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5th Sunday of Easter
18th May 2025
Liturgical Colour: white

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON

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It is five weeks since the great liturgical feast of Easter, where we as Christians celebrated and professed the great truth of the first Easter: that Jesus is risen from the dead. His love for humanity, for each one of us, could not be held by death. As his disciples we are continually invited to immerse ourselves in this great truth and carry Jesus's vision of love and sacrifice to our world. The readings this week firstly provide glimpses of the hardships experienced by Paul and Barnabus as they founded new communities of faith in other lands and other cultures. The gospel of Jesus certainly had drawing power beyond the Jewish faith, offering truths and practices that would have been experienced as quite counter cultural and revolutionary. We know from history that the early Christian communities did experience conflict and disharmony as Jews and Gentiles, the rich and poor, the powerful and disenfranchised encountered each other. The early church had to wrangle with and work through the issues that divided and separated people, as Jesus's vision and mission was for all of humanity. The ability to grow in love for one another was a disciple's mark of authenticity. Jesus's commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you" had to be lived out and modelled at leadership and administrative levels as well as at the personal and interpersonal levels.

The second reading taken from the book of the Apocalypse presents a vision of the future where God creates a new heaven and a new earth. The old has passed away. God comes to dwell amongst us in the new city, the new Jerusalem, a city for all nations. This city is not for a select few but will be filled with people from every corner of the earth; How do we prepare ourselves for the fulfilment of this vision in the here and now. How do we open ourselves to embrace all whom God embraces. How do we move toward full communion with our God and with our neighbour?

The gospel reading from John provides us with the key to these questions. Jesus at his last supper gave us a new commandment "Love one another as I have loved you". He modelled service, respect and dignity for all through washing the feet of his disciples. He lived through the experience of betrayal, public ridicule and death on a cross for the sake of love. The love Jesus modelled and called us to is a sacrificial love, a love that is other centred. This type of love is not based upon a feeling or sentiment, but on an active choice to act with compassion and mercy, to be open to learn acceptance of others, embracing the differences that divide and separate, practicing patience, kindness and forgiveness. Yes, a very tall order.

It can be easy to get caught up in the difficulty of this commandment: to love by giving one's life away. However, we need to hold the entire commandment in view. We cannot fulfill this commandment if we ourselves have not first experienced the love of Jesus in our own lives. Our capacity to love others is so intimately entwined with our capacity to love God and be open and ready for ongoing transformation. Scripture tells us that we must love God first and our neighbour as ourselves. Our neighbour comes in a myriad of guises. How prepared are we to step outside our own comfort zone and what keeps us separated and divided from others.

I am learning that when I feel triggered by another person, situation or idea, to take time to reflect upon this, and bring it to prayer. It has been interesting to observe what arises, and I am usually confronted by what lies in shadow within me. Bringing the light and love of Jesus into my own dark places, allows me to let go of the need to be right, the need to justify, the need to critique and judge another or myself. It is when I have moved to a place of self -compassion through a process of prayer and reflection, that I can choose freely to offer compassion and love to "the others" in my life.

There are many commands within the scriptures, but this commandment is the most fundamental of all. It lays at the heart of Jesus's mission. "By this commandment all will know that you are my disciples". Let us pray that our hearts can remain open to receive and give of a love that overcomes all so that our lives bear the mark of a true disciple.

Maria Wagner, St Williams

LITURGY TIMES

18th May—24th May

Grovely	**St William's**
Monday:	9:00am Mass *St Maria Bernarda Butler*
Wednesday:	8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *St Zeno*
Thursday:	9:00am Mass *St Rita*
Friday:	9:00am St Andrews year 5 Mass at St Andrews School
Next Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	7:00am Mass
	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass (Anointing)
Mitchelton	**Our Lady of Dolours**
Tuesday:	8:30am Mass *St Plautilla*
Wednesday:	8:30am Mass
Friday:	8:30am Mass *St John Baptist de Rossi*
Next Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	10:30am Adoration and Reconciliation
	4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	10:00am Mass
Samford	**Sacred Heart**
Thursday:	6:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Next Weekend Masses:	
Sunday:	8:00am Mass

North West Deanery Saturday Masses

This Saturday 17th May
St William's, Grovely, 7am

Next Saturday 24th May
St William's, Grovely, 7am

This Week's Readings:
5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:2-5
John 13:31-35

Next Week's Readings:
6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

GROVELY

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Audrey Gallo
Alfred Jones
Percy Jones
Piper Tracey

And warmly welcome them into our faith community!

Faith Circle

Faith Circle meets every Monday at 9:30am in the Daley Centre. We meet to share friendship over a cup of coffee and discussion of Sunday's gospel.
See you there!

Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome to join us at *St William's Christian Meditation* every **Tuesday at 7pm** in St. William's Church.

Enquires to Bob on 0428 813 483

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday
8:00pm - 9:00pm
St. William's

SAMFORD

Samford Rosary Circle

The Samford Rosary Circle meets every Wednesday.
When: Wednesday at 10am
Where: Sacred Heart Church, Samford.

Bring A Plate

Every 4th Sunday of the month Sacred Heart Church enjoys having a morning tea after the 8am Mass. Please join us for morning tea and if you can bring a plate to share. *All are welcome!*

MITCHELTON

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

Saturday
10:30am - 11:30am
Our Lady of Dolours

Family Rosary

This week: *Juliet and Ross Blackwell*
Next week: *Angela and Benito de Inocentis*

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Family Masses Date Claimers

Sunday 15th June
Sunday 20th July

We meet before Mass at 8am to practice, all are welcome! Please join us for 9am Mass at St William's followed by hospitality afterwards. If able, please bring a plate to share!

Safeguarding Booklet

This booklet is currently displayed on the noticeboard. If you would like a copy, please contact the Parish office via email, to bluecard.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

The celebration of the sacrament of anointing of the sick will be included at the Mass on
Sunday 25th May at 5 pm.
This an opportunity for the sick to receive the sacrament, for us to pray for the sick in our community and to pray for Fr. Nigel before he goes for his surgery.

Nationwide Rosary

The Nationwide Rosary to honour Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia is on

Saturday, 24th May, 2025
In our Parish, this will be held at
Our Lady of Dolours, Mitchelton
between **1.30pm & 3.30pm.**

For further enquiries, please contact Margaret on 3351 0956.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge warmly invites you to ***Pentecost Mass*** *at* ***St Stephen's Cathedral*** *at* ***10am on 8 June*** *for a special blessing.*
BYO morning tea.

GSM Parishes Sacramental Program 2025

It is time to enrol for Confirmation! This is for children in year 3 or above who have been Baptised. For key dates and an enrolment form please see our website or attend the parish office. Please enrol prior to the parent information evening on Thursday 5 June at 7pm, at St Williams.
https://gsmparishes.com.au/confirmation/

Please pray for all of our children journeying through the Sacraments of Initiation

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Pope Francis

Anniversary: Barbara Brown, Maureen O'Neill

We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Ailis Morgan, Colin Rice, William Hinrichsen, Patricia Riddle.

Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

EVERGREENS

On **Sunday 25th May** there will be a cuppa in the Daley Centre after 9.00am Mass.

On **Friday 30th June** the men will meet for coffee at 10.00am at the Arana Leagues club.

Contact John & Joan if you are interested in becoming an Evergreens member. 0455503713 jobrod@bigpond.net.au

What time of day was Adam created? Just a little before Eve.

Pope's Prayer Intentions: May

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

FAITH MATTERS - GSM

www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

One of Pope Leo XIV's close friends, Fr. Tony Banks, also of the Augustinian Order, had a few comments to make about his friend in a recent article in the Australian Financial Review (AFR).

- "…a quiet fellow. He works hard, he's diligent, he does his homework and he listens to people."
- "He will take a serious look at the role of women in the Church. But he is not the radical progressive that people might think."
- Fr. Banks said, "He loved being in Peru. He liked the work in the missions. He spoke of his love for those people there….the effect of being in a country which suffers great levels of poverty, great disparity between city and country, and about his association, particularly with the people, the people of the country well outside Lima. I think he will bring….**a sense of compassion, a sense of hope for the future**."

Pope Leo's role in Rome prior to his election was as the head of a Vatican group which appointed Bishops across the world. While in that position he appointed three women to that group. It was seen as a somewhat revolutionary step. He sees a role for women in the Church in a variety of decision-making positions but does not see them in the role of deacon or priest.

Pope Leo's brother, John Prevost, described him as very concerned for those who don't have a voice.

In last week's newsletter it was great to see the insert from the Mothers' Prayer Group about May being the month devoted to Mary. The older ones in the parish will remember how important it was for the family to say the Rosary daily, particularly during May and October. This was something that took precedence over many other activities in a lot of catholic families at that time.

Students in Christian Brothers' schools in the 50s and 60s might remember the May Altar, set up by students and teachers and devoted to Mary. Many of these altars were works of art and were a "must do" during the month. Other schools run by Religious Orders at that time did similar things in honour of Mary during May.

The article from the Mothers' Prayer group reminds us to do something positive to honour Mary the Mother of God during this month.

Verses for Vinnies

Did you know there's a show, where you really should go,' 'cause you'll laugh like you never have done?
Billy Kearns is the star and you'll get "Ha-ha-ha" as his poems are chock-full of fun.
Bill's a New South Wales bloke, he's the master of joke,
and these range from absurd to profound.
And the poems he'll write, other poets delight, to use these when the comps come around.
And those poets who've won, would admit it was done, With the verses that this Bill had unfurled.
So please come and you'll hear, why the verse from this seer,
is renown in the Bush Poet world.
But you have to be there, at this poet's affair
and hear audience cheering so loud.
May two-five is the date, mark it down, don't be late, so you're part of Bills' memorable crowd.
And the fifteen bucks fee, goes to Vinnies you see so you're helping those people in strife.
So now please come along, join the Bush Poets' throng and assist those who struggle with life.

Where: St. William's School, 67 DAWSON PARADE GROVELY
When:1:30pm Sunday, May 25th
Cost: $15, pay cash only at the door. Your ticket includes Afternoon Tea.
Contact: Noel at noel@noelstallard.com

https://tripleygrovely.au

Use the link above to tune in for Meditation, Scripture, Mass over the airways, music that matters and more!
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A Vocation View
Fifth Sunday of Easter

God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence. (Revelations 21:1-5)

Bible Quiz

This week's question: What do Jesus' disciples call him in John 13?
Answer: Next week

Last week's question: In the Bible, who wrote 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want'?
Answer: David.

flocknote

Stay up to date with parish events! Flocknote is free for parishioners. If you have been registered with the Parish previously, please note your details do not transfer. Please register.

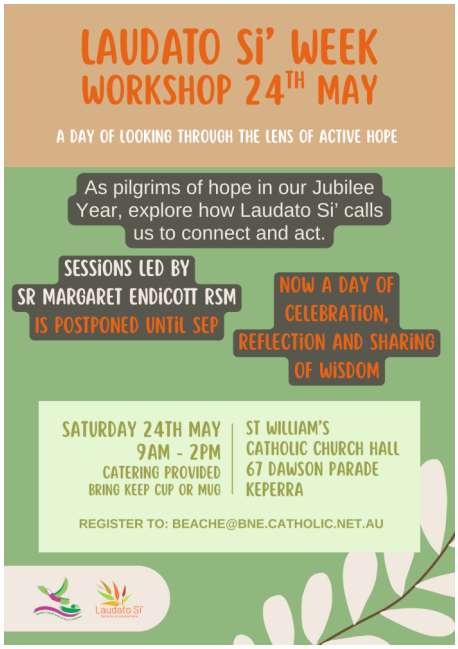
URL: https://gsmparishes.flocknote.com/register

QR Code:

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GSM Parishes 18th May—24th May

Monday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
Monday	7:00pm	Daley Centre	RCIA
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
Tuesday	7:00pm	St. William's	Christian Meditation
Tuesday	12:30pm	Gathering Space	Treble M
Tuesday	3:20pm	St William's Atrium	Atrium
Wednesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Mother's Prayers
Wednesday	10:00am	Sacred Heart	Samford Rosary Circle
Wednesday	11:00am	Daley Centre	Evergreen's Exercise
Thursday	3:20pm	St William's Atrium	Atrium



Timor Leste COMPANIONS
The Catholic Communities of Grovely, Mitchelton & Samford

Thank You for Your Generous Support

The Timor Leste Companions and Innocents Relief extend heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your generous contributions to our joint lenten appeal in support of our companions at St John de Brito Parish in Liquica.

We are pleased to share that the final collection totalled an incredible $14,861 - with $9,671 received through the TLC parish bank account and collection envelopes and an additional $5,190 donated via Innocents Relief. Your kindness and support will have a meaningful impact through the projects highlighted in the appeal envelope. Most importantly please know that your donations are deeply appreciated and truly life-changing for our Sister Parish community and beyond.

Archdiocese of Brisbane will be coordinating an annual Mass attendance count in May 2025. The Mass count includes all Masses in the Archdiocese of Brisbane including Universities, Hospitals, Schools and Aged Care.

These figures help us to understand how many people are being reached in local communities, and across the whole Archdiocese. We will continue to share this data with you so that you are aware of the trends in our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fr Nigel

LAUDATO SI'

Passage from *The Ten Green Commandments of* Laudato Si' by Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2015) *Using the "See, Judge, Act" method of discernment*

Seeing: 1. Earth, our common home, is in peril. Take care of it. 2. Listen to the cry of the poor who are the disproportionate victims of the crisis of our common home.
Judging: 3. Rediscover a theological vision of the natural world as good news (gospel).
4. Recognize that the abuse of creation is ecological sin.
5. Acknowledge the human roots of the crisis of our common home.
Acting: 6. Develop an integral ecology as we are all interrelated and interdependent. 7. Learn a new way of dwelling in our common home and manage it more responsibly through a new economics and a new political culture. 8. Educate toward ecological citizenship through change of lifestyles. 9. Embrace an ecological spirituality that leads to communion with all of God's creatures. 10. Care for our common home by cultivating the ecological virtues of praise, gratitude, care, justice, work, sobriety, and humility. See: https://fore.yale.edu/Laudato-Si/Overview for links from Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum to Laudato Si'

The 5th Sunday of Easter Year C focuses on the growth of the early Church and Jesus' command to love one another. These readings highlight the importance of faith, community, and the promise of a new heaven and earth.

Spreading the Gospel: Acts 14:21-27 shows Paul and Barnabas spreading the good news. This theme emphasizes the importance of sharing our faith with others.
Endurance in Faith: Paul and Barnabas encourage believers to remain true to the faith despite hardships. This reminds us to stay strong in our faith through difficulties.
New Creation: Revelation 21:1-5A speaks of a new heaven and a new earth. This theme assures us of God's promise to make all things new.
God's Presence: In Revelation, God dwells with His people. This theme highlights the closeness of God and His presence in our lives.
Love One Another: John 13:34-35 emphasizes Jesus' command to love one another. This theme is central to Christian life and shows how we should treat others.
Glorifying God: Jesus speaks of being glorified in John 13:31-33A. This theme teaches us to honour God in all we do.
Community Support: The early Church supported each other as seen in Acts. This theme reminds us to help and support one another in our faith journeys.