



Childers Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Childers ~ Biggenden ~ Gin Gin ~ Mt Perry ~ Woodgate



Ministries, Groups & Activities

As you can see from the list below, there are many groups and activities within our parish communities which you might like to know more about, or even better, become involved with. If you would like any further information on our parish or any of the groups and activities mentioned here, please phone the parish office or get in touch with the contact person in your area. (See Contacts page)

COMMITTEES & COUNCILS	
Parish Councils discuss and deal with matters affecting the spiritual needs of their parishioners.	Childers PPC meets 3 rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm Gin Gin meets 2 nd Tuesday after 5pm Mass Biggenden meetings as advertised in the parish newsletter
Childers Combined Finance Council	Representatives from all Mass centres meet every 3 months or as necessary to keep track of the parish finances and aims to manage money contributed through the Parish Planned Giving Program and donations to plan for the future needs of the parish. Please contact the parish office if you would like to know more about our planned giving program. Giving by envelope or direct debit is available.
PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH	
Forest View Aged Care Home - Mass and Prayer program	Quite a few parishioners now reside at Forest View and Mass is celebrated there on the 2 nd Monday of each month at 9.30am. Holy Communion is also taken there each Wednesday following 9am Mass in the church and the weekly newsletter is distributed and Readings for the Week proclaimed. This helps our older parishioners to still feel part of our parish community.
Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound	Sick and housebound parishioners are taken Communion following Forest View program on Wednesdays or as arranged. Please contact the parish office if you (or someone you know) would like a visit.
Childers Catholic Women's League	CWL meets every 2 nd Wednesday of the month after 9am Mass. They are always looking for new members to join them. Contact President Mrs Sonia Jones 41 261447.
St Vincent de Paul	We have a wonderful band of volunteers who extend a hand up to the needy and serve in our Churchill Street store. It is only one of two stores in Queensland that is totally run by volunteers. Donations of food, money, clothing, homewares etc, are always welcome. Vinnies Conference of St Joseph in Childers meets 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays of the month at 3pm. Phone the store on 4126 1822.
SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER	
Rosary - Childers	Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 8-9am (before Mass) at Childers. All are welcome to join in this special time for devotion to Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Rosary – Biggenden	Each Sunday from 10.05am (before Mass)
Rosary - Gin Gin	Each Friday at 9am
Lenten Program	Lenten groups operate each year. Please refer to the weekly newsletter for program times and venues.

LITURGY	
Liturgy Committees	We have very enthusiastic Liturgy Committees and helpers who work with the Parish Priest to make our liturgies more meaningful.
Sacramental Team	The Sacramental Team assists the Parish Priest to prepare children and their families for important events in their faith journey - the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
Altar Servers Ministry	It is a great honour to be an altar server. Students at St Joseph's School are encouraged to serve at school Masses and Saturday night Masses.
Music Ministry	Music and musicians are always a very important part of any liturgy and we warmly welcome anyone with a talent or interest in this area.
Children's Liturgy	Children's Liturgy runs on the 1 st Saturday of each month at 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart and after Mass for 10 minutes at Gin Gin each Sunday at 8.30am.

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES	
Childers Parish Library	We have a good selection of books (including children's books), DVDs and CDs for borrowing on an honesty system in the Pious Goods Room at the front of the church. There is a good range of little books for new and returned Catholics. We encourage you to have a browse before or after Mass and if you would like to borrow an item or two, please write your name on the sheet and return the item(s) when finished.
Childers Gardening Ministry	If you have a green thumb or just like to spend time outdoors you might like to join our gardening ministry to help keep our gardens tidy and looking good. Contact the parish office if interested.
Gin Gin Youth Group	The youth group is looking for renewal and encourages involvement from the youth for activities and altar serving at Mass. Contact Eleanor McDonnell 41574464 for information about upcoming events.
Gin Gin Monthly get-togethers	1 st Sunday of the month after 8.30am Mass, celebrating birthdays and special events in the lives of parishioners and their families.
Biggenden Monthly get-togethers	4 th Sunday of the month after 10.30am Mass, celebrating birthdays and special events in the lives of parishioners and their families.
Childers Hospitality Group	1 st Sunday of the month after 6pm Mass we celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries with a cuppa and tasty treats supplied by the CWL ladies.