



## 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 James Thazhoor CMI**

**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 Bulletin Sunday 1 September 2024

### 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

### Masses for Next Weekend 7-8 Sept Saturday

Silkwood: 6.00pm

Innisfail: 6.30pm

Saturday Vigil

### Sunday

Babinda: 7.00am

Mourilyan: 7.00am

Innisfail: 9.00am

El Arish: 10.00am

**This Sunday's Texts:**

Deut 4:1-2,6-8

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

## CLINGING TO HUMAN TRADITIONS

'You put aside the commandment of God,' warned Jesus, 'to cling to human traditions.' One of the sharpest lines in the Gospel, this is a watchword for every Christian generation.

'In today's passage,' Pope Francis says, 'Jesus addresses an important topic for all of us believers: the authenticity of our obedience to the Word of God, against any worldly contamination or legalistic formalism.'

As the Pope suggests, 'those challenging him seek to strike at the reliability and authority of Jesus as Teacher.' The religious leaders who questioned Jesus on technical points of ritual had deluded themselves about what was essential.

The Pope points out that 'Jesus wants to rouse the scribes and Pharisees from the error they have fallen into.' Christ's sharp words are intended to turn people from 'distorting God's will, neglecting his commandments in order to observe human traditions.'

'Today too,' the Pope reminds us, 'the Lord invites us to avoid the danger of giving more importance to form than to substance. He calls us to recognise, ever anew, what is the true core of the experience of faith, that is, love of God and love of neighbour.'

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*Today we celebrate*

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - B*

## Reflection

### Historical Context – Pharisees

Pharisees were mostly lay men (i.e. generally not Priests) who were characterised by a strict observance of the Torah as well as an oral tradition of teaching and interpretation. They believed that the Torah required interpretation – by engaging in this interpretation they participated in God's ongoing revelation. They also had a strong belief that all Jewish people were called to be a priestly people. This belief naturally put them at odds with the Priests of the Temple. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, the teachings of the Pharisees gained prominence and eventually developed into Rabbinic Judaism that continues today.

### Gospel Focus – The things within

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

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## OFFICE HOURS for next week Innisfail

Monday 2 September,

Tuesday 3 September;

Wednesday 4 September 10am - 3.00pm

Thursday 5 September: CLOSED

Friday 6 September: 10.00am - 3.00pm

**Silkwood:** 1.30pm - 4.30pm every Friday

### Fr Kerry

This weekend Father Kerry will celebrate Mass in Silkwood, South Johnstone and El Arish.

### Fr James

This weekend Father James will celebrate Mass in Innisfail and Babinda.

### After Hours & Weekends

If a priest is required after hours and on weekends please phone 40465225. Thank you.

### Reconciliation

Available each **Saturday at 11.30am** in Mother of Good Counsel Church.

### Innisfail Parish Phone Number

The Parish Office phone number is changing ...  
Please update your contact information to the  
**NEW** number **40465225**.

### Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Rita's Babinda this Sunday after Mass.

All are welcome.

### Welcome to Country

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

### Priests Emergency - Cairns area

Priest for MEDICAL EMERGENCY - 0409 622 392

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed next **Thursday 5 September** as staff will be attending In-service training.

The Parish Office will re-open on  
Friday 6 September.

### Babinda and Silkwood Parishes

If you have notices that you would like included in the Parish Bulletin please email them to Innisfail Parish Office - [innisfail.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au](mailto:innisfail.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au) no later than Wednesday afternoon of each week. Thank you.

### Australian Catholics

In this issue: Spring 2024

**"School and community  
interconnected"**



Social justice interweaves into the lives of Catholic school students.

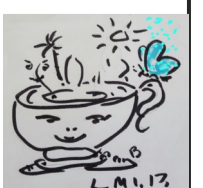
(Words: Alex Charrington - Source: Australian Catholics)

**Copies of Australian Catholics  
are still available in all Churches**

### Hospitality - Innisfail

Welcome EVERYONE - for a happy *cuppaaa* ..... following Mass **next** Sunday morning. You are invited to bring a plate to share. Please use utensils provided when placing refreshments on your plate.

See you there !!



## Parish Financial Support-----Plan Giving

For anyone who wishes to make a financial contribution to any of the Churches we service either online or through a branch of the National Bank please contact the Parish Office on 40465225 so that the correct Bank Details can be provided to you.

Thank you.

## Feast of Our Lady of the Chain

Mass will be celebrated at  
St Thomas' Catholic Church,  
Mareeba

**Sunday 8 September 2024  
commencing at 2.30pm**

For more details please see the  
Noticeboard in each church.



## Parish Safeguarding Representatives

**Babinda:** Anthony Densmore (40672300)

Loretta Musumeci (40671438)

**Innisfail:** Rosalee Lankinen (0429426949)

Alfio Parisi (0499010242),

Caroline Aracic (0407555039)

**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.

**NOTTINGHAM** / Former home news editor Liz Dodd completes novitiate and promises chastity, obedience and poverty

# Tablet columnist takes first vows

The Summit: 21 October 2023

BESS TWISTON DAVIES

A COLUMNIST for *The Tablet* has professed vows as a religious sister. Liz Dodd, formerly home news editor on *The Tablet*, has joined the Congregation of Sisters of St Joseph of Peace.

The 37-year-old, once a freelance journalist for *The Guardian* and *National Geographic*, took first vows of chastity, obedience and poverty on Saturday 14 October in Nottingham.

Sr Liz said: "Living out of a radical dependence on God's love for me, and understanding this love is universal and priceless, I will live against the lie that anyone is unloved or unlovable."

She added: "I will depend on my sisters, our charism and God's love to hold me to the covenant that God makes with all life, and

PHOTO: CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OF PEACE



Sr Liz signs the Congregation vow book

with a particular solidarity with the poor." Sr Liz has completed a two-year novitiate for the congregation, founded in 1884 in Nottingham by Mother Francis Clare (Margaret Anna Cusack).

She told *The Tablet* she was "very relieved and happy" to have taken her first vows, after a four-

year discernment period. "It's that sense of wondering finally being put to rest." A teenage convert to Catholicism, Sr Liz said *The Tablet*, where she worked from 2016 to 2021, had shaped her faith. "It really taught me how I could become myself as a Catholic because it's a space where everybody feels at home. It broadened my horizons of what the Church can be."

A sabbatical bicycling round the world was pivotal to Sr Liz exploring a vocation: "It gave me 18 months of plenty of solitude in environments where there were no distractions, no smartphone or TV. It made me reliant on my relationship with God in a way that I wouldn't have discovered otherwise."

During initial research, guided by a diocesan vocation director,

Dodd, then part of the Catholic Worker movement, could not find a congregation whose charism "really gripped me".

The answer came, unexpectedly, at a Pax Christi demonstration. "I said to the secretary of Pax Christi, Pat Gaffney, 'I'm discerning religious life. This is what I'm looking for and I can't find it anywhere.' She said, 'Have you heard of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace?'" Dodd quickly identified with the congregation's charism of peace through justice. "It just completely spoke to my heart," she said.

In 2021, Dodd joined the novitiate for the congregation whose 114 professed sisters worldwide include 30 in the UK. She became a *Tablet* columnist in 2023. She now shares a community house with homeless people and female asylum seekers.

## Hope & Inspiration - Thoughts to Inspire

### The Unseen Depth of a Father's Love

*"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there,  
but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."*

~ Unknown ~

Fathers are the quiet strength in our lives, guiding us with love and wisdom. They may not always speak loudly, but their actions show their deep care and commitment. Fathers teach us valuable lessons about hard work, Honesty and kindness. They support us through challenges, celebrate our successes and provide a steady presence in our lives. Even if our fathers are no longer with us, their influence persists in the values they instilled and the memories we hold. Their love continues to inspire and define who we are. Whether offering advice, sharing laughter or simply being there, fathers shape our lives in countless ways throughout the year. Let's honour and appreciate them for all they have given us and cherish the lasting impact they have made on our lives.



Dear God, we thank You for the gift of fathers and the love they bring into our lives. Bless them with strength, wisdom and good health. Guide them as they continue to provide, support and nurture their families. For those who are no longer with us, we ask for Your comfort and peace. May we honour their memory by living with the values they taught us and reflecting the love they shared. Help us show our appreciation and love, not just today, but every day. Amen.

(Source: Majellan Media)

**Responsorial Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

*Please pray for.....*

*Those who are sick:* Leonardo Nucifora, Cheyenne Stephensen, Eddie Lee, Lorna Jones, Fay Camilleri

**Recently Deceased**

**Giuliana SPERTINO** (Bellenden Ker), **Claire HITCHINGS**,  
**Venera (Nita) MARANO** (Ayr - Angie Camuglia's sister)

**Anniversaries**

Michael VERNEY, Vincent MAUME, Teresa RIERA, Fr Thomas WALSH OSA, Patricia BENNETT, Brian FARRELL, Martin Mc NAMARA, Esme SHAW, Lizzie SING, John COSTIGAN, Bill Mc ROBBIE, Joseph BRINCAT, Leo LEONI, Giuseppe CATALANO, Stella WILSON, Giuseppe CAZZULINO, Ido DANESI, Fr Colmalle SPOKES, Bishop KELLY, Jessica MARTIN, Nella MESSINA, Tom GRAINGER, Mark CUTULI, Angelina PAPPALARDO, Assunta GANDINI, Mary TIERNEY, Alfred MOULE, Nora WARD, Reginald APPOO, Rose MELONI, Regina CASEY, Ligio GHIDELLA, Anthony CALLEJA, Isobel VIZER, James DALZIEL, Salvatore D'AGATA, Evelyn WILKINSON, Graham BURTON, Bob KAHL, Edward HOGAN, Nora MATTHEWS, Pera FRANIC, David YEARWOOD, Lydia BARVI, Cecil COFFEY, Enrico BENSI, Carmelo & Caterina VELLA, Eileen TILL, Salvatore SPINA, Oreste NATALE, Santo GANGEMI, Aileen MOYLAN, Andrew CATALDO, Sam BRISCHETTO, Carmelo LO GIUDICE, Robyn WAUGH

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>MONDAY 2nd</b>	9.30am Innisfail - Year 5 G. C. Primary Class Mass - All Welcome	
<b>TUESDAY 3rd</b>	8.00am Innisfail	St Gregory the Great
<b>WEDNESDAY 4th</b>	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Babinda	
<b>THURSDAY 5th</b>	8.00am Innisfail	
<b>FRIDAY 6th</b>	5.30pm Innisfail	Spring Ember Day

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 7/8 SEPTEMBER**

7/8 SEPTEMBER	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	B. Kendall	S. Todd	R. Camuglia	//////////	M. Hogan
<b>TECH</b>	N. Bromell	//////////	//////////	//////////	//////////
<b>READERS</b>	J. Strano	L. Catalano		//////////	T. Camilleri B. Bortolanza
<b>CIBORIUM</b>	//////////		//////////	//////////	M. Gangi
<b>CHALICE</b>	A. Strano	T. Zahra C. Catalano		//////////	S. Hoad A. Parisi
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	//////////			//////////	M. Nolan
<b>MUSIC</b>	//////////		//////////	//////////	Diana & John

<b>BABINDA MASS TIME &amp; ROSTER</b>	
<b>1 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>7.00am Sunday</b>
<b>READER</b>	R. Rowe
<b>CHALICE</b>	L. Musumeci F. Lizzio
<b>8 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>7.00am Sunday</b>
<b>READER</b>	P. Lawie
<b>CHALICE</b>	R. Price & E. Wiles

<b>SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER</b>	
<b>7 SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>COUNTERS</b>	M. Fontana B. Pennisi
<b>PRIEST'S MEAL</b>	M. Bromell
<b>CLEANING</b>	V. Sendra

When making out your Will please consider the needs of the Parish.  
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<b>Altar Linen Roster</b> Week commencing 2 September 2024	<b>9.00am Mass Set-up</b> 7 September 2024
M. Gangi	A. Sheerans & M. Richards