



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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Contact information for Babinda is as above.

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Pastoral Care Associate — Gail Bromell: 0419682183

Parish Bulletin Sunday 6 October 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 12-13 October 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:

Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16

ONE BODY

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father



'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

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Today we celebrate

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Gospel Reflection

Gospel Focus – Like a little child

Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.

Historical Context – Writ of dismissal

In Jewish tradition, a man could divorce his wife but a woman could not divorce her husband – she could only seek a court ruling to force her husband to divorce her. The grounds for divorce under biblical law were *ervat devar* – meaning 'some fault or indecency'. One legal tradition held that *ervat devar* applied exclusively to adultery while another applied it to anything that was 'offensive' to the husband. To divorce his wife, a man simply had to renounce his wife and ask a court to authorise a writ, or bill, of dismissal – his wife had no chance to challenge his decision.

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OFFICE HOURS for next week Innisfail

Monday 7 October: CLOSED

Tuesday 8 October,

Wednesday 9 October,

**Thursday 10 October, Friday 11 October:
10.00am - 3pm**

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.

Priests Emergency - Cairns area

Priest for MEDICAL EMERGENCY - 0409 622 392

Adoration

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

All are welcome.

Parish Bulletin Notices

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 no later than Wednesday afternoon of each week. Thank you.

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 has changed ... Please update your contact information to the **NEW** number **40465225**.

RCIA Team Information Session

Do you have a heart for sharing the Gospel and walking with others on their faith journey?

Our parish is looking for volunteers to be involved in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team, and we invite you to attend an upcoming information session run by Anne Chellingworth, our Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office to learn more.

This session will provide an overview of the RCIA process and explain how you can be part of this rewarding ministry.

Whether you're experienced in sharing your faith or simply feel called to support others in their journey towards Christ, all are welcome to explore this opportunity.

Please contact the Parish Office (40465225) to convey your interest. Time and date to be confirmed.

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 !!!

Birthday Corner

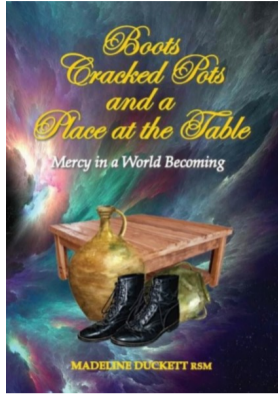
Best wishes and God's blessings to **Barbie Jean Barnett** who celebrated her Birthday during the week.



Cumann Ghra retreat

These retreats are a gathering place for friendship and contemplation. A time to explore faith and seek the mystery of God in our lives.

We will gather from 3-8 pm Saturday and 10am-3pm Sunday, at The House of Prayer & Spirituality, 17 Thomas Street, Pimlico, Townsville on 26/27 October.



For bookings:
houseofprayer@tsv.catholic.org.au 0747289861
For more information email. margtrev26@gmail.com

Suggested donation: \$60

Please check the noticeboard for more information.

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)

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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.

Saint Gerard's - Dinner Dance

Friday, 18th October 2024

Venue: Tully Country Club
Pratt Street, Tully
Semi Formal

Time: 6.00pm till late

Tickets
Adult \$70
Children (5<13) \$40
Children (<5yrs) Free
Purchase from
Tully Raycare Family Pharmacy

Feast of Saint Gerard Saturday 19th October

2.30pm ~ Mass, St Clare's, Tully
3.30pm ~ Religious Procession
5.00pm ~ Feast at St Clare's
School afterwards till late.
ALL WELCOME!



2024 Catholic Mission Church Appeal

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

SCAN ME



Mission: Transform Lives

- theirs...and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our [Discovery Online](#) session Wednesday 9 October. Explore [unique opportunities](#) matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

0422 472 567

palms@palms.org.au



United in Marriage

Congratulations to

Taylah Marks and John Kilpatrick
who were married this weekend.

We offer them our prayers and best wishes.



Rosary Group

If you are interested in praying the Rosary as part of a group, they meet on 13th day of each month. For the month of October the 13th falls on a Sunday. This month the Rosary will be prayed on **Sunday, 13th October** commencing at 8.30am prior to the 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Please pray for.....

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

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Sidney COMBE, Clemente GRECH, Agatha TORRISI, John BAXTER, Clare MOYNIHAN, Faith RUFUS, Patrick, FAHEY, Charles GROVES, Angelo FORMOSA, Kevin ROSENDAHL, Vincenzo BIANCHI, Joe LO GIUDICE, Myrah AVERY, Rosario TORNABENE, Carol Ann SORBELLO, Jordan SUGARS, Mary DELMANOWICZ, Fr Julian TENISON-WOODS, Fr Silvano BERTAPPELLI CS, Andrew GONZO, Alfio CARUSO, Nita GUBIANI, Guerrino BUSATO, Salvatore LISSA, Salvatore GANGEMI, Sofia TEDESCO, Shirley ENGLISH, Fr Frances DONOVAN CSSR, Anne GEANEY, John FAHEY, Giuseppe CALTABIANO, Marie GRAINGER, David WILSON, Margaret DRYDEN, Sam PAPPALARDO, Fr Peter CRANE OSA, Iva CARDENTI, Frank HANNAN, Joe CROWDEY SNR, Osvaldo REGINONI, Lido BALLINI, Josephine PALADINI, Angie NUCIFORA

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 7th	NO MORNING MASS	
TUESDAY 8th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 9th	8.00am Innisfail 5.00pm Babinda	
THURSDAY 10th	8.00am Innisfail	
FRIDAY 11th	5.30pm Innisfail	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 12/13 OCTOBER

12/13 OCTOBER	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	B. Kendall	S. Todd	////////////////	I. Massa	B. Bortolanza
TECH	D. Daly	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////
READERS	B. Pennisi		////////////////	C. Morrison L. Massa	T. Camilleri J. Ferguson
CIBORIUM	////////////////		////////////////	////////////////	M. Gangi
CHALICE	G. Bromell	T. Zahra	////////////////	M. Grima F. McLeish	S. Hoad A. Parisi
HOSPITALITY	////////////////	M. Lehmann	////////////////	E. Sumich	M. Nolan
MUSIC	////////////////	Silkwood Duo	////////////////	////////////////	Diana & John

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER	
6 OCTOBER	7.00am Sunday
READER	M. Rowe
CHALICE	R. Price & E. Wiles
13 OCTOBER	7.00am Sunday
READER	P. Lawie
CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio

SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER	
12 OCTOBER	
COUNTERS	R. Rimmington N. Bromell
PRIEST'S MEAL	B. Kendall
CLEANING	M. Bromell R. D'Urso



From the beginning of creation God made them male and female.
Mark 10:6

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

Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 7 October 2024	9.00am Mass Set-up 13 October 2024
V. Zahra	A. Sheerans & M. Richards