



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

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

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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

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Liam Kenny (Principal)

St Rita's Primary
8 Green St, South Johnstone

Ph:(07) 40642153
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Vicki Conomo (Principal)

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

Ph:(07) 40671467
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Judy Billiau (Principal)

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU



The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our

active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Pastor's Pen

This week we celebrated the Feast of the Evangelist Mark, interestingly he is identified as **John Mark** in Acts and as **Mark my Son**, in a Letter of Peter.

As **John Mark** he accompanied Paul and Barnabas on a mission to Cyprus and Antioch and for some unexplained reason he returned from that mission.

After returning he settled in Rome and grew in his friendship with Peter, Peter later identifies Mark as his son, perhaps Peter may have baptised Mark. This change of direction and the growing friendship with Peter encouraged Mark to utilise his talents for writing, so he penned accounts of the life of Jesus and what evolved, is what we accept to-day as the first of the Gospels, the shortest, '**The Gospel of Mark**' and written between the years 66-74.

In one sense the missionary life was not for Mark, he had the courage of his convictions to change direction while not giving in to the negatives and failure and once recollected, other doors opened: his friendship with Peter and his passion to recall and write-- no one will ever know the influence Mark may have had on **Matthew, Luke and John** being the trailblazer, nor will we ever know the real impact Mark has had on searchers who continue to ponder over his account of the life of Jesus!

Seems God's hand was at work, still Mark was free to make his choice.

Fr Kerry

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 2 May (Labour Day) - CLOSED,
Tuesday 3 May, Wednesday 4 May,
Thursday 5 May, Friday 6 May - 10am - 3pm

Fr Kerry

Fr Kerry will celebrate Mass at Silkwood this weekend.

Retreat Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius

Like last year, so also this year our Parish Community proposes a four week spiritual journey guided by Fr Fabrizio Fabrizi.

It consists of a journey of initiation to prayer in daily life, according to the specific method developed by the founder of the Jesuits, Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

After each weekly group meeting, participants will be invited to experience in their own daily life the importance of prayer, to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus and with God, but also with oneself. This year the major topic is "**Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus**".

Weekly Group Meetings are on Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May at 4pm in the Parish Centre.

Fr Fabrizio and Fr Kerry will be available for personal conversations. Please phone Fr Fabrizio on 0451343241 to make an appointment.

2016 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 3 May ~ 4pm - 5pm
in the **Prayer Room, Parish Centre**

Reconciliation Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has invited us to rediscover the Father's Mercy in the most intimate way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A powerful image is one of the Pope Francis going to Confession at St Peter's. In addition to the times the Sacrament is currently on offer in the parish (Each Saturday Morning at 11.30am or in Advent and Lent with other Priests assisting in the Second Rite) **is the invitation to phone the Parish Office on 4061 6633 to arrange a time in the Church or at home.**



Frs. Kerry & Nathan

Babinda Catholic Women's Group Mother's Day Cent Sale - 7th May

Babinda Golf Club, Hospital Street. Doors open at 12noon for a 1:30pm start. Over 200 Cent Sale prizes on offer and wonderful raffle prizes to be won. A scrumptious afternoon tea will be provided. Please come along and join us to share in a fun afternoon.

Entry: Adults \$4 & Children \$1. All Welcome!

Hospitality Mother of Good Counsel - Innisfail

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy cupppaaa ... following Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please bring a plate to share.

Come share, laugh and eat with your Church Community.
See you there!



Bush Mass

On Sunday 15 May the Catholic Aborigines of Mareeba Parish have organised a **Bush Mass** to be held at an ancient camping ground of the Muluridgi people on the bank of the Barron River near Biboohra. Maps showing the exact location are available from Monica at the Mareeba parish office, phone 4092 1077. The Mass will begin at 2.00 pm and an afternoon tea of freshly cooked damper and billy tea will follow. Bring your own mug and something to sit on. Everyone is welcome.

Northern Deanery Catholic Women's Mass & Luncheon

Wednesday 25th May - 10.30am

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

Our Lady Help of Christians Church,
Balaclava Rd, Earlville at 10.30am

Luncheon will follow at 12noon at Cairns Bowls Club, Toogood Rd, Woree. Cost: \$25.

RSVP - Parish Office by Wednesday 18 May
Phone: 4061 6633

This Sunday's Texts:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29

Next Sunday's Texts:

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Lk 24:46-53



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United in Marriage

Congratulations to



Emily Bertei and Aaron Forsyth who were married in Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail this weekend.

We offer them our prayers and best wishes.

Catholic Leader

In this issue:

- ◆ Young Brisbane Catholic extends her holiday in Ecuador to help earthquake victims.
- ◆ Pope Francis says refugees, often perceived by society as a problem, are a gift.

Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

- ◆ Visit the graves of your ancestors, or visit a local cemetery and walk around, praying a rosary for all the souls buried there.
- ◆ Go on retreat. It's a way to be merciful to yourself and the people around you, who know you *need* to go on retreat. If you cannot do that, at least try to make a day, or evening, of reflection.

Sacramental Program - Babinda 2016

Please keep children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation, the First Rite of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation Liturgy is to be held at St Rita's Parish Babinda on Thursday 2nd June at 6pm.

Next Week in the Parish:

Tuesday 3rd May @ 10am - Italian Prayer Group - Parish Centre

Thursday 5th May @ 10am - Rosary & Prayer for Priests -
Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Church & Toilet Closing Roster Week commencing 1 May	Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan	Altar Linen Roster 2 May
Graham Celledoni	Fran McLeish	June Tierney

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes \$2315.96 Loose \$505.25

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you; let all the nations praise you.

Gospel Acclamation Verse: All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Recently Deceased

Carmelo CAPRI (Brisbane - brother of Anna Torrissi), **Bishop John SATTERTHWAITE** (Lismore)

Anniversaries

Catalina SAEZ, Patrick BAXTER, Antonio PUCCINI, Victor CISCATO, Rosaria CATANIA, Henry NOONE, Martin ZARINS, Mena FALLON, Antonia MARTINEZ, Egidio (Greg) CAMPAGNOLO, Harry ARCHER, John MAMO, George CARDONA, Roy CROFT, Michael MURPHY, Stella BALZAN, Maria NUCIFORA, Fr Thomas CAHILL, James DOOLAN, Victoria SULTANA, Thomas TIERNEY, Ricky ACCATINO, Bridget TAIT, Joyce SANTAROSSA, Fr Jack SEARY OSA, Fr Michael CAPRA, Alfina MARANO, Reta SCANLAN, Ida CORSI, Louisa FOY, Fr Adolphus LECAILLE, Fr Thomas DOWNEY OSA, Mary RYAN, Rosario CALTABIANO, Eileen DELANEY, Pierina SOSSO, Salvatore CRISTAUDO, Gladys TREMBATH, Santo SILIATO

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 2nd	NO MORNING MASS	St Athanasius
TUESDAY 3rd	8.00am Innisfail	Sts Philip & James
WEDNESDAY 4th	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm St Rita's, Babinda	
THURSDAY 5th	8.00am Innisfail	
FRIDAY 6th	8.15am St Rita's, Babinda 9.00am Villanova	
SATURDAY 7th	10.45am Warrina	

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 7/8 MAY 2016				
Week 2 7/8 MAY 2016	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	P. Bryan	N. Smith	////////////////	R. Basaglia
READERS	Sharol Antony P. Dryden	J. Arnell	////////////////	B. Bortolanza C. Basaglia
CIBORIUM	L. Calleja	////////////////	////////////////	A. Sheerans
CHALICES	V. Calleja A. Campagnolo V. Bimrose	J. Shang	////////////////	M. Carboni M. Gangi S. Hoad R. Lankinen
HOSPITALITY	B. Barnett	L. Croatto	////////////////	M. Nolan
MUSIC	Antoinette & Christine	////////////////	////////////////	Diana & Vince

BABINDA MASS TIMES & ROSTER		
29 APRIL/1 MAY 2016	Vigil 6.00pm Saturday	8.00am Sunday
READER	S. Baldi	S. Brand
CHALICES	V. Dewis P. Azzopardi	F. Lizzio R. Price
7/8 MAY 2016	Vigil 6.00pm Saturday	8.00am Sunday
READER	D. Baldi	E. Wiles
CHALICES	M. Bartolo J. Bartolo	C. Nucifora K. Price

