood Parishes have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in all activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

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Parish Bulletin Sunday 29 March 2026



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

HOLY WEEK		
Monday of Holy Week 30 March		Reconciliation 7.00pm (Innisfail)
Tuesday of Holy Week 31 March		Reconciliation 7.00pm (Tully)
Holy Thursday 2 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00pm Babinda 7.30pm Innisfail	
Good Friday 3 April		Stations of the Cross 10.00am (Babinda) 10.30am (Innisfail) Reconciliation Babinda following Stations of the Cross 11.30am (Innisfail) The Lord's Passion 3.00pm (Innisfail, Babinda, Silkwood)
Holy Saturday 4 April	Reconciliation 11.30am (Innisfail) Easter Vigil 6.00pm (Silkwood) 6.30pm (Innisfail)	
Easter Sunday 5 April		7.00am South Johnstone 7.00am Babinda 9.00am Innisfail 10.00am El Arish

The Pastor's Pen

This Year's Chrism Mass fell on the Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord, celebrated at St Monica's Cathedral last Wednesday evening.

The Liturgy, tinged with Marian overtones: it reflected Mary's 'yes' when invited to become the mother of the Lord, the final hymn being, the Anthem to Mary, 'Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.'

Bishop Joe in his homily expressed his appreciation to the congregation for their presence in showing their support to the Priests of the Cairns Diocese. He invited us to renew our Priestly Promises and then proceeded to bless our 'tools of trade' the Holy Oils: used for the Sick and Infirm, for those seeking entry into the Church, Catechumens, and Chrism, used for baptism, confirmation, and ordination.

For me it is a reminder each year of the gift I have of the priesthood and the opportunity I have to respond to my Bishop, when he says: *"Are you resolved to renew the promises you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your ordination?"*

Fr Kerry

OFFICE HOURS for next week Innisfail

**Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March,
Wednesday 1 April, Thursday 2 April:
10.00am - 3pm**

Good Friday 3 April: CLOSED

Silkwood: Good Friday - CLOSED

Fr Kerry

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

Fr Santhosh

This weekend Father Santhosh will celebrate Mass in Silkwood, South Johnstone 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.

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.

Dear God, guide my mind toward calm and positive thinking. Help me make wise choices, act with compassion and inspire others through my words and actions. Amen.

(Majella Media Online)

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 30th March commencing at 7.00pm**. Three priests will be available.

Tully Parish is scheduled to have Reconciliation on **Tuesday 31st March commencing at 7.00pm**.

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 2 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**.

St Rita's Parish – Babinda

There will be **Stations of the Cross** at **10.00am** on **Good Friday, 3 April** at **St Rita's Babinda**. This will be followed by **Reconciliation**.

Good Friday's Passion

"As we listen to the reading of John's Passion this Good Friday, it is important to remember that references to 'the Jews' in the Gospel are not to be interpreted as antisemitic. Rather, this term in John's context referred specifically to certain religious leaders and authorities of the time, not the Jewish people as a whole. The Church rejects any form of prejudice and encourages us to approach this sacred story with respect and understanding, recognising our shared humanity and the message of love and reconciliation at its heart."

Cairns Diocesan News Easter Edition: Printed copies of this edition are available from all churches this weekend. Link for flip book edition is: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/xgvmy/Diocese-A4-2026-Easter-Edition-E-BOOK/#p=1>

Palm Sunday
28–29 March 2026



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

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through envelopes or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Week 5. Innisfail \$1078.05; Babinda \$322.00; Silkwood \$370.00

Symbols and images

There are two central images in this week's liturgy: the palms signify the glory and triumph of Jesus, as well as reminding us of his entry into Jerusalem before his death, and the cross represents Christ's love for the world and the sacrifice he made so that salvation would be available to all people.

Sharing the Tradition

One of the great devotions associated with this period of the church year is the Stations of the Cross (sometimes called the 'Way of the Cross'). There are traditionally fourteen stations associated with the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. To travel and meditate on these events is a centuries-old practice, with some evidence of similar devotion going back as far as the fifth century. It is a practice that was promoted by the Franciscans, who were given custody of the holy places in the Holy Land in the fourteenth century.

(Source: The Summit Online)

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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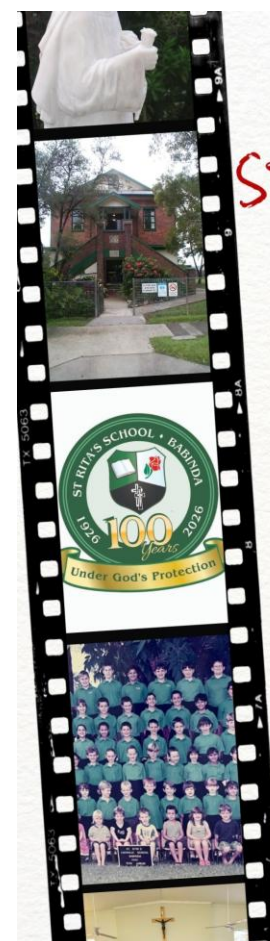
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go to <http://cairns.catholic.org.au/services-and-ministries/safeguarding>

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



*St Rita's
Babinda
Centenary
Celebrations*

*Saturday
24th of
October
2026*

Save the date

Parish Financial Support-----Plan Giving

For anyone who wishes to make a financial contribution to any of the Churches we service, the ONLINE Banking Details for each Parish are listed below.

Innisfail, Mourilyan & South Johnstone	Babinda	Silkwood/El Arish
Acc. Name: Innisfail Catholic Church	Acc. Name: Babinda Catholic Church	Acc. Name: Silkwood Parish
BSB: 084352	BSB: 084352	BSB: 084352
Acc. No: 000019134	Acc. No: 000000647	Acc. No: 000000514
Reference: Name (include PG No)	Reference: Name (include PG No)	Reference: Name (include PG No)

“Looking for ways to donate to your Parish”



Scan QR Code to Donate to your Parish via Credit Card

- Make a donation.
- Choose an amount.
- Where would you like your donation directed?
- 3rd option is Parish. In the comments box type in the name of the Parish you would like your donation to go to.

If you wish to contribute to the support of the Parish, an eftpos machine is situated on a table in the middle of Mother of Good Counsel Church. Simply choose the amount, tap the card you use or use your smart phone for payment.



THANK YOU

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: David Bimrose, Hugh O’Brien, Juana Rivera, Lavinia Langton, Cecilia Fishbourne, Rob Rimmington, Peter White

Recently Deceased

Joe CINI, Alan MORRISON, Sam BATTIATO, John HANRAHAN (Cairns), **Terry NOLAN** (Canberra)

Anniversaries

Mary BUTCHER, Richard GILL, Alice JACKSON, Maurice ZAHRA, Miles NELSON, Rebecca MIZZI, Margaret O’Brien, John COSTIGAN, William MADDEN, Emilia PENSINI, Saviour FENECH, Renato SCAMNELLO, Fred MELONI, Fr Denis GUINAN OSA, Spiro CINI, Grace 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, Wal ANTHONY, Alfio GANGEMI, Enrico CROATTO, Dolores GOGGI, Teresa GENOCCHIO, Guiseppi BRINCAT, Guido CROSATO, Grace HATTENSEN, Fr Casimiro DIAZ OSA, Laurence GALEA, Kathleen BENSI, Maria ZAMARIAN, Lorenzo ALVERO, John COSTELLO, Vince MOYLAN, Joyce BERGIN, Sam MANGANO, Justin BALDISSERA, Anna PIZZOLATO, Fr Patrick HICKEY OSA, Fr William O’BYRNE OSA

WEEKDAY MASSES		
MONDAY 30th	8.00am Innisfail 10.30am Innisfail - Funeral Mass for Joe Cini	
TUESDAY 31st	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 1st	8.00am Innisfail No afternoon Mass in Babinda	
THURSDAY 2nd	6.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Babinda 7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Innisfail	
FRIDAY 3rd	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 3rd. 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 and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the Covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors. Last year Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. But this year, the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 4/5 2026				BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER				SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER	
4/5 APRIL 2026	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	7.00am Sun South Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail	29 MARCH	7.00am Sunday	4 APRIL			
COMMENTATOR	B. Pennisi	I. Massa	Youth	READER	R. Rowe	COUNTERS		M. Gaia & N. Bromell	
TECH	L. Gaia	//////////	//////////	CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio				
READERS	R. Nguyen	R. Camuglia A. Camuglia	Youth Reader Youth Reader	5 APRIL	7.00am Sunday	PRIEST’S MEAL		Rene Gaia	
CIBORIUM	//////////	//////////	Youth	READER	J. Marks	CLEANING		F. & K. Lizzio	
CHALICE	N. Bromell	L. Massa M. Grima	Youth	CHALICE	P. Lawie & B. J. Price				
HOSPITALITY	//////////	E. Sumich	M. Richards	Altar Linen Roster		9.00am Mass Set Up			
MUSIC	//////////	//////////	Youth	Week commencing 30 March 2026 M. Gangi		5 April 2026 T. & M. Hogan			