



Mother of Good Counsel Parish

(embracing the areas of Innisfail, Mourilyan, South Johnstone, Babinda, Silkwood & El Arish)

Parish Priest ~ Fr Kerry Crowley

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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 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
4/5 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 Weekend's Texts

Amos 6:1, 4-7,

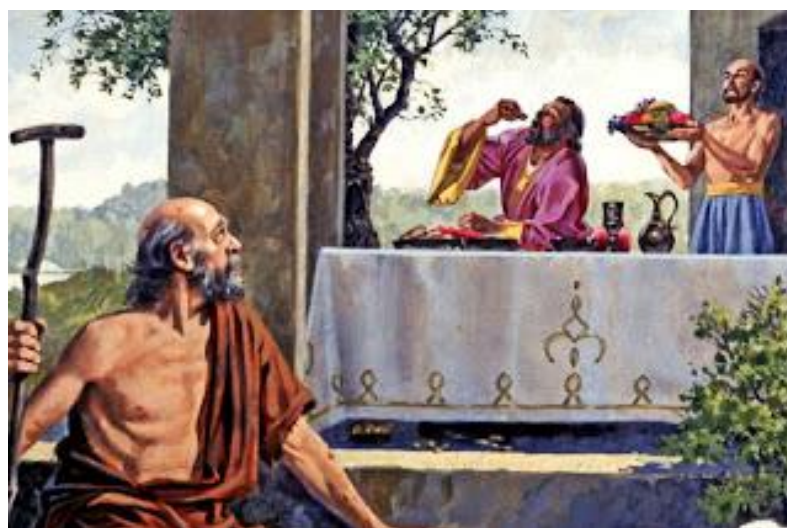
1 Tim 6:11-16,

Lk 16:19-31

FOR WHAT WE HAVE FAILED TO DO.

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others. The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness, but their message has been ignored.

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Today we celebrate

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

The Pastor's Pen

Last week I supplied at the Cathedral while the Clergy of the Diocese were on their annual Retreat. My duties included daily Mass and being 'on call' for emergencies from the Hospitals and Nursing Homes. The week was relatively incident free. I was free to supply because I had already been on a 30-day Retreat in June/July.

St Monica's Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese, with the Stained Glass Windows, depicts the story of Creation taken from the Book of Genesis, and another series known as the Peace Windows, commemorating the end of World War II. It is a house of prayer, with doors kept open, for all who desire to enter.

Daily Mass attracts good numbers of worshippers, from various multicultural backgrounds, with a broad spectrum of ages participating; it highlights the diversity and richness of the Catholic Faith and the desire of many to live faith-filled lives.

Fr Kerry

**OFFICE HOURS for next week
Innisfail**

Monday 29 September; Tuesday 30 September;
Wednesday 1 October; Thursday 2 October;
Friday 3 October: 10.00am - 3pm

Silkwood: CLOSED

Fr Kerry

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

Fr James

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

Reconciliation

Available each **Saturday at 11.30am** in Mother of Good Counsel Church or phone Parish Office for a more suitable time.

Parish Office - Silkwood

Tammy will be on leave from the Parish Office from Friday 19th September until Friday 3rd October. Please phone Innisfail Parish Office on 40465225 for any enquiries during this time. Thank you.

***National Police Remembrance Day
Monday 29th September, 2025***

The National Police Remembrance Day will be held at **Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail** on **Monday 29th September commencing at 11.00am.**

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!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 3rd October in Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail after the 5.30pm Mass from 6.00pm for an hour.

Acknowledgement of Country

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

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

Cherish Life

Join us as we reflect on the precious gift of human life from the womb to the end of our days. Together we give thanks for the gift of life and pray: For those vulnerable to death by abortion. All pregnant mothers, those wounded by abortion that may experience forgiveness and healing and all who are at the end of their life that they receive care and comfort.

WHEN: 5 October 2025.

For those interested please contact Cherish Life, coyleanne25@gmail.com

Hope & Inspiration

HEALING THROUGH TEARS

*“Tears shed for another person are not a sign of weakness.
They are a sign of a pure heart.”
~ José N Harris ~*

Tears remind us that we are alive, that we feel and are connected to the world around us. They are not a sign of weakness; they show that we are human. They tell us and others that our hearts are moved, that we care and that we are open to life. Crying isn't giving up; it's a way to let our feelings out instead of keeping them inside.

Tears are a gift from God. We cry with joy at the birth of a child. We cry with compassion for those who are suffering. We cry when a loved one is ill or has died. We cry when we are hurt. We even cry when strangers are affected by disaster. Even the prophet Elisha wept when he saw the horrors that war would bring, showing that God gave us the ability to feel deeply and show compassion.

Letting tears flow doesn't make us weak, it shows honesty and courage. Tears can bring relief, help us see things more clearly and give us strength to face challenges. We should never be ashamed of them. Each tear is part of healing, and through them, we grow stronger, feel lighter and stay connected to the part of ourselves God made to love and care. (Source: Majellan Media)

 Thursday 30 October

 8:35am - Assembly

🕒 9:10am - Official unveiling of Good Samaritan History Wall

 9:20am - School tour / memorabilia display / sealing of the time capsule

🕒 10:20am - Morning Tea

 Enquiries - secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au

In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus - In all things may God be glorified

RSVP due 16 October

Scan QR Code below or visit
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to make your booking



Something to live for - Question AI cannot answer

How should we live? AI works so fast, sometimes it's scary. But efficiency is not the same as happiness. The hallmark of a godly society is the way it embraces at least some human inefficiencies. When I was young, there was a man with an intellectual disability who collected the tickets at our local train station. Between trains, he swept the platform and watered the plants. He had a uniform, a salary and the dignity of work. So many of those jobs have vanished in the name of efficiency. What happened to the people? *(Words / Michael McGirr - Australian Catholics)*

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Alfio Parisi (0499010242),
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Loretta Musumeci (40671438)

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Mourilyan: Colleen Morrison (0488391111)

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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.

You're invited to St. Carlo's Youth Day Celebrations.
Food, games and lots of fun!

WHEN: Sunday 12th October 2025

TIME: Kicking off at 1 pm followed by 5 pm Mass and Adoration.

WHERE: Bishop House Lawn and St Monica's Cathedral 183 Abbott St, Cairns.

VISIT: www.cairns.catholic.org.au for more information.

This is a drug and alcohol-free event.

Contact: Kyal & Merinda: youth@cairns.catholic.org.au
| 4046 5115

Date: Saturday 11 October

Time: 10.00am for 10.30am Start

Venue: Warrina Lakes Park
Charles Street, Innisfail



Join us as we pray for our nation.

Best wishes and God's blessings to **Kathleen Dryden** who celebrated her birthday last week and to **Barbie Jean Barnett** who will be celebrating her birthday on Wednesday.

If you would like your birthday included in Birthday Corner, please phone the Parish Office on 40465225.

For anyone who wishes to make a financial contribution to any of the Churches we service, the ONLINE Banking Details for each Parish are listed below.

Innisfail, Mourilyan & South Johnstone	Babinda	Silkwood/El Arish
Acc. Name: Innisfail Catholic Church	Acc. Name: Babinda Catholic Church	Acc. Name: Silkwood Parish
BSB: 084352	BSB: 084352	BSB: 084352
Acc. No: 000019134	Acc. No: 000000647	Acc. No: 000000514
Reference: Name (include PG No)	Reference: Name (include PG No)	Reference: Name (include PG No)

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul, praise the Lord, my soul.

Responsorial Psalm (Silkwood, Babinda, Mourilyan, El Arish): Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Please pray for ...

Those who are sick: Peter Wardrope

Recently Deceased

Domenica FICHERA, Sam CATALANO (Babinda)
Bishop Pat POWER (Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese)

Anniversaries

Isabel MARTY, Mary MAHER, Catherine NELSON, Robert STARR, Sebastiano CAVALLARO, Eddie LONG, George GRUNDY, Marco SANTAROSSA, Peter GUDMAN, Dell FAVIER, Antonio CAMPAGNOLO, Helen TANTI, Lily MIZZI, Margaret OLIVER, Margaret LACAZE, Olivio LISSA, Mavis AZZOPARDI, Angela TORNABENE, Letizia MARTINUZZI, Elsie TWINE, Catherine CASEY, Patrick LAWTON, Margaret RIDOLFI, Joeseeph APAP, George KINSEY, Irene SUMMERFIELD, Lucia PATTI, Vera SPINELLA, Bridie POWER, May DAVIS, Carmelo GIUENI, James CROWLEY, Fr James LARKIN OSA, Fr. Joseph CONDON OSA, Andy MAUGERI, Martin RYAN, Dan O’CONNOR, Rosa CALTABIANO, Sid CARDILLO, Angelo SORBELLO, Kathleen CROWLEY, Barbara HURLOCK, Josephine OLSON, Wally CONNOLLY, Eva MOLLOY, Joe VEGAR, George BARNES, Filadelfio MANGANO, Ivan POLICH, Connie SLATER, Annibale DONIZZI, Elvira REGINONI, Nina MARANO, Ernie BARNARD, Denilia MODESTI, Salvatore AMARI, Marjorie CROWLEY, Sr. CAMILLUS SGS

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 29th	8.00am Innisfail	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
TUESDAY 30th	8.00am Innisfail	St Jerome, priest, doctor
WEDNESDAY 1st	8.00am Innisfail 10.00am Innisfail – Funeral Mass for Domenica Fichera 5.00pm - Babinda	St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
THURSDAY 2nd	8.00am Innisfail 10.00am Babinda - Funeral Mass for Sam Catalano	The Holy Guardian Angels
FRIDAY 3rd	5.30pm Innisfail	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES & ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 4/5 OCTOBER					
4/5 OCTOBER	6.00pm Sat Silkwood	6.30pm Sat Innisfail	7.00am Sun Mourilyan	7.00am Sun Sth Johnstone	9.00am Sun Innisfail
COMMENTATOR	L. Gaia	S. Todd	//////////	M. Grima	Youth
TECH	D. Daly	//////////	//////////	//////////	//////////
READERS	R. Nguyen		//////////	I. Massa L. Massa	Youth Reader Youth Reader
CIBORIUM	//////////		//////////	//////////	Youth
CHALICE	R. Rimmington	L. Catalano C. Catalano	//////////	F. McLeish J. Brincat	Youth Youth
HOSPITALITY	//////////		//////////	M. Lissa	
MUSIC	//////////	Silkwood Duo	//////////	//////////	Youth Group

BABINDA MASS TIME & ROSTER		SILKWOOD MISCELLANEOUS ROSTER		Altar Linen Roster	9.00am Mass Set Up
28 SEPTEMBER	7.00am Sunday	27 September		Week commencing	5 October 2025
READER	J. Marks	COUNTERS	R. Gaia & G. Bromell	29 September 2025	T. & M. Hogan
CHALICE	T. Densmore & P. Lawie			Yoa Diaz	
5 OCTOBER	7.00am Sunday	PRIEST’S MEAL	Kathy Lizzio	When making your Will please consider the needs of the parish. www.gcparish.org.au	
READER	S. Jia	CLEANING	M. Fontana, D. Greco		
CHALICE	R. Price & E. Wiles				

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The Law of Moses, the Torah, and the writings of the prophets both emphasise the need for justice and compassion.
- In the Hebrew Scriptures, God shows preferential love for the poor, the outcast and the stranger.
- In this text, the poor man’s name is given (Lazarus, meaning ‘God helps’), while the rich man remains anonymous. Perhaps the rich man represents us all.

(Source: The Summit Online)