



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 website www.gcp parish.org.au

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Pastoral Care Associate — Gail Bromell: 0419682183

Parish Bulletin Sunday 3 November 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 9-10 November Saturday

Silkwood: 6.00pm

Innisfail: 6.30pm

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

Babinda: 7.00am

Mourilyan: 7.00am

Innisfail: 9.00am

El Arish: 10.00am

‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD’

Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment – ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ The scribe agrees with Jesus’ teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love

over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be ‘not far from the kingdom of God.’

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Mark 12, 28-34

This Sunday's Texts:
Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28
Mk 12:28-34

Today we celebrate
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

The Pastor's Pen

The Class of 1973 gathered again this week: Fr Tom Gleeson of Adelaide, Fr Matt Mc Phee O Carm of Melbourne, Fr Brendan Lane of Melbourne and yours truly. We had just celebrated Mass at St Joseph's Church, Port Melbourne.

We are resolved to meet each year, while able, with no set agenda other than to share company and stories.

God's gift to each is Priesthood.

Fr Kerry



OFFICE HOURS for next week Innisfail

Monday 4 November,

Tuesday 5 November,

Wednesday 6 November,

Thursday 7 November,

Friday 8 November: 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.

Innisfail Parish Phone Number

The Parish Office phone number has changed ...
Please update your contact information to the
NEW number 40465225.

Acknowledgement of Country

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

Diocesan News

The October edition is now available on the Cairns Diocese website: www.cairns.catholic.org.au
Alternatively, please copy and paste the link below and it will take you straight to the flipbook.

[Diocese A4 2024 October Edition ebook](#)

**Copies of the Magazine will also be available
in all our 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 !!!

Australian Catholics

In this issue: Summer 2024/25

"In the footsteps of Mary The all-encompassing God"

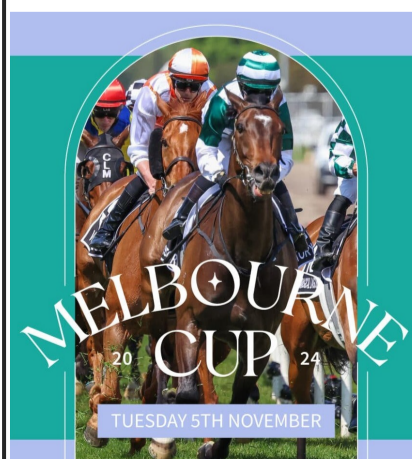
We need to embrace the enormity of god, not try to make him small enough to fit into our lives.

(Words: Ann Rennie—Source: Australian Catholics)

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



Melbourne Cup 2024



**Fr Kerry's tip for the
Melbourne Cup:**

"Kovalica"

Remember:
Gamble responsibly

Letter from Bishop Joseph Caddy AM Clergy Appointments

Fr John Mathew CFIC has been appointed as a Hospital Chaplain in Cairns and will also be part time assistant in the Northern Beaches Parish.

Fr Biju Kuriakose CMI has been appointed to St Francis Xavier Parish, Cairns West.

Fr Sabu Kalapurackal is a member of the Vincentian Congregation and will take up the role of Parish Priest at Edmonton and Gordonvale allowing **Fr Michael Szymanski** to take up the appointment as Parish Priest in the Torres Strait residing on Thursday Island.

Fr Roy Neervelil CFIC has accepted an appointment as Dean of the Cathedral in addition to his role as Parish Priest at North Cairns and Parramatta Park.

Fr Santhosh George will serve as Assistant Priest to Fr Roy in these parishes.

Date Claimer:

**St John's Parish Silkwood, Christmas Gathering
Saturday 16th November 2024 following the
6.00pm Mass.
Parish Hall, Silkwood.
Please bring a plate to share.**

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.

Jubilee of Teenagers Pilgrimage 2025

High school students from around the world are invited to Rome for the Jubilee of Teenagers, April 25-27, 2025. Join other teens from the Cairns Diocese on this journey through Rome, Assisi, Florence, and Jubilee Week celebrations! Find out more and register your interest at: cairns.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/jubilee-of-teenagers-pilgrimage

Expressions of Interest

Advent Group 2024 "HOPE Reigns" Group and Individual Reflections for Advent Year C

As we embark on the journey of Advent, *Hope Reigns* will help us clarify our vision, so that we can welcome anew the wonder of the Christ child who brings heaven to earth and opens the door to the extraordinary gift of life everlasting, the fullness of life for which we long.

Advent is a call to take time with the Gospel, to pay attention, to listen to a word which announces a world which is a place of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal 5:22), a place where justice reigns and "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" (Isa 40:5).

(+Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane)

This Advent we are encouraging you to consider being a part of, or leading, a weekly Advent small group as you prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

**If anyone is interested in leading or being a part of an Advent Group
please register your name on the clipboards provided in the Church.**

2024 Catholic Mission Church Appeal



On behalf of the Church in Mongolia, and people like Chuluunbaatar, we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

Your gift is already working towards programs like the House of Mercy, which will support people that have been affected by a range of issues, such as homelessness and domestic violence.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a positive impact for many around the world.



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

SCAN ME



Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Please pray for.....

Those who are sick: Cheyenne Stephensen, Bro. Ralph Arnell

Recently Deceased

Angelo LANZAFAME, Eddie LEE, Edward PHILLIPS, Sr. Paula CRONIN LCM (Sydney), Neil THOMAS

Anniversaries

Fr Oswald AUSTIN CSsR, Henry O'HANLON, Maria BARBAGALLO, Orazia CARUSO, Michael CONLON, Fr Louis CARR OSA, Fr Nicholas BROWN OSA, Fr Cherubino DE ROMANIS, Don C. Fabri, Don E. Farquini, Mons Paul FORTINI, Fr Edward KELLY, Fr Edward KUTTER MSC, Fr Hyacinth MICHALIK OSA, Fr Tarquinius TANGANELLI, Fr Benedict WHELAN OSA, Maria TORRE, May ENGLISH, Sam REITANO, Gordon DICKIE, Fr Joseph VIGNOLES OSA, Josephine BRINCAT, Merle NEALE, Jean BERGIN, Jean CROWLEY, Doris NOONE, Daisy ADAMS, Bob FORD, Bishop Patrick DOYLE MS, May ANDERSON, Cecily HANNAN, Buller BUTLER, Gordon STEWART, Robyn PEARCE, Eonilia BALLINI, Sylvia GUDMANN, Luigi ROSSI, Betty VANDELEUR, Archbishop Alain DE BOISMENU MSC, Abel GOGGI, Cumbo CALI, Edna GIBSON, Benita BACAYO, Maria CLOWES, Fr Alfredus LANZON, Jean ARCHER, Orlando REGINONI, Robert HOOD, Sebi MARANO, Nita GUBIANI, James LEE, Catherine MARSHALL, Fr Jachim GUERRINI OFM Cap, Ines MARANO, Alfio SORBELLO, Patricia GILMORE, Victoria CINI, Margaret TODD

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 4th	9.30am Innisfail - Year 4 G. C. Primary Class Mass - All Welcome	
TUESDAY 5th	8.00am Innisfail	
WEDNESDAY 6th	8.00am Innisfail 10.00am Innisfail - Year 1 G. C. Primary Liturgy of the Word - All Welcome 5.00pm Babinda	
THURSDAY 7th	8.00am Innisfail	
FRIDAY 8th	1.00pm Innisfail - Funeral Mass for Angelo Lanzafame 5.30pm Innisfail	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 9/10 NOVEMBER

9/10 NOVEMBER	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	B. Pennisi	M. Colgrave	R. Bandiera	//////////	A. Sheerans
TECH	D. Daly	//////////	//////////	//////////	//////////
READERS	L. Gaia	L. Catalano	C. Morrison	//////////	T. Camilleri J. Ferguson
CIBORIUM	//////////		//////////	//////////	M. Gangi
CHALICE	A. Strano	T. Zahra C. Catalano	J. Hemenstall	//////////	S. Hoad A. Parisi
HOSPITALITY	//////////	M. Lehmann		//////////	M. Nolan
MUSIC	//////////		//////////	//////////	Diana & John

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER	
3 NOVEMBER	7.00am Sunday
READER	K. Taylor
CHALICE	R. Price & E. Wiles
10 NOVEMBER	7.00am Sunday
READER	E. Wiles
CHALICE	L. Musumeci & F. Lizzio

SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER	
9 NOVEMBER	
COUNTERS	M. Fontana B. Pennisi
PRIEST'S MEAL	K. Lizzio
CLEANING	M. Fontana D. Greco

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

Altar Linen Roster Week commencing 4 November 2024	9.00am Mass Set-up 10 November 2024
M. Gangi	A. Sheeran & M. Richards