



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 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

Sunday Masses for Next Weekend 28/29 MARCH

Silkwood:	6.00pm
Innisfail:	6.30pm
Babinda:	7.00am
South Johnstone:	7.00am
Innisfail:	9.00am
El Arish:	10.00am

This Weekend's Texts

Ezek 37:12-14;

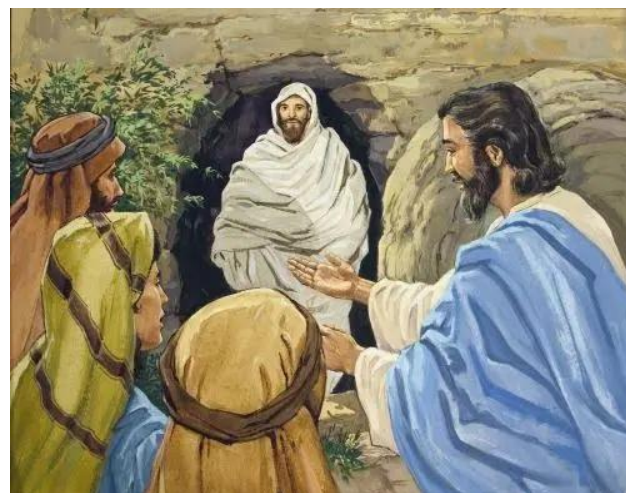
Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45

THE RESSURECTION AND THE LIFE

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.

The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus' death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live. © Greg Sunter



*Today we celebrate
Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A*

The Pastor's Pen

The photo depicts Bishop Joe laying hands on, Fr Mark Freeman, ordained last Thursday at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

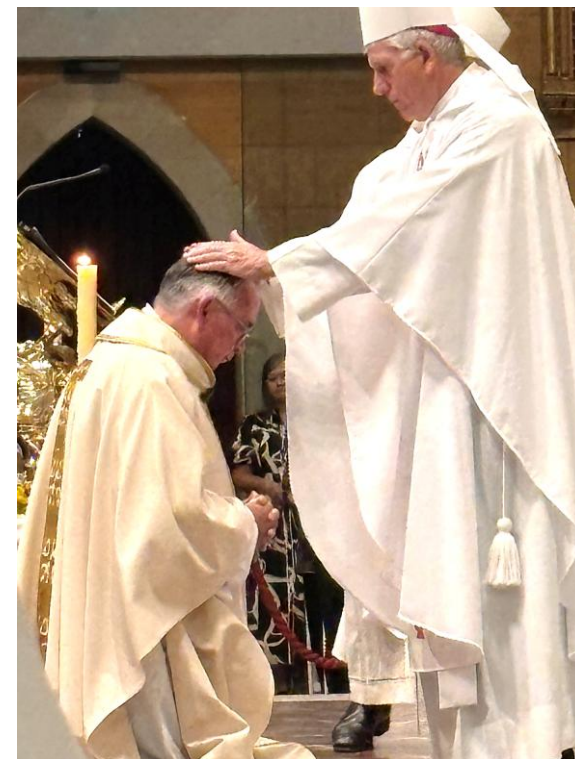
I was also a guest at the Ordination having worked on Committees with Mark over the years.

Bishop Mark in his address at the end of the Mass acknowledged the sexual abuse history of the Diocese and the pain it has caused victims; he is committed to dialogue to assist the healing process.

He also asked his people to 'teach me to be your Bishop, I need you all to keep me grounded in Christ. I ask you to pray, challenge and call me to order.'

The Insignia, the Bishop's Ring was made from the Wedding Rings of his deceased parents George and Mary Freeman.

Fr Kerry



OFFICE HOURS for next week Innisfail

Monday 23 March, Tuesday 24 March,
Wednesday 25 March, Thursday 26 March,
Friday 27 March: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Silkwood: 1.30pm – 4.30pm every Friday.

Fr Kerry

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

Fr Santhosh

This weekend Father Santhosh 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.

Lenten Group

Next **Thursday 26th March at 10.00am** in Prayer Room at the Parish Centre. Please bring your copy of the booklet "The Journey Home."

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, starting at 7pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church. Stations of the Cross will be on March 27th March. All Welcome!



Acknowledgement of Country

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

RCIA

Kindly keep in your prayers the RCIA catechumens and candidates, Coral Capponi, Racel Jones, Christopher McBride, Jessica Fichera, Jessica Squarci, Kellie Page, Jedidiah Page, now the Elect their families and the Team journeying to Easter for Baptism and full reception into the Catholic Church. This weekend our Catechumens and Candidates will be presented with the Lord's Prayer.

Chrism Mass

Everyone is invited to attend the Chrism Mass with Bishop Joseph Caddy presiding. The Chrism Mass is a Catholic liturgical service that takes place annually to bless the oils used in sacraments.

When: Wednesday 25 March - 6pm

Where: St Monica's Cathedral, 181 Abbott St, Cairns

Passion/Palm Sunday – 28/29 March

Palms will be needed for the **2** weekend Masses in **Innisfail** as well as at **St Rita's Church, South Johnstone, Babinda, Silkwood and El Arish.**

If you can assist, please leave them in an **undercover area either at the front of the Parish Centre** or in a shaded area at the other churches on **Saturday, 28 March.**

Thank You

Palm Sunday - Ecumenical Procession

All interested participants are asked to gather with palms at St Alban's Church, Rankin St. Innisfail at 8.30am on **Sunday March 29** for the Ecumenical procession.

Holy Communion - All Parishes

For those living with Coeliac Disease or Gluten Intolerance and wish to receive Holy Communion at Mass, kindly see the Sacristans preparing for Mass, for a special Host to be consecrated.

Easter Choir

We need singers at the Easter ceremonies please.

Choir practice will be held at **5pm** at **Mother of Good Counsel Church, Thursday 26th March.**

Thank you

Diana O'Brien

Reconciliation – Lent

Reconciliation will be offered in Innisfail on **Monday 30th March commencing at 7.00pm**. Three priests will be available.

Reconciliation will be offered in Tully on **Tuesday 31st March commencing at 7.00pm**.

Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY – 2 APRIL

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6.00pm Babinda

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm Innisfail

GOOD FRIDAY – 3 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 – 4 APRIL

Reconciliation - 11.30am Innisfail

Easter Vigil 6.00pm Silkwood

Easter Vigil **6.30pm Innisfail**

EASTER SUNDAY – 5 APRIL

7.00am Babinda

7.00am South Johnstone

9.00am Innisfail

10.00am El Arish



Fifth Sunday of Lent
21–22 March 2026



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

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:

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

Week 1. Innisfail \$1084.90; Babinda \$250.00; Silkwood \$65.00

Wanted – Small Glass Bottles for Easter Holy Water

CLEAN, SMALL Screw Top Glass bottles.

Tablet Bottles are **NOT** suitable, and **ALL LABELS MUST** be removed prior to leaving them at the Parish Office.

Australian Catholics

In this issue: Autumn 2026

“The power of music”



Music at Mass does more than accompany the liturgy. It gathers the faithful, steadies the spirit and guides hearts into prayer.

(Source: Australian Catholics: Words: Arya Maharaj)

Copies are available in each of our Churches.

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: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Please pray for

Those who are sick: David Bimrose, Hugh O’Brien, Juana Rivera, Lavinia Langton, Cecilia Fishbourne

Recently Deceased

Joe CINI, Dorothy BRISKE (BARBI), Alan MORRISON, Terry NOLAN (Canberra)

Anniversaries

Monty BRINCAT, Kate TRESTON, Teresa MORAN, John (Bimbo) BOYCON, Virginia PASINETTI, Nina MAULONI, David JACK, William WILSON, Santo LIZZIO, Brian FRIEL, Giovanni VACCARO, Lorraine CUTULI, David ENGLISH, Monica DELLIT, Arthur ELLIS, Grant MENZIES, Michael DENSMORE, Jamie LEES, Jamie BUCKINGHAM, Sean ANDERLINI, Daniel WOODS, James CUTHBERTSON, Natalia BOOTH, Tom DOWLING, Annie FAHEY, Milicent WILSON, Elisa CRAPELLA, Orazio LIZZIO, Concetto MONTI, Ross TORNABENE, John Vincent O’BRIEN, Rosina MAMMINO, Desmond GUNTON, Frank BILETTA, Beryl OLOFSSON, Rina BONSO, Alfred FENECH, Noel LARSEN, Danica ERCEG, Maria PABLO, Fr Thomas HUNT OSA, Fr Bernard BALDWIN MSC, Assunto CARDENTI, Thomas KNOWLES, Luke CATANIA, Tina Di GIORGIO, Bro. Ambrose BRADLEY, Vilma POPPI, Alfio CATALDO, Leonardo SORBELLO, William CONNOLLY, Alf CALTABIANO, Sheila BIRCHLEY, Antonia MAGGIOLO, Fortunato BACAYO, Mary Joan CAMILLERI

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 23rd	8.00am Innisfail	
TUESDAY 24th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 25th	8.00am Innisfail 10.30am Babinda – Funeral Mass for Dorothy Briske (Barbi) No afternoon Mass in Babinda	The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD
THURSDAY 26th	8.00am Lay Led Liturgy	
FRIDAY 27th	5.30pm Innisfail	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 28/29 MARCH					
28/29 MARCH	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	N. Bromell	M. Colgrave	//////////	L. Massa	M. Hogan
TECH	R. Parisi	//////////	//////////	//////////	//////////
READERS	A. Nucifora	R. Henderson	//////////	C. Morrison I. Massa	B. Bortolanza J. Ferguson
CIBORIUM	//////////	P. Dryden	//////////	//////////	A. Sheerans
CHALICE	B. Pennisi	L. Catalano C. Catalano	//////////	F. McLeish J. Brincat	M. Nolan M. Gangi
HOSPITALITY	//////////		//////////	E. Sumich	M. Richards
MUSIC	//////////		//////////	//////////	Antoinette, Christine & Noela

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER		SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER		Altar Linen Roster	9.00am Mass Set Up
22 MARCH	7.00am Sunday	21 MARCH		Week commencing	29 March 2026
READER	G. Parisi	COUNTERS	M. Gaia & N. Bromell	23 March 2026	K. & J. Ferguson
				Lynne Catalano	
CHALICE	R. Price & E. Wiles			Have you ever thought of supporting the Parish by leaving a Gift in your Will. Contact Fr Kerry on 40465225	
29 MARCH	7.00am Sunday	PRIEST'S MEAL	Kathy Lizzio		
READER	R. Rowe	CLEANING	A. & B. Pennisi		
CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio				

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.