



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

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James Roberts (Principal)

Good Counsel Primary
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Ph:(07) 40612994
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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 LORD WILL RETURN



Forty days after the Resurrection Jesus led the Apostles to Bethany on the crest of the Mount of Olives. Bethany was a place of happy memories for them. It was the home town of Martha and Mary and Lazarus, in whose home they had been guests. It was there that Lazarus, in whose home they had been guests. It was there that Lazarus had been raised from the tomb. That last and most spectacular miracle had led to the Palm Sunday procession beginning in Bethany when in their thousands the people had sung their hosannas to the Messiah King. Bethany was only a short distance from Jerusalem and looked down into the Temple complex, the triumph of all that had gone before.

Now, raising his arms, he blessed them and was taken from them. They loved him and were glad to see him go, for they knew he was returning to the Father. So they went back to Jerusalem, full of joy. They assembled in the same upper room where he had eaten the Last Supper with his chosen band, where, on Easter Sunday night he had come to them, though the doors were locked and where the following week, he had extracted from Thomas his awed act of faith.

Now, in obedience to the command of Jesus, the body of the disciples met together in prayer awaiting the Holy Spirit. There were only 120 of them. Of all the thousands who had witnessed the signs he had done, and had heard the words that came gloriously from his mouth, only so few had survived the trauma of Good Friday. They frequently walked across town to the Temple where they spent time praising God, aware that a mighty charge had been given them: they were to go to the uttermost parts of the earth to proclaim the Good news to all who would listen and witness to the things they had seen and heard.

So in prayer they awaited the Holy Spirit who would empower them for the task that lay before them.

(© William Grundy, *Random Thoughts Upon the Year of St Luke*)

TODAY WE CELEBRATE
The ASCENSION of the LORD

The Pastor's Pen

How have you coped with two consecutive long weekends?

Leisure and the capacity to 'switch off' are essential for healthiness, especially in a time of ready access to the information highway, with 'smart' equipment providing so much at our fingertips: one outcome is to 'burn the midnight oil' and become busy---like the Real Estate people tell us, "they are making no more land" the same applies to 'time', we have all we are going to get.

With reference to time management, relaxation and leisure, I was placed in an interesting dilemma over the weekend: while travelling on a road under repair at night time, I read the lead-up signs informing me to slow down and prepare to stop. I abided by the rules and waited and waited and waited, looking anxiously at the Red light, until the thought crossed my mind "*this is an extra -long wait, maybe the system has failed, will it ever change?*", therefore '**how long does one wait?**'--- I didn't break the law, the light changed eventually to Green.

Still it is an interesting dilemma when time is at a premium and one has to wait—'**how long does one wait?**' abiding by the law, knowing that patience and travelling in the slow lane assures me of a safe arrival at my destination.

Fr Kerry

Parish Office

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 9 May 12 noon - 5pm,
Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May,
Thursday 12 May, Friday 13 May, 10am - 3pm

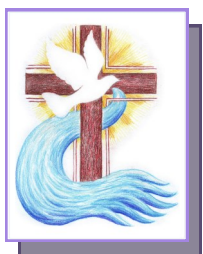
Fr Nathan

Fr Nathan will celebrate Mass at Silkwood and El Arish this weekend.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special day to appreciate mothers or mother figures, including stepmothers, relatives, guardians, close family friends and those who would be mothers.

Mothers hold their child's hand for a moment
and their heart for a *Lifetime!*



Baptisms

This weekend we welcome **Kobi-Rae Nicholls, Nicholas, Georgina and Harrison Stone** into our Parish community through Baptism.

United in Marriage

Congratulations to



Glaiza Abella and Brendan Purcell who were married in Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail this weekend.

We offer them our prayers and best wishes.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 10 May ~ 4pm - 5pm
in the **Prayer Room, Parish Centre**

Retreat Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

Participants have achieved the Second Week of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. This Sunday, 8th May participants will meet again at 4.00pm in the Parish Centre to enter into the Third Week of the Retreat, ("Jesus, a friend for every time").

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises area special occasion:

- ◆ For reflection about life and its many challenges
- ◆ To allow God's word to sink more deeply into your inner self to nourish and restore you.

For further information, contact Fr Fabrizio Fabrizi SJ on 0451343241 to make an appointment.

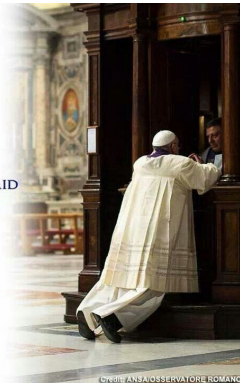
Liturgical Notes

'Above all, the Second Vatican Council, which recommended "that more perfect form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful, after the Priest's Communion, receive the Lord's Body from the same Sacrifice," called for another desire of the Fathers of Trent to be put into effect, namely, that for the sake of a fuller participation in the Holy Eucharist "at each Mass the faithful present should communicate not only by spiritual desire but also by sacramental reception of the Eucharist' (**General Instruction of the Roman Missal 13**). As for the Presiding Celebrant, the faithful should receive Communion from the altar, not from the tabernacle, so that they can share in the Sacrifice of Christ. By so doing they fully exercise their priestly, sacrificial role. 'Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia'. (**Communion Antiphon**).
(Source: *The Summit*)

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.**

"DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION!"
- POPE FRANCIS



Frs. Kerry & Nathan

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Anglican, Uniting and Catholic Churches will hold an Ecumenical Service

Next Thursday 12 May at 7.00pm

**St Alban's Anglican Church
Rankin Street, Innisfail**

An offering will be taken up in support of the Cyclone Relief in Fiji.

A Cuppa will be served following the Service. Please bring a plate to share!

Everyone is Welcome to attend!

Month of May

May is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mother Mary. Families, communities and groups are encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary for evangelisation and peace. Jesus said, "where there is two or more gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them."

Date Claimer

Cherish Life Talk

Thursday 26 May @ 7.30pm OLHOC, Earlville Parish Centre.

More information next week.

This Sunday's Texts: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53	Next Sunday's Texts: Acts 2:1-11 Rom 8:8-17 Jn 14:15-16, 23-26
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Church & Toilet Closing Roster <i>Week commencing 8 May</i> Abramo Pozzebon	Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan N/A	Altar Linen Roster 9 May Mary Mizzi
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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

Catholic Leader

In this issue:

- ◆ Reflection on Jesus' 'hard sayings'
- ◆ How St John Paul's wisdom inspired a former Protestant pastor to make life-changing decision.

Ways to Be Merciful

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

- ◆ Admit your jealousy to yourself and your confessor.
- ◆ Offer to pray with someone, even someone you encounter on the street or public transport who looks like they could use it.

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:

Thursday 12th May @ 10am - Rosary & Prayer for Priests -
Prayer Room, Parish Centre

Missing Hymn Books

All remaining copies (about 10) of the Hymn Book AOV 2 have gone missing. These are an important resource. If they have been borrowed it is requested they be returned as soon as possible. If anyone knows anything of their whereabouts would that person kindly phone the Parish Office 40616633.

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes \$2175.16 Loose \$303.50

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Verse: Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Recently Deceased

Giuseppe (Joe) CANINO, Carmel STRAATMAN

Anniversaries

Gertrude MADL, John VANDELEUR, Louisa O'CONNOR, Giulio AGLI, Bill FINDLAY, Salvatore MARANO, Ada DOLAN, Charles LEE, Orazio GRASSO, James DOOLAN, Thelma RICKARDS, Alf MARTINUZZI, Lucy KELLY, John DRYDEN, Kathleen VERNEY, Giuseppa UCCHINO, Bessie BAILLIE, Regina PRIOR, Fr Eugene WALSH OSA, Fr Thomas O'BRIEN OSA, Anne KLIESE, Salvatore RISO, Basilio DALLA VECCHIA, Graziella SANTAROSSA, Isidoro LA SPINA, Fr Vincent LANDY OSA, Fr Augustin GONZALEZ OSA, Fr Maurice O'CONNOR OSA, Mary Anne JOY, Mary BAXTER, Colleen TIERNEY, Sr. Nadia DEL POPOLO RSM, Denis MARRINAN, Michael VANDELEUR, Hans MORCK, Rosa TERMINE, Seby VECCHIO, Fr George BAGGIO CS, Jean FERGUSON, Paola BIANCHI, Tony VILLALBA, Regina SANTAROSSA, Francesca MOLLA, Greg MCGREGOR

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 9th	8.00am Innisfail	
TUESDAY 10th	8.00am Innisfail 10.30am Funeral Mass for Carmel Straatman - Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 11th	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm St Rita's, Babinda	
THURSDAY 12th	8.00am Innisfail	
FRIDAY 13th	8.15am St Rita's, Babinda 9.00am Villanova	
SATURDAY 14th	10.45am Warrina	St Matthias
SUNDAY 15th	11.00am Italian Mass - Innisfail	

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 14/15 MAY 2016				
Week 3 14/15 MAY 2016	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	P. Cassar	//////////	I. Massa	J. O'Brien
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BABINDA MASS TIMES & ROSTER		
7/8 MAY 2016	Vigil 6.00pm Saturday	8.00am Sunday
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