



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 22 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 28/29Sept Saturday

Silkwood: 6.00pm

Innisfail: 6.30pm

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

Babinda: 7.00am

South Johnstone: 7.00am

Innisfail: 9.00am

El Arish: 10.00am

This Sunday's Texts:

WIs 2:12,17-20;

James 3:16-4:3

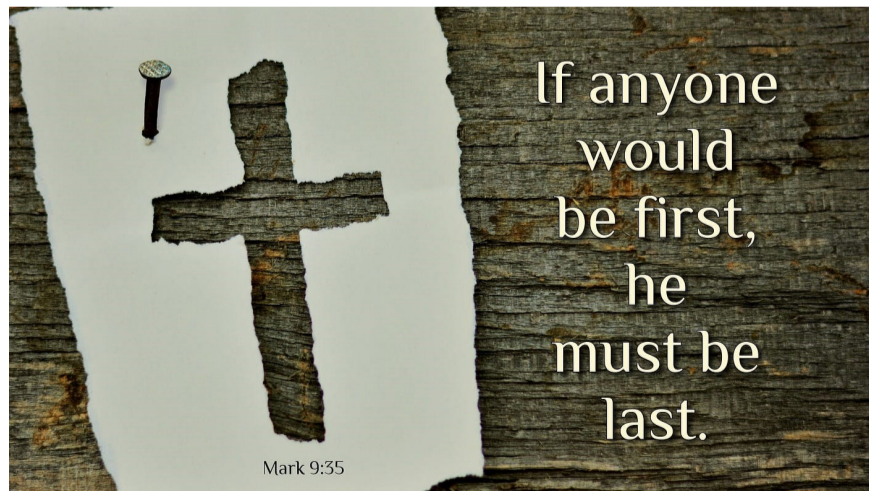
Mk 9:30-37

THE BATTLE WITHIN

Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

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Today we celebrate

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Gospel Reflection

Scriptural context – Three predictions

This gospel event is the second of three occasions in the gospel of Mark when Jesus clearly makes a prediction about his death and subsequent resurrection. They occur in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of the gospel and all three are associated with the disciples' lack of understanding about the mission and fate of Jesus. In each case, Jesus could not speak more plainly about what will happen to him and yet the disciples fail to understand. These three chapters have an overarching image of the disciples' 'blindness' to the truth of Jesus' message.

Have you thought? Last of all?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

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OFFICE HOURS for next week Innisfail

Monday 23 September: 10.00am - 1pm

Tuesday 24 September,

Wednesday 25 September,

Thursday 26 September,

Friday 27 September: 10.00am - 3pm

Silkwood: 1.30pm - 4.30pm every Friday

Fr Kerry

This weekend Father Kerry will celebrate Mass in Innisfail and Babinda

Fr James

This weekend Father James will celebrate Mass in Silkwood, Mourilyan and El Arish.

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.

Clergy Retreat

Priests of the Cairns Diocese are on Retreat next week; please keep them in your prayers.



Baptisms

This weekend we welcome **Remi Hempstead and Stephanie Yates** into our Parish community of **Innisfail** through Baptism.

Welcome to Country

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

Innisfail Parish Phone Number

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

Priests Emergency - Cairns area

Priest for MEDICAL EMERGENCY - 0409 622 392

Anointing Mass

The next Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly will be held on **Saturday 28th September** at **10am** in the Parish Centre.

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.pariah@cairns.catholic.org.au no later than Wednesday afternoon of each week. Thank you.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This ministry is dedicated to the service of the sick and homebound, bringing the Holy Eucharist into their homes when they are unable to attend Mass.

We are looking for new members to be a part of this wonderfully rewarding ministry, where we provide the holiest of sacraments to our parish community who otherwise would not be able to receive Holy Communion.

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister or would like more information, please either call in at the Parish Office or phone 40465225 during office hours.

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.

Australian Catholics

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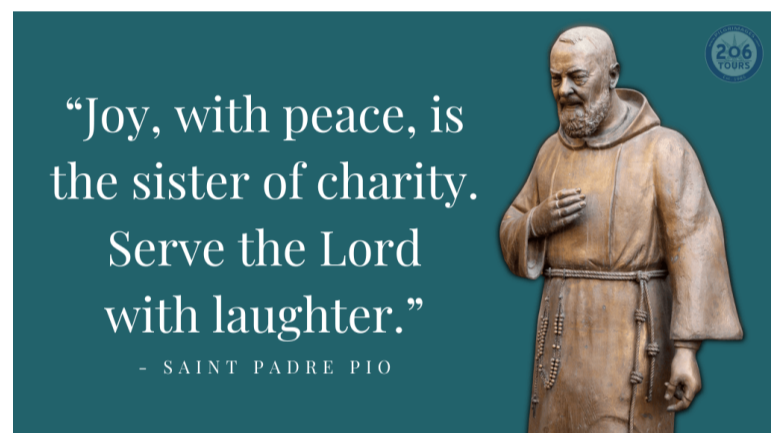
"Something to live for -
Seven good times in the good book"



The Bible is an overwhelmingly positive book. The word 'good' appears in scripture over 900 times, even times as often as the word 'bad'.

(Words: Michael McGirr
Source: Australian Catholics)

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



Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Babinda: Anthony Densmore (40672300)
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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.

National Police Remembrance Day Friday 27th September, 2024

The National Police Remembrance Day will be held at **St Clare's Catholic Church, Tully** on **Friday 27th September commencing at 10am.**

It is a significant day of commemoration where people can reflect on each individual Police Force and remember those Officers killed on duty. It also provides an opportunity to honour all Police who have given their lives serving the Australian community.

All welcome!

Time for a laugh

Little Mike's parents are concerned about the artwork he is bringing home from school as he only uses dark pastels, brown and black. They wonder if this could indicate a mental health problem.

They take him to a psychologist. The psychologist wants to see Mike at work, so he gives him a sheet of paper and a brand new box of crayons.

"Yippee!" says Mike. "A whole set of crayons. All we have at school is black and brown."

(Source: Majellan Media)

Hope & Inspiration - Thoughts to Inspire

PEACE BEGINS WITH US - INSPIRING A BETTER TOMORROW

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." ~ Desmond Tutu ~

The International Day of Peace on September 21st reminds us that peace starts with each of us. It's a day to think about the importance of being kind, understanding and united. Even though global issues can seem overwhelming, this day encourages us to take small, meaningful actions to bring harmony to our communities. By showing compassion, listening to others and choosing to connect rather than divide, we help create a more peaceful world. Peace isn't just about large-scale conflicts, it's about how we treat those around us each day, through acts of kindness and understanding. This year, let's commit to being peacemakers in our daily lives. Our collective efforts can create positive change and lead to a more compassionate and united world. Peace begins with each of us and today is a great time to start by reflecting on our actions and choices.



**Dear Lord, On this International Day of Peace, fill us with the spirit of love and empathy.
Help us show kindness, listen with open hearts and bring unity in all we do.
May our actions inspire positive change and create a more compassionate
and harmonious world. Amen.**

(Source: Majellan Media)

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Please pray for.....

Those who are sick: Leonardo Nucifora, Cheyenne Stephensen, Eddie Lee

Recently Deceased

Sebastiana (Nellie) PATANE, Lorna JONES, Frank CAZZULINO

Anniversaries

Pietro CELOTTO, Phyllis GARDNER, Victoria BONELLO, Romeo LE GRAND, Albert EGGLETON, Gilbert CHARLES, Mary WRIGHT, Lucia PAGANO, Rosaria MANGANO, Aileen HINCKSMAN, Spasoje BILIC, Mary SAMMUT, Cecilia DOWLING, Lucy HEWITT, Cosmo BUFI, Rose SULTANA, Fr Theo CRAMAILLE MSC, Fr James CONNOLY, Mons John MULLINS, Reginald HORE, Oreste SIGNORINI, Angelo DI MAURO, Michael NOONE, Robert LACAZE, Doreen WETTENGLE, Benito ZANCO, Eric MOLLER, Walter VANDELEUR, Alfio ZAPPALA, Louis SMERDELJ, Orazia TOMARCHIO, Monica DAVIS, Iris PRANDOLINI, Francis CARTER, Fred LIZZIO, Dinko DESANTI, Alfio SANTITTO, Frank ARICI, David MATTHEWS, Angelo MIZZI, Caterina VITALE, Raymond COMBE, Theresa CERAOLO, Carmelo LOCASTRO, Mary GUACI, Tony MORONI, Fr Thomas BURKETT, Antonino PENNISI, Emily BENDER, Gladys SCULLEN, Peter MOORE, Jerry BODNAR, Francesca DIMECH, Rosa GIUIENI, Kevin DAY, Isabel MARTY, Mary MAHER, Catherine NELSON, Robert STARR, Sebastiano CAVALLARO, Eddie LONG, George GRUNDY, Marco SANTAROSSA, Peter GUDMANN, Dell FAVIER, Antonio CAMPAGNOLO, Helen TANTI, Lily MIZZI

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 23rd	NO MORNING MASS	
TUESDAY 24th	8.00am Innisfail 10.30am Innisfail - Funeral Mass for Lorna Jones	
WEDNESDAY 25th	8.00am Innisfail 1.00pm Innisfail - Funeral Mass for Frank Cazzulino 5.00pm Babinda	
THURSDAY 26th	8.00am Innisfail	
FRIDAY 27th	5.30pm Innisfail	St Vincent de Paul
SATURDAY 28th	10.00am Innisfail - Anointing Mass	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 28/29 SEPTEMBER

28/29 SEPTEMBER	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	B. Pennisi	S. Todd		L. Massa	J. Ferguson
TECH	R. Nguyen	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////
READERS	K. Lizzio	R. Henderson		I. Massa M. Grima	B. Bortolanza
CIBORIUM	////////////////		////////////////	////////////////	T. Camilleri
CHALICE	J. Strano	C. Catalano L. Catalano		J. Brincat	M. Nolan M. Hogan
HOSPITALITY	////////////////	M. Lehmann	////////////////	M. Lissa	M. Richards
MUSIC	////////////////		////////////////	////////////////	Antoinette & Christine

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER	
22 SEPTEMBER	7.00am Sunday
READER	BJ Price
CHALICE	T. Densmore P. Lawie
29 SEPTEMBER	7.00am Sunday
READER	E. Wiles
CHALICE	L. Musumeci F. Lizzio

SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER	
28 SEPTEMBER	
COUNTERS	J. Strano M. Bromell
PRIEST'S MEAL	R. Gaia
CLEANING	L. Zammit

When making out your Will please consider the needs of the Parish.
www.gcp parish.org.au

Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 23 September 2024	9.00am Mass Set-up 29 September 2024
L. Broccardo	T. & M. Hogan