Year C
6th Sunday of Easter
25th May 2025
Liturgical Colour: white

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON

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What we find in today's readings are two things, active listening and intentional speaking: the Holy Spirit is at work. In the first reading, from Acts 15, we are told "there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them" and "we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". When they reach Antioch from Jerusalem, their message is direct: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities…If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell."

In the second reading, from Revelation 21, Jerusalem is "coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God". The temple has been replaced by "the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb".

As Fr Brendan Byrne writes, this sense of divine indwelling is also communicated in the Gospel. Jesus promises to stand by the apostles, and us, in three ways: love, the Holy Spirit, and peace. Fr Byrne writes: "First, believers who truly love Jesus have his assurance that he and the Father have made their 'home' within them. This is perhaps the most beautiful and most intimate expression of the theme of divine indwelling in the Fourth Gospel…Second, to compensate for the loss of the teaching, guidance, and encouragement under trial that Jesus has provided for them during his earthly life, they will have the presence of the Holy Spirit, here referred to as 'the Paraclete', who will have a teaching and a 'reminding' function… Finally, Jesus will bequeath to the community the gift of peace. This does not mean that there will never be disputes or disagreements but rather that there will be given a capacity for resolving such disputes in such a way that peace is restored or even more deeply secured". www.australiancatholics.com.au/homily-6-easter-year-c-2025

So, we return to active listening and intentional speaking. Just as the apostles listened, and spoke, discerned then acted, so Jesus listens then responds to the question that provokes today's Gospel excerpt: "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us…?" We can pray to listen as the apostles did, and as Jesus did. What do active listening and intentional speaking mean?

"Active listening means listening not only to what the other person is saying, but also to what they mean to say, and to what they might be experiencing interiorly. Above all it means listening also to the person". Do we expect that the Holy Spirit is speaking to us through the other person? "And intentional speaking, as it was for the apostles and Jesus, is "sincere expression of oneself, of one's experience, feelings and thoughts…it is based in a habit of listening actively to oneself in order to be aware of how one is responding interiorly to the other in the conversation". https://missionpartners.jesuits.global/home/books-7fea2c0-communal-apostolic-discernment-can

In the words of Psalm 67, "May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation".

- Christine and Peter Webb

LITURGY TIMES

25th May—31st May

Grovely	**St William's**
Monday:	9:00am Mass
Wednesday:	8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday:	9:00am Mass *St Paul VI*
Next Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	5:00pm Vigil Mass *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Sunday:	7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Mitchelton	**Our Lady of Dolours**
Tuesday:	8:30am Mass *St Augustine of Canterbury*
Wednesday:	8:30am Mass
Friday:	9:00am St Andrew's Year 4 School Mass
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 24th May
St William's, Grovely, 7am

Next Saturday 31st May
St William's, Grovely, 7am

This Week's Readings:
6th Sunday of Easter

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

Next Week's Readings:
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53

GROVELY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday
8:00pm - 9:00pm
St. William's
Please note a time change from 4 June, adoration 7pm—8pm.

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.

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.

SAMFORD

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

Laudato Si' in Action

BYO tools and help answer the "Cry of the Earth" by weeding our little patch of the planet for a while.
When: Thursday19 June 2025 from 8am (for however long suits) until 10am for some morning tea.
Where: Sacred Heart Church grounds

MITCHELTON

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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

Family Rosary
This week: *Angela and Benito de Inocentis*
Next week: *Lucy & Craig Robinson*

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 Survey 2025

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

The protection and wellbeing of children and adults at-risk is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important.
Please help us keep everyone safe by completing one of the surveys. The QR codes may be found on the noticeboard.
We value your feedback!

Pentecost for Kids!

Archdiocesan Ministries has some fantastic ideas for families to celebrate Pentecost!

* Have a Pentecost party!
* Create a flame crown or kite!
* Engage in guided meditation!
* Read the Pentecost Scripture!
* Pray the Holy Spirit Litany for Kids.

All of these prayers and print outs for your family can be found at

https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/children-and-families/pentecost-for-kids/?mc_cid=25f5f07690&mc_eid=0168e2100a

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, Melissa Chia.

Anniversary: Barbara Brown, Maureen O'Neill

We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Ailis Morgan, Colin Rice, William Hinrichsen, Patricia Riddle, John Kuhnert, Margaret Puplett, Mary O'Reilly.

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

This **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

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 the features of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is the acquiring of Indulgences during the Jubilee. For older parishioners (those born around the 40s, 50s, 60s) the topic of Indulgences was something that was lived out in practice as part of their membership of the Catholic Church while for some in this group, the knowledge of the history of indulgences in earlier centuries was an impediment against their use of them.

Recently, in Catholic Outlook, (Parramatta Diocese, Sydney. Bishop Vincent Long) there was an article by a Jesuit priest in Rome, writing for La Cavilta Cattolica, about the current Church view on Indulgences. It is lengthy and is on the Faith Matters' website under "Topical Articles" on the home page. You may have the time to check it out – "A Treasure to Recover".

Here is part of the definition of an Indulgence in Canon Law "An indulgence is the remission before God of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt has already been forgiven……". (Canon Law 992). Note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation has already happened. An indulgence refers to the fact that although the sin is fully forgiven there remains the effect of sin upon ourselves. A term used here is "temporal punishment".

Note that this term does not refer to something that God does to us but is just what happens within us after we sin. This aspect is dealt with at the beginning of the article and you can check it out if you find the concept of "temporal Punishment" a bit confusing. An example used is that of a couple where infidelity has occurred. Although forgiveness might occur there is much to do with restoring the relationship. More than forgiveness is required. And so it is with sin as well, as we seek to restore our relationship with God. Gaining an Indulgence is part of restoring the relationship.

We can receive an Indulgence for ourselves or for the souls in Purgatory but not for any other living person. The Church teaches that Purgatory exists for those people who have died but still had some "temporal punishment" to work off before they were purified sufficiently to "see the face of God".

A Vocation View
The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness.
Luke 24:46-53

PREACHING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

YOUTH LEADERS MASTERCLASS

Join us for our next Masterclass, a dynamic workshop designed to equip youth leaders with practical skills and confidence for preaching and public speaking.

Unleash your potential to inspire and engage as you share the Good News!

Saturday 24th May
2:00 - 7:00 pm
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral
Cost: Free

This event is hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries Youth & Young Adults team. For more information, please contact our team at catholiccollective@bne.catholic.net.au

https://tripleygrovely.au

Use the link above to tune in for Meditation, Scripture, Mass over the airways, music that matters and more!
Follow us on FB and Insta!

Why did the eagle sit on the church steeple?
It was a bird of pray.

Bible Quiz

This week's question: How many days was Jesus on Earth after His resurrection?
Answer: Next week

Last week's question: What do Jesus' disciples call him in John 13?
Answer: Teacher and Lord.

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 25th May—31st 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

An Invitation from The Grief Support Team:
Coffee, Catchup, Connection.

If you have experienced a bereavement and would like to share your journey with others who have also lost someone, please join us on

Thursday 12th June ,10am-12pm at Mitch and Antler

62 Suez St Mitchelton. Those who have previously attended are very welcome.

Parish Retreat

Thank you to all who attended our parish retreat at Bribie Island last week, and thank you to those who prayed for the parishioners attending the retreat.

GENSIS YOUTH

Genesis Youth kicked off on Sunday with fabulous food, fun games and the first Alpha video exploring what young people love to do and when, like for YouTubers How Ridiculous, when having fun isn't enough. We were so excited to welcome 17 young people and we would love to meet you too! If you are 13-17 and are open to meeting new people and thinking about big questions we would love to see you at **3pm this Sunday** in the Daley Centre.

If you can, bring a friend!

Mothers Prayers

We invite you to delight in the vocation of motherhood as we pray for our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, the children of our parish and indeed all the children of the world!

Monthly Night Meeting
Cancelled for June.

Weekly Meeting
When: Wednesday at 9:30am
Where: Daley Centre

Archdiocese of Brisbane will be coordinating an annual Mass attendance count in May 2025. 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'

Laudato Si' Week 2025 celebrates the ten year anniversary of the ground-engaging encyclical by Pope Francis and the 800th anniversary of St Francis' Canticle of Creation from where that title, "Praised Be" (Brother Sun and Sister Moon) is taken. It is now also, the Initiation of Robert Francis Prevost OSA as Pope Leo XIV, succeeding Francis as Pope. Leo endorses the goals of Laudato Si': Commitment to Ecological Conversion, A More Humane and Sustainable Economy, Education for Transformation, Spirituality that Inspires Action, Resilient and Participatory Communities, Innovation in Sustainable Lifestyles, Global Networks of Support – the goals of the Laudato Si' Action Platform. Last November, Prevost, attending a meeting at the Vatican on the environmental crises said, "It is time to move from words to action" and that the answers for the church can be found in her social doctrine. This is not a small repository and gives a clue as to what this well read Augustinian might have in store for us: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html#The%20duty%20to%20cultivate%20and%20care%20for%20the%20earth

Laudato Si' is part of the social teaching of the church which can help us acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face (LS15).

The 6th Sunday of Easter Year C brings us closer to the heart of the early Church's journey. It invites us to reflect on key themes from the Mass readings and consider how they apply to our lives.

- **Unity in Faith**: The first reading shows the early Church dealing with disagreements. It reminds us that unity in faith requires listening and compromise.
- **Guidance of the Holy Spirit**: The Holy Spirit helps guide the decisions of the apostles in Acts 15:28. We see how the Holy Spirit still guides the Church today.
- **New Jerusalem**: The second reading describes the vision of the New Jerusalem. It represents the hope and promise of a future with God.
- **God's Presence**: In Revelation 21:22-23, we learn there is no need for a temple because God's presence is everywhere. This shows us that God is always with us.
- **Obedience to Jesus**: The Gospel speaks about keeping Jesus' word as a sign of love. Obeying Jesus' teachings brings us closer to Him.
- **Gift of Peace**: Jesus promises peace in John 14:27. This peace is different from what the world offers and calms our hearts.

These themes highlight important lessons for our faith journey.