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Pentecost Sunday
8th June 2025
Liturgical Colour: red

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON

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The date of Pentecost this year is Sunday 8th June, and we are pleased to provide Fr Nigel's reflection from last year as it indeed remains relevant. This week's Gospel tells us, "In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were and they were in fear."

It wasn't too long ago when we were isolated, locked and in fear, when we were afraid to go out because infections were going up. When we began stocking up on food, toilet rolls and anything we thought was necessary to carry us through the unknown period of isolation. Within the uncertainty, a sense of panic and fear was evident.

As social beings, we know isolation can be detrimental to us, yet the risk presented by 2020 event was greater than anything that we had known in the past. As a society, we took the path of the less harmful way to protect one another. As a result, for many there was a disconnection from the usual supports, including: family, friends, church, colleagues, sports clubs and more. Why? Because everyone was deemed a threat.

Indeed, for many, this period of isolation had been challenging and stressful. For some of us, it has triggered anxiety, extreme emotions and a deep mistrust of others. In such a state, it can be hard for us to have a sense of the scale of our problems. Fear distorts our thinking and often makes us react in ways that we can never imagine. We are still dealing with the consequences of isolation.

Two thousand years earlier the disciples went through fear and isolation. They did not know what to expect on the outside. Everything outside was a threat, magnified by fear. They had seen Jesus executed brutally and signs pointed to them being next. At the Ascension, they were told to go and wait for the gift that is the Holy Spirit and wait they did in fear until this Pentecost moment. Jesus then appears to them and his words are: 'Peace be with you'. Jesus breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. The spirit comes with the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear (awe and wonder) of the Lord.

We read from Luke's account in Acts that the people were bewildered, amazed and astonished. 'Peace be with you' are gentle words from Our Lord to us, who knows that we face uncertain times and we need that Peace which God alone can give in trying moments. Today, as we celebrate the birthday of the Church, let us remove fear from our hearts and our minds and let the Holy Spirit come to us and work through us so that people may see the 'marvels of God'.

Jesus promises his disciples and us that he will not leave us 'desolate' or 'orphans'. He will send us his Spirit who will be with us always. His Spirit is with us always, even when we feel as if we are alone and helpless. The Greek word used to describe the Spirit here is parakletos, which can be translated into English in many ways: advocate, helper, counsellor, comforter, teacher. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, and the Holy Spirit continues the work that Jesus did among his disciples. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth that leads us to the truth as we try to listen to him and be guided by him.

How do we know that the Holy Spirit is with us? We have to look for the fruit of the spirit. Paul's letter to the Galatians tells us that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Whenever we have these fruits in our hearts then we know that the Holy Spirit is with us.

Many Blessings,
Fr. Nigel

LITURGY TIMES

8th June—14th June

Grovely	**St William's**
Monday:	9:00am Mass *Mary, Mother of the Church*
Wednesday:	8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday:	**Cancelled. Apologies.**
Next Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:00am Mass 9:00am St William's Family Mass 5:00pm Mass *Trinity Sunday*
Mitchelton	**Our Lady of Dolours**
Tuesday:	8:30am Mass
Wednesday:	8:30am Mass *St Barnabas*
Friday:	9:00am Our Lady of Dolours School Mass *St Anthony of Padua*
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 7th June
Holy Cross, Wooloowin 9am

Next Saturday 14th June
Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Stafford 7am

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

This Week's Readings: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16, 23-26

Next Week's Readings: The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

GROVELY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

ANOINTING & COMMUNION

Bellview Nursing Home
Tuesday 10 June at 10:30am

Samford Grove
Tuesday 10 June at 4:30pm

Residents and guests are warmly welcomed.

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.

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

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

Family Rosary

This week: *Malou Perez*

Next week: *Helen Erilla*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES'

With a heart of love we share that Fr Ashley Warbrooke has passed away. Fr Ashley was promoted to Glory on Sunday 1 June, the Ascension of the Lord. We pray for the repose of his soul, in thanks for his good works, and with gratitude for his service to us and the Lord.

Fr Nigel is recuperating well and thanks you for your prayerful support. There is much power in prayer! Please continue to pray for Fr Nigel.

Prayerful support

Please keep the children and families journeying through the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. Please remember them in your daily prayers and your rosaries.

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Lewis Bethune &
Finley Harding

And warmly welcome them into our faith community!

Family Masses Date Claimers

Next 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!

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!

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

With a mother's love we pray for you and your children.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Melissa Chia, Fr John Kilinko, Fr Ashley Warbrooke.

Anniversary: Keith Frieslaar.

We pray for the Sick

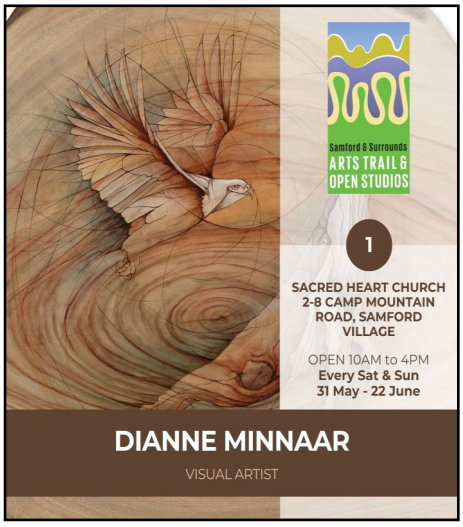
We pray for:
Fr Nigel Sequeira, Jane Fraser, Ailis Morgan, John Kuhnert, Margaret Puplett, Mary O'Reilly, Amelia Crawfoot., Michael Kuilboer, William Hinrichsen.

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.

PARENT NIGHT
THE POWER OF FATHERHOOD

Deacon Peter Pellicaan and guests warmly invite you to a parent night for dads and all. Topics range from work life balance to communication. This is a game changer for your family!

Wednesday 25th June, 7:30pm —9pm
$15 in person, $10 Online Live Stream
At the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre
(**196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City**)
RSVP: Monday 23rd June
https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CCFN_PowerOfFatherhood?mc_cid=92f6a39116&mc_eid=0168e2100a



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.

FAITH MATTERS - GSM

www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Last week we indicated that if you take a spiritual magazine from the Faith Matters lending library in the church shop we did not expect you to bring it back. **Rather we would ask you to pass it on to someone else whom you think would like to read it.** To help us build up a collection for other parishioners don't forget to leave old magazines you are finished with at the Grovely parish office or in the church shop after weekend Masses at Grovely.

Speaking of such magazines, those who subscribe to the Madonna magazine would have noticed in the last autumn magazine (March to May**) a review of a book written by one of our parishioners, Clare Locke. The title of the book is "Inside a Blessing: Prayers, Poems and Reflections".**

The concluding sentence from the review reads… **"This little collection is bookmarked by simplicity and an ease with faith that expresses gratitude and acceptance. It will be a gift for teachers and anyone who prays."** You might like to follow up on this book.

One of the last gifts Francis left us was the Jubilee of Hope for this year. The parish will provide an event which will enable all of us to participate in the spirit of pilgrimage which is one of the main aspects of the Jubilee. While many Catholics will go on pilgrimage to Rome this year, **our 3 churches will have an event on the last Sunday of August (31/8).** Details will be announced by the parish as they develop.

Each of the 5 Sundays of June this year are an important feast day for our Church. Last Sunday (1/6) was the Ascension. Then we have this Sunday June 8 – Pentecost, followed by June 15 – the Most Holy Trinity, June 22 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and finally June 29 – Saints Peter and Paul.

Due to the cost of living crisis, the light at the end of the tunnel will be switched off.

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.

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!*

A Vocation View
Pentecost Sunday

The disciples of Jesus made bold proclamations through the promptings of the Spirit. What is the Spirit prompting you to do? Be courageous and act on it!
(Acts 2:1-11)

Bible Quiz

This week's question: What did the Disciples do when the Holy Spirit came upon them?
Answer: Next week

Last week's question: Where is Jesus seated in heaven?
Answer: At the right hand of the Father.

flocknote

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 8th—14th June

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.

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.*

GSM Parishes
Sacramental Program 2025

Thank you to the parents who attended the parent information evening. For those who could not attend, please note a second parent information session will be held on Thursday 12 June at 1pm at St William's parish office. This is for parents of children in year 3 or above, to enrol for Confirmation. Please click the link for an enrolment form and date claimers.

https://gsmparishes.com.au/confirmation/

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

LAUDATO SI'

Pope Leo has expressly recognized the work of the Lay Ecclesial movement *Laudato Si' Movement* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4tJBiCrpdQ&t=2s. In Australia this celebration of the encyclical and St Francis links with Reconciliation Week.
"Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples" https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/ Our liturgical year in these weeks celebrates Christ's Ascension with the core message of our work in building the "kin-dom" and Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. "Come Holy Spirit" Creator", is celebrated in the beautiful 9th C Gregorian Chant: Creative music and art link all these rich themes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEKuxUOPzk8 See the sacred art of Dianne Minnaar at Samford: https://www.sanctussacredimages.com/gallery/category/days-of-creation/. Our Indigenous brothers and sisters are especially honoured in Laudato Si' (LS 146,179) as foremost keepers of connection to nature. In the ABC series *Kimberley*, the narrator and host, Mark Coles Smith says, "the preservation of the natural world can no longer just be a part of our culture, it is part of the whole world".

Pentecost Year C is a time to reflect on the Holy Spirit and its impact on the early Church and our lives today. The readings focus on the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. Here are some key themes:
Coming of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles as tongues of fire. This event marks the birth of the Church and empowers the apostles to preach.
Unity in Diversity: People from different nations hear the apostles speaking in their own languages. The Holy Spirit unites people despite their differences.
Life in the Spirit: Paul teaches that living according to the Spirit leads to life. The Spirit gives us strength to overcome sin and live righteously.
Adoption as God's Children: We are adopted as God's children through the Holy Spirit. This means we can call God "Abba, Father" and share in His inheritance.
Role of the Advocate: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as an Advocate who will be with us always. The Spirit teaches and reminds us of Jesus' words.
Witnessing the Mighty Acts of God: The apostles speak of God's mighty acts in different languages. This shows the universal message of God's salvation.
Pentecost Year C highlights the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church. These themes remind us of the Spirit's role in our lives and the unity it brings to believers.