



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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PARISH CHURCHES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Mother of Good Counsel
90 Rankin St, Innisfail

Sat, Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sun, 9am
3rd Sun, Monthly 11am,
Italian Mass

St Rita of Cascia
5 Green St, South Johnstone

Sun, 7am (every 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sunday)

Christ the King
10 Harbour Rd, Mourilyan

Sun, 7am (every 2nd & 4th
Sunday)

St Rita of Cascia
15 Church St, Babinda

Sat, Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sun, 8am

PARISH SCHOOLS

Good Counsel College
66 Owen St, Innisfail

Ph:(07) 40635300
Web: www.gcc.qld.edu.au
James Roberts (Principal)

Good Counsel Primary
96 Rankin St, Innisfail

Ph:(07) 40612994
Web: www.gcps.qld.edu.au
Liam Kenny (Principal)

St Rita's Primary
8 Green St, South Johnstone

Ph:(07) 40642153
Web: www.stritascps.qld.edu.au
Vicki Conomo (Principal)

St Rita's Primary
7-13 Church St, Babinda

Ph:(07) 40671467
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Judy Billiau (Principal)

'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?'

With all the marvellous things Jesus had done, the healing of the sick, the halt and the lame, even of mental disease (which they believed was demoniac possession) and culminating in the recall to life of the widow's son of Nain, and the claim to forgive sin, it became obvious to all that they were dealing with someone who was more than merely a village carpenter. Rumour was rife about his real identity, and some of the suggestions were bizarre indeed. Jesus asked his disciples what the rumours were and they gave him a run down of what was being said. Then crucially, he asked, "And you, who do you say I am?" Peter responded, "You are the Christ of God."



It was a great leap in faith. They had been his intimate companions for some time now, had camped in the open air with him, and seen all his human frailties. They knew that his rustic speech, his impoverished garb, his gnarled working man's hands and weather-beaten face were no façade. He was what he appeared to be; yet beneath it all, they perceived that he was in fact the Christ, the one promised of old, the anointed of God, called to be, in an altogether special way the priest, king and prophet as were Aaron, David and Elijah before him, and destined to lead the people back to reconciliation with their God.

Now, assured of their belief in him, Jesus for the first time intimated the fate that awaited him. He would be rejected by the leaders of the very people he had come to save, who would do him ignominiously to death. In this, as in all future references to his death, he added that on the third day he would rise again. The concept of such a death was inconceivable to them, and they did not accept it. So that when inevitably it came upon him, they were totally unprepared for it. They never even heard the promise of resurrection.

The rider that if we wish to be his disciples, we too must be prepared for the Cross, must not be forgotten. (© William Grundy, *Random Thoughts Upon the Year of St Luke*)

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Pastor's Pen

Last weekend I made reference to the concept of Tithing-- the earliest reference in the Scriptures is of Abraham (tithing) giving a tenth of his possessions-- he acknowledged that all he had belonged to God. One who tithes responds to the call of **Stewardship**.

What is **Stewardship**?

Stewardship is a way of life, a life of accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and giver of all. Stewardship invokes responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent and treasure. Stewards as disciples of Jesus Christ see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts.

Stewardship challenges everyone to act differently in how to use their gifts of time, talent and treasure so as to benefit others and serve the Kingdom.

Stewardship is a response to evangelisation as Catholics listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking of gratitude, generosity, responsibility and increase.

The weekend of **August 20th and 21st is set aside as Stewardship Sunday** in our Parish.

Fr Kerry

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 20 June **12.00pm - 5.00pm**

Tuesday 21 June, Wednesday 22 June,

Thursday 23 June, Friday 24 June: **10am - 3pm**

Fr Nathan

Fr Kerry will celebrate Mass at Silkwood, El Arish and South Johnstone this weekend.

Fr John McGrath

This weekend we welcome Fr John to our parish. He will preside at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 21 June ~ 4pm - 5pm

in the **Prayer Room, Parish Centre**

The First Spiritual Exercises

For the Retreatants of the First Spiritual Exercises of last year and of this year, you are reminded that the Chairperson the Christian Life Community (CLC) Jan Duque will be accompanied by a veteran of CLC Queensland Ann Hoare, while visiting us for a meeting on **Sunday July 3rd, the new meeting time is 2.00pm**. This meeting has resulted from the interest expressed by participants in continuing the experience of the Spiritual Exercises.

STEWARDSHIP-----PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES

June 30th heralds the end of the Parish's Financial Year: **July 1st** welcomes in the Parish's new Financial Year---an opportunity to pause and reflect on God's graces, to review and evaluate our Stewardship of God's gifts and the ways we are called to serve God's people.

If you are in the practice of using Envelopes, the new Envelopes are available on the table at the entry to the Church for you to collect, to-day.

If you wish to change your method of giving to electronic facilities, direct debit/credit card **OR** if you wish to commence supporting the Parish with your treasures, financially, kindly either phone/call at the

Parish Office--- Tel 4061 6633, at

92 Rankin Street, Innisfail.

Gifts for St Vincent De Paul Pantry

This week we are asking for gifts of food items (non perishable) to be taken up with the bread and wine at the Offertory of the Mass. Gifts for the needy presented with the bread and wine is an old tradition of the Church. Food items can be left at the Parish Office.



Become a Parish State School RI teacher.

We currently have vacancies for Religious Instructors at: **Flying Fish Point** and **Goondi State Schools**.

Numbers are also growing at **Mourilyan State School** and an extra Instructor will be required.

Join the State School Religious Instruction team, be a Religious Instructor (RI) or Religious Instructor's Assistant.

We **urgently** need your assistance to fill these vacancies. Religious Instruction is for half an hour, one day a week, all training and support is provided.

If you can assist please call Michelle Pike, State School RI Coordinator. 0408484494 or mmpike77@hotmail.com or contact the Parish Office on 40616633 as soon as possible.

Southern Deanery Catholic Women's Mass & Luncheon Wednesday 27th July – 10.30am

An invitation is extended to all Catholic Women of the Diocese to attend a Mass to be celebrated at:

Mother of Good Counsel Church,
Rankin Street, Innisfail at 10.30am

Luncheon will follow at 12noon at Tides Restaurant, Imperial Tavern, 42 Fitzgerald Esplanade, Innisfail. Cost: \$26.

RSVP - Parish Office by **Monday 18 July**
Phone: 4061 6633

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. - Henry David Thoreau

Church & Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 19 June Joe Sultana	Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan Lorna Croatto	Altar Linen Roster 20 June Olive Zaffonato
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This Sunday's Texts: Zech 12:10-11, 13:1 Gal 3: 26-29 Lk 9:18-24	Next Sunday's Texts: 1 Kg 19:16, 19-21 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62
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Catholic Leader

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- ◆ Regional Focus on Cairns Diocese

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Orchestra



Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail
Wednesday 3 August 2016 at 8pm

Next Week in the Parish (Innisfail)

Tuesday 21st June @ 10am - Rosary Group (English) - Parish Centre

Thursday 16th June @ 10am - Rosary & Prayer for Priests -
Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Social Justice Diary

19 June: 1969: Arbitration Commission affirmed principle of equal pay for women performing equal work.

20 June: World Refugee Day

"Refugees are people like anyone else, like you and me. They led ordinary lives before becoming displaced, and their biggest dream is to be able to live normally again. On this World Refugee Day, let us recall our common humanity, celebrate tolerance and diversity and open our hearts to refugees everywhere." *Ban Ki-moon*

The United Nations' (UN) World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 each year. This event honors the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.

23 June: Public Service Day

The United Nations' Public Service Day is held on June 23 each year. It recognizes that democracy and successful governance are built on the foundation of a competent civil service. The day aims to celebrate the value and virtue of service to the community.

Symbols and Images

This gospel text contains one of the great affirmations of faith in the New Testament. Peter declares that Jesus is 'the Christ of God'. We all need to be drawn into searching for our own answer to that fundamental question, 'Who do you say I am?' (Source: *The Summit*)

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes \$3104.96 Loose \$719.15

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, my God.

Gospel Acclamation Verse: My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Recently Deceased

Mary CORSETTI (Cairns), Lily VALVASORI

Anniversaries

Tom ARCHER, Frederick SCANLAN, Sr. Virginia BOOTHBY, Annie SMITH, William SCHABE, Francesco GRASSO, Shirley CAVANAGH, Joyce TANAEL, Grace ENGLISH, Joe GENOCCHIO, Frank BYRNE, Dennis O'HALLORAN, Salvatore MONTE, Emilio SALVADORI, Sandy CAUCHI, Robert DORE, Adam PETERSEN, Alex McEACHAN, Joseph McAVOY, Katie ZAPPALA, Joe LO GIUDICE, Reg EDMONDSON, Ann STREET, Andrew MORRISON, Fr William BOLGER OSA, Fr Paul DEMPSEY OSA, Michele CARDILLO, Paul CINI, Harold SCULLEN, Vere PEEVER SNR, Antonina CACCIOLA, Eric TRESTON, Margaret NOONE, James BRANNELLY, Michael NOONE, Francesco SALOGNI, Iva SIGNORINI, Josie BYRNE, Ivan BLAKE, Lia PAGANO, Johan BREUER, Imre SUKET

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 20th	8.00am Innisfail	
TUESDAY 21st	8.00am Innisfail	St Aloysius Gonzaga
WEDNESDAY 22nd	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm St Rita's, Babinda	Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More
THURSDAY 23rd	8.00am Innisfail	
FRIDAY 24th	8.15am St Rita's, Babinda 9.00am Villanova	The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
SATURDAY 25th	10.45am Warrina	

RECONCILIATION: (Innisfail) Saturday 11.30am; RECONCILIATION: (Babinda) Before Mass

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 25/26 JUNE 2016				
Week 4 25/26 JUNE 2016	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	M. Todd	N. Smith	//////////	V. Vandeleur
READERS	M. Kerrigan R. Henderson	C. Morrison	//////////	J. Ferguson M. Hogan
CIBORIUM	L. Catalano	//////////	//////////	M. Gangi
CHALICES	V. Calleja L. Calleja St Vincent De Paul	J. Shang	//////////	M. Sorbello A. Sheerans D. Wheeler
HOSPITALITY	B. Barnett	R. Bandiera	//////////	M. Nolan
MUSIC	St Vincent De Paul	//////////	//////////	Diana & John

BABINDA MASS TIMES & ROSTER		
18/19 JUNE 2016	Vigil 6.00pm Saturday	8.00am Sunday
READER	D. Baldi	P. Lawie
CHALICES	M. Bartolo J. Bartolo	I. Bortolotto S. Brand
25/26 JUNE 2016	Vigil 6.00pm Saturday	8.00am Sunday
READER	L. Musumeci	M. Preuss
CHALICES	S. Baldi D. Baldi	E. Wiles J. Hyland

Australian Catholics

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Explorations: Justice and compassion

Social justice is about more than offering charity. It's asking questions about why people are in need in the first place.

(Words: Andrew Hamilton - Australian Catholics)