



# **Mother of Good Counsel Parish**

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

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## **Parish Bulletin Sunday 15 May 2016**

### **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](http://www.gcc.qld.edu.au)  
James Roberts (Principal)

**Good Counsel Primary  
96 Rankin St, Innisfail**

Ph:(07) 40612994  
Web: [www.gcps.qld.edu.au](http://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](http://www.stritascps.qld.edu.au)  
Vicki Conomo (Principal)

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

Ph:(07) 40671467  
Web: [www.stritasbabinda.qld.edu.au](http://www.stritasbabinda.qld.edu.au)  
Judy Billiau (Principal)

## **FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**



The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

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## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

## *The Pastor's Pen*

I participated in a Conference in Cairns recently and included in the activities one afternoon was to visit and view the Stain Glass Windows of St Monica's Cathedral. Accompanying the visit is a forty minute commentary by Bishop James Foley and the Artist Gerry Cummins. What was interesting and informative to me was, of the local participants at the Conference none, including yours truly, had taken the time previously to spend forty minutes, to digest the Biblical background for the **Creation Windows**.

Like when a relative or friend visits and we take them on a Cook's Tour to show them the local sights, it is not unusual for us to be visiting the sight for the **first time**.

It is an interesting phenomenon---when so close to wonders of beauty, it may well require an event from outside to be the catalyst for me to make time **to sit, see and listen**.

Spiritual Directors emphasise the need of the Spiritual Journey is to pray continually: **"to have eyes that see and to have ears that hear."**

Fr Kerry

## *Parish Office*

Office Hours for next week are:

Monday 16 May, Tuesday 17 May,  
Wednesday 18 May, Thursday 19 May,  
Friday 20 May - **10am - 3pm**

## *Fr Kerry*

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

## *Fr Nathan*

Fr Nathan will celebrate Mass at Mossman and Port Douglas this weekend.

## *Sacrament of Confirmation*

Bishop James Foley will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish this week on **Thursday 19 May at St Rita's South Johnstone** and **Friday 20 May at Mother of Good Counsel, Innisfail**. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

## *Pentecost Launch of Diocesan Pastoral Plan*

This weekend Bishop James will launch the document "Encountering Christ, Sharing Our Joy" - Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Cairns 2016 - 2019. Development of this plan has been a long-term project of the Diocesan Synod. Copies will be distributed to parishes throughout the coming week and will be available on the new Diocesan website.

## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Tuesday 17 May ~ 4pm - 5pm**  
in the **Prayer Room, Parish Centre**

## *Retreat Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola*

The Spiritual Exercise Group experienced an important step last week, by reaching an existential intimacy with Jesus. The purpose for the next week is to grow in a spiritual awareness, accepting to share Jesus' feelings and his desire to share with other people God's friendship. For entering in the fourth and last week of Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, participants will meet on Sunday afternoon (15th May), at 4:00 pm, in the Parish Centre.

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

## *Northern Deanery Catholic Women's Mass & Luncheon*

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## Propagation of the Faith Appeal 21/22 May 2016

The Gospel for the Feast of Pentecost contains a reminder from Jesus that our love for Him will be demonstrated by keeping his commandments. As we prepare for Catholic Mission's annual Propagation of the Faith appeal **next weekend**, with its theme of "Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me", we have an ideal opportunity to keep the commandment to "love one another". In our prayers for the missionaries, like Sr Eulie Desacula and in our donations to support those in need, like the people of Cambodia, the Father is making a home in us and, as the Gospel acclamation says: "We are kindling inside us a fire of love." On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity and hospitality, when the appeal is held, we say thank you.

**A second collection will be taken up, envelopes will be provided.**

### Cherish Life Talk

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

Guest Speaker will be Brad Mattes of Lifelissues.org. Brad is talking on the US Planned Parenthood selling of aborted baby parts and the State legislative abortion turn back in the US. All welcome. Contact Anne or Tim 40332001 or 0428183708

### Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

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#### This Sunday's Texts:

Acts 2:1-11  
Rom 8:8-17  
Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

#### Next Sunday's Texts:

Prov 8:22-31  
Rom 5:1-5  
Jn 16:12-15

<b>Church &amp; Toilet Closing Roster</b> <i>Week commencing 15 May</i> Bryce Hoad	<b>Church Cleaning Roster - Mourilyan</b> Sharon Worth	<b>Altar Linen Roster 16 May</b> Teresa Riznyk
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### Catholic Leader

#### In this issue:

- ♦ Former Vietnamese refugee talks about appointment as Bishop of Parramatta
- ♦ Young Catholic writes on how prayer and reflection helps in answering life's big questions.
- ♦ A Regional Focus on Cairns Diocese.

### Feast of St Rita of Cascia (Babinda Celebrations)

On **Monday 23 May**, St Rita's School Community will celebrate the Feast of St Rita with Mass commencing at 9.30am. **ALL** Parishioners are welcome to attend. At the conclusion of Mass fresh roses will be blessed and given out to each student, staff members and parishioners. Following this, parishioners are invited to join the children for Morning Tea on the Veranda outside Prep/Year 1 Classroom.

### 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 will be held at St Rita's Parish Babinda on Thursday 2nd June at 6pm.

### Next Week in the Parish (Innisfail):

Tuesday 17th May @ 10am - Rosary Group (English) - Parish Centre  
Thursday 19th May @ 10am - Rosary & Prayer for Priests -  
Prayer Room, Parish Centre

### Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service Administrator - Kalumburu Mission

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist in its important work. The Diocese is currently seeking an **Administrator for Kalumburu Mission**. Ideally suited to a couple, the role requires:

- Management/administration skills
- Good people skills
- Church commitment
- Practical skills
- Experience working closely with Aboriginal people
- A good sense of humour and being prepared to go the extra mile, this is not a 9-5 position
- Able to commit to a minimum period of one year

Package includes accommodation, living costs and a stipend

Learn more about Kalumburu Mission on [www.kalumburumission.org.au](http://www.kalumburumission.org.au)

**For further details, and an application form, please contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese: 08 9192 1060

**PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes \$2126.01 Loose \$447.50**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth .

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia allelu, alle alleluia, (Rpt) Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people. Light in them the fire of your love. Alleluia allelu, alle alleluia. Rpt  
 (St Rita's - Sth. Johnstone)  
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*Recently Deceased*

**John HUGHES** (Tully)

*Anniversaries*

Mary TSANG, Win EGGLESTON, Keith BETRIDGE, Nita SORBELLO, Noel ARICI, Fr Dolse GONZALEZ OSA, Elizabeth FITZGERALD, Fortunato SULTANA, Maurice MOYNIHAN, Ronald BLISS, Royce JACKSON, Marga CLUEVER, Kevin HODGE, Frank DIMECH, Maria RUSSO, Bob STUART, Leslie NEGRI, Jean O'BRIEN, Paul SORBELLO, Gordon BRADLEY, John HORWOOD, Thomas KILLEEN, Mary SHANAHAN, Paolo RISITANO, Melville NICHOLLS, Peter BENSI, Herbert DAWES, Pasquale REA, James KAVANAGH, Mary VELLA, Maria DI MAURO, Darryl SAUNDERS, Leslie DRAHM, Carmine BALBI, Fr James MCFADDEN OSA

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>MONDAY 16th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>
<b>TUESDAY 17th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 18th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b> <b>5.00pm St Rita's, Babinda</b>
<b>THURSDAY 19th</b>	<b>8.00am Innisfail</b>
<b>FRIDAY 20th</b>	<b>8.15am St Rita's, Babinda</b> <b>9.00am Villanova</b>
<b>SATURDAY 21st</b>	<b>10.45am Warrina</b>

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

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES &amp; ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 21/22 MAY 2016</b>				
<b>Week 4 21/22 MAY 2016</b>	<b>6.30pm Sat Innisfail</b>	<b>7.00am Sun Mourilyan</b>	<b>7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone</b>	<b>9.00am Sun Innisfail</b>
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	M. Todd	J. Shang	//////////	V. Vandeleur
<b>READERS</b>	M. Colgrave R. Henderson	V. Weinert	//////////	J. Ferguson M. Hogan
<b>CIBORIUM</b>	L. Catalano	//////////	//////////	M. Gangi
<b>CHALICES</b>	V. Calleja L. Calleja St Vincent De Paul	L. Croatto	//////////	M. Sorbello A. Sheerans D. Wheeler
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	B. Barnett	R. Bandiera	//////////	M. Nolan
<b>MUSIC</b>	St Vincent De Paul	//////////	//////////	<b>Volunteer please</b>

<b>BABINDA MASS TIMES &amp; ROSTER</b>		
<b>14/15 MAY 2016</b>	<b>Vigil 6.00pm Saturday</b>	<b>8.00am Sunday</b>
<b>READER</b>	L. Musumeci	P. Lawie
<b>CHALICES</b>	S. Baldi D. Baldi	I. Bortolotto S. Brand
<b>21/22 MAY 2016</b>	<b>Vigil 6.00pm Saturday</b>	<b>8.00am Sunday</b>
<b>READER</b>	S. Fontana	M. Preuss
<b>CHALICES</b>	L. Musumeci A. Sciacca	E. Wiles J. Hyland

From the novel

**"The Diary of a Country Priest"**

----the experienced old priest tells his nervous young assistant that "the Gospel is meant to be the light of the world, we have turned it into a bedside lamp for Christians."