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Corpus Christi
22nd June 2025
Liturgical Colour: white

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON

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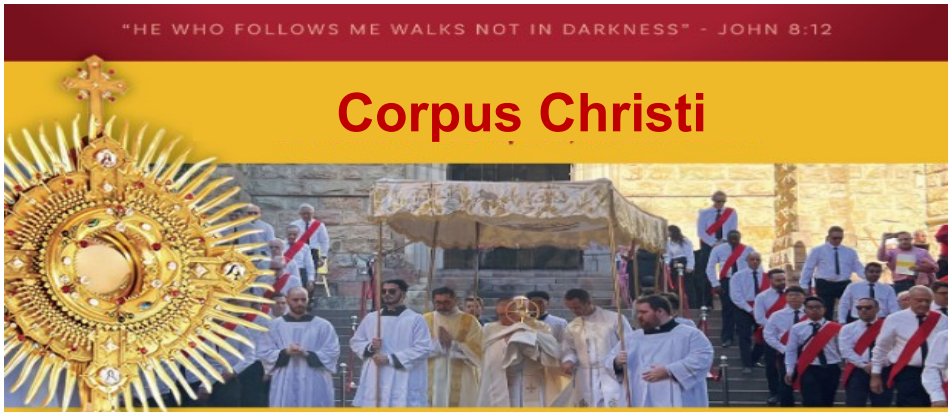

The Latin phrase "Corpus Christi" is translated as "the Body of Christ". In more recent times it is referred to as "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ". The feast day, although it comes after Pentecost Sunday (the end of the Pascal season), draws us back to the Resurrection – the very core of Christianity. The message is that God's plan of salvation is for every single person irrespective of race, colour, creed or any other difference.

The second reading from St. Paul was also the one read at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper. Although he never knew Jesus in the flesh he was led to see that God's plan was for all people – gentiles as well as jews. Once he was convinced of this truth the rest is history.

The first reading can be a nightmare for any reader who comes across the word Melchizedek for the first time. However this obscure king and priest in Abraham's time has retained a prominence in the liturgy for many centuries. We also come across him today in the responsorial psalm. In addition, he is also referred to in the Ordination of priests.

These days, Scripture is far more prominent in the thinking and the lives of Catholics than it was, say, in the middle of the last century. In schools at that time you were taught a few "Bible stories" but you were not introduced to actual Scripture. Thank the Lord that the Church changed this later on.

Most of us these days are aware of not taking a too literal approach to Scripture. Just imagine the 12 apostles putting 5000 people into groups of fifty, feeding them and then collecting 12 basketfuls of left -overs.

But we know the message of this Scripture passage. It is a powerful example of God's lavish love for each and every one of us – no matter what we might have done in the past that excluded Him. The Eucharist is the core of our Christian life. Thank the Lord for St. Pope Pius X who early in the last century said that Holy Communion was not meant to be a rare event in our lives (as it had tended to be before that time) but rather should be received daily at Mass or at least at every Mass we attended.

Jesus had always meant it to be like this but he had to wait for His Church to finally come to this conclusion. Well done St. Pope Pius X.

Pat Condon
Faith Matters

We, the parishioners of the Catholic Parishes of Grovely-Samford and Mitchelton acknowledge the Turrbal People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People present.

LITURGY TIMES

22nd June—28th June

Grovely	**St William's**
Monday:	9:00am Mass *St Paulinus of Nola*
Wednesday:	9:00am School Mass *St William's Feast Day*
Wednesday:	7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday:	9:00am Mass

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday:	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass

Mitchelton	**Our Lady of Dolours**
Monday:	9:00am Mt Maria College Mass - *Lavalla House*
Tuesday:	8:30am Mass *The Nativity of St John the Baptist*
Wednesday:	8:30am Mass **Cancelled**
Friday:	8:30am Mass *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

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 21st June
Cancelled.

Next Saturday 28th June
Cancelled.

Please note during Fr Nigel's absence Masses on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturdays are cancelled.

This Week's Readings:
Corpus Christi

Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11-17

Next Week's Readings:
Saints Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8
Matthew 16:13-19

GROVELY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday
7:00pm - 8:00pm
St. William's

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

Mothers Prayers

We surrender ourselves to the Lord, and give our children to Jesus at the foot of His cross, joining with all Mothers Prayers groups throughout the world.

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

Musicians and Singers needed!

St William's is in need of pianists and singers to help cover some masses on weekends. Training can be provided if you wish to play organ.
Please talk to musicians at the mass you attend if there are any questions or by emailing Helen Lane - hglane55@gmail.com

SAMFORD

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

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.

St. William's School Mass

St. William's school is looking forward to celebrating their Patron Saint feast day

Wednesday 9am on, 25th June.

All are welcome!

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary

This week: *Hazel & Rommel Balitactac*

Next week: *Hazel & Rommel Balitactac*

Mt. Maria College - House Mass

Mt. Maria College will be Celebrating **Lavalla *House Mass* at 9am on Monday, 23rd June.** We welcome all to attend the 9am Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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

Change of Mass time

Please note that the **8:30am Wednesday Mass is cancelled.** We invite you to join us at St William's Grovely for the 9:00am Mass to celebrate the Feast of St William of Vercelli.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Our Lady of Dolours School

Due to BCE compliance requirements Our Lady of Dolours School is advised to share with our Parish that school play equipment and gardens remain out of bounds out of school hours unless school staff are present. It has been brought to our attention that families attending Sunday AM Mass are staying on school grounds afterwards and playing on equipment and pulling out plants in our gardens. We are very happy for parents, families and parishioners to walk through our school to enable attendance to Mass and we value and appreciate the positive relationships between our school and parish. We appreciate our parents and parishioners understanding of this compliance request and thank you in advance for supporting our school after hours.

Trish Howard - Principal

Planned Giving Envelopes

Based on a survey conducted earlier this year, the Parish will discontinue the use of formal envelopes as a payment option to the Planned Giving Program as from the weekend of 5th and 6th July 2025. This decision was made to reduce costs of postage and distribution handling. Other payment options include credit card, direct debit , tap and go and cash or cash in plain envelopes in the weekly collection plate.
Thank you for your past and hopefully continuing generosity. *Planned Giving*

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Fr John Kilinko, Fr Ashley Warbrooke.

Anniversary: Terry Russell, Stephanie Semmler, Eunice De Zilva

We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Ailis Morgan, Fiona Russell, Michael Kuilboer, Alan Birch, William Hinrichsen, Fr Nigel Sequeira

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

Upcoming events:

- On Sunday 22nd June - members are attending the show "COME FROM AWAY' at Iona college.
- Friday 27th June - Mens cuppa at Arana Leagues Club. 10.00am
- Sunday 29th June - Is our monthly cuppa after 9.00am Mass. It is 65 years since the Parish of St Williams began in a small room. Come to the cuppa and watch a slide show of the history, changes and growth of our beautiful Parish Church.

More info: John & Joan 0455503713 or jobrod@bigpond.net.au

Please see the noticeboard for details on how you can play your part

Sacramental Program News

We pray that the Holy Spirit be ever present in the lives of our Confirmation candidates and their families!

Enrolment forms are overdue, and enrolments have now closed.

Please continue to pray for the children journeying through the Sacraments.

FAITH MATTERS - GSM

www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Today, in the city at 2pm, the annual Corpus Christi procession will take place. It will wind through some of the streets of the CBD, starting and ending at St. Stephen's Cathedral.

This public witness to the Eucharist is a time honoured tradition over many years. In an earlier time, like in the 50s and early 60s, the Exhibition Ground was filled with thousands of school children and the stands were over-flowing with Catholic parents and church dignitaries. The gathered group sang hymns, recited the Rosary and participated in Benediction, celebrated by Archbishop Rush. Something similar, but a far smaller event will take place in the city this afternoon.

In those days most Catholic secondary colleges were run by Religious Orders and the role of the laity in perpetuating and strengthening the Australian Catholic education system (one of the best in the world) was yet to merge. **Though smaller, this procession is still a powerful witness to the centrality of the Eucharist in our Christian/Catholic life.**

One major event in the evolution of change from that time was the second Vatican Council (1962-1965), called by Pope John XXIII and held in Rome. This was a call by the Pope for the Church to look at where it stood in relation to a world which was rapidly changing and where the Church was being left behind. Relevant and effective change is never easy, especially in large institutions, and our Church is no exception. Pope Francis knew this and acted accordingly while Pope Leo needs a bit of time to assess how he will proceed.

It has been a thorny road since 1965 but significant change has happened since then. Thanks be to God.

What happens when a microscope crashes into a telescope? They kaleidoscope!

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2025

The St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal is now underway, with the theme of Homelessness. While the St Williams Conference occasionally assists homeless people, the bulk of its work involves supporting people in their place of residence. Volunteer members, working in pairs, provide food, clothing, furniture, and assistance with bills. Anyone needing assistance can ring 1800 846 643. This is also the number for the donation of good quality furniture and beds.

Your support is needed, to enable the good work of the Conference to continue. Donation envelopes are available at the church entrance. They provide details for bank transfers to the Conference account, which is the preferred option. Or, you can put cash into an envelope, and put it in the collection basket at mass, or leave at the parish office.

If you want a receipt, please email your name and address, and the amount donated, to sw4054@svdpqld.org.au and a receipt will be sent to you.

Conference members greatly appreciate the support of parishioners. Also, donated toiletries, such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, can be put in the basket at the back of St Williams church. These items will be added to food hampers.

A Vocation View
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" What do you have to offer to the hungry world? (Luke 9:11-17)

Bible Quiz

This week's question: Which Pope established the solemnity of the Corpus Christi?
Answer: Next week

Last week's question: Name the three persons of the Trinity
Answer: *The Father, the Son and the Holy Sprit.*

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Please note parish communications such as event information and updates on **Fr Nigel's recouperation** will be sent via Flocknote. It is free for parishioners.

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

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COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GSM Parishes 22nd June — 27th June

Monday	9:00am	Gathering Space	SVDP Mitchelton
Monday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
Monday	7:00pm	Daley Centre	SVDP Grovely
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

For full information go to: www.pilgrimsofhope.com.au

The ***Australian Pastoral Musicians Network*** and the ***National Liturgical Council*** are delighted to invite you to our 2025 **National Liturgy and Music Conference.**

Pilgrims of HOPE

Transformed through Sacrament & Song

1 – 3 OCTOBER 2025, HILTON HOTEL, ADELAIDE

Join us for Australia's premier Liturgy & Music Conference

Various **St William's Family Groups** have once again enjoyed many activities in recent months, including:

* Camps at Alexandra Headland, St Patrick's Day at Finnegan's Chin, Pheonix Sculpture Garden at Mt Glorious
* Various home morning teas and BBQs, local café and restaurant catch-ups.

All are welcome in Family Groups, so if you would like more information, please contact *Jim and Sue Graham on 0407043256, or Brendan and Maree Carlin on 0431919400.*

Scam Alert

Please ignore any requests for funds or gift cards from Fr. Nigel. Scammers often use the names of priests to ask for funds. Please disregard any of these request as Fr. Nigel will never message you for such requests.

Pope's Prayer Intentions: June

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

LAUDATO SI'

There are a number of the Laudato Si' Institutes internationally now. The one out of Campion Hall, Laudato Si' Research Institute Oxford (LSRI), recently held a conference on the 10th anniversary of the publication of the ground-breaking encyclical, Laudato Si' (LS): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcHKgcKNTcU&t=32s. LSRI Oxford makes many serious works of scholarship on LS freely available: https://lsri.campion.ox.ac.uk/integral-ecology-library. The founder of another LS institute (in Granada Spain), Dr Michael Dominic Taylor has an important book called, *The Foundations of Nature - Metaphysics of Gift for an Integral Ecological Ethic* (Cascade Books 2020). Tracy Rowland of the University of Notre Dame Australia says in her testimonial to his work, "Will the ecological crises of our time be resolved using the same form of thought that has brought them about? Are technological prowess and political power the proper tools to address them? Is there not a deeper connection between our ecological crises and our human, social, political, economic, and ethical crises? The giftedness of existence shared by all, offers a deeper and more satisfying vision of all things that can transform our relationship with nature." We experience this high gift when humbly grounded in gardening.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi Year C celebrates the gift of the Eucharist. It reminds us of God's love and the unity of the Church through the Body and Blood of Christ.

Jesus as the Bread of Life: The Gospel shows Jesus feeding the crowd, pointing to the Eucharist as spiritual food. The Eucharist nourishes our souls and unites us with Jesus.

The Priesthood of Christ: Melchizedek brings bread and wine in Genesis, symbolizing Christ as the eternal priest. Jesus continues this priesthood in the Eucharist, offering himself to the Father.

Sacrifice and Thanksgiving: The Eucharist is a sacrifice and an act of thanksgiving, as seen in Genesis and Corinthians. We give thanks for Christ's sacrifice, which brings us salvation.

The Institution of the Eucharist: Paul recounts the Last Supper, reminding us of the sacred origins of the Eucharist. This teaches us to cherish and remember Christ's presence in this gift.

Unity of the Church: The Eucharist brings us together as one Body in Christ. It reminds us to care for each other and live in harmony.

Generosity and Abundance: In the Gospel, Jesus feeds a great crowd with little food. The Eucharist shows God's generous love, providing for our deepest needs.

God's Covenant with Us: The readings highlight God's faithful love and covenant. The Eucharist is the new covenant, bringing us closer to God. Corpus Christi calls us to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist, strengthening our faith.