

**Year C**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**27th July 2025**  
**Liturgical Colour: Green**



**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES**  
**OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON**  
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**Western Hills Communities from Gaythorne to Mt Glorious**

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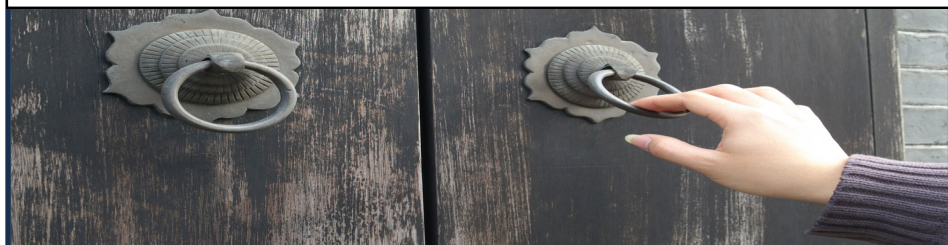
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**Even at midnight**

*You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God Abba, Father (Romans 8:15bc)*

Today's verse before the Gospel gives a clue to the prayer theme of the readings. There are domestic details we are invited to picture and imagine, like the knock on the door at midnight, the children asleep in bed, a child asking for a fish or an egg. There is the daring dialogue of Abraham with the Lord standing before him and Abraham drawing nearer...

Once we heard a homily in which the priest explained the story of the friend knocking at the door at midnight, requesting three loaves of bread. The first century homeowner's reluctance to respond, we were told, was due to the disruption caused by moving though the bedding laid out on the floor each night, in front of the locked door.

Persistence is also the desire in the First Reading, where Abraham is invited to largeness of heart in advocating for the people imminently threatened with destruction. The point is less about bargaining than about the growth in intimacy of his relationship with God. Abraham has the freedom to dare, to plead, to be drawn further into his friendship with God.

This intimate relationship is possible for us too. We can realise little moments of being touched, like drops of water on a sponge. So, we have talked, even argued, with God about this or that life situation and to our surprise, we become aware of God's response. It's a surprise because even though we know and have been taught about God's generosity, here God is responding to ME. In the Genesis reading, Abraham is so focused, so aware, so present in the dialogue. Could the story have lowered down to even one person?

The reading from Colossians demands our acceptance of the total forgiveness brought by Jesus' death: "you also were raised with Him through faith in the power of God". Every day, we are given the grace to live as if this reconciliation is real.

In praying the Our Father (the longer, more familiar version is in Matthew chapter 6), we begin by giving glory to God. We are acknowledging God's desire to grow the Kingdom, where God is fully at work in the world through the Spirit of Christ, "making everything new" (Revelation 21:5). We as a community are committing with God's help to be part of that growth, to being grateful, forgiving and discerning.

Let us finish our reflection on imagination and intimacy with God in prayer, with a contemplation:

Take a few minutes to consider something beautiful in nature, for example the exquisite form of a dahlia flower; the glistening orange flesh of a newly cut pumpkin with the many seeds tucked inside; the waves of the ocean rolling in as you sit on the shore; the peeling bark of the gum tree revealing the smooth silvery trunk beneath.

Now imagine that Jesus is sitting beside you and, in your simple everyday language, tell Jesus why you find this form of nature beautiful. List all the details.

Conclude, in gratitude, for all that you notice in nature, and for being exquisitely formed by our Creator in God's image and likeness.

Pray the Glory be to the Father.

Christine and Peter Webb

*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

27th July—2nd August

### Grovely

### St William's

Monday: 9:00am Mass

Wednesday: 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am School Mass  
*St William's School  
Catholic Education Week  
& Grandparents Day Mass  
St Ignatius of Loyola*

#### Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

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

### Mitchelton

### Our Lady of Dolours

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass  
*St Martha, St Mary and  
St Lazarus*

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass  
*St Peter Chrysologus*

Friday: 8:30am Mass  
*St Alphonsus Liguori*

#### 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  
**Cancelled 31st July & 7th August**

#### Next Weekend Masses:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

#### North West Deanery Saturday Masses

This Saturday 26th July  
Cancelled

Next Saturday 2nd August  
Holy Cross, Woolloowin, 9am

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

#### This Week's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

#### Next Week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
Luke 12:13-21

## GROVELY

### 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

### Faith Circle

Faith Circle meets every Monday at 9.30 am in the Daley Centre. We meet to share friendship over a cup of coffee and discussion of Sunday's gospel.

*See you there!*



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

### Grovely Liturgical Ministers needed! (especially 5pm Saturday)

Are you interested in becoming a commentator, reader or eucharistic minister? Volunteers for these liturgical ministries are always welcome.

Please contact Sue Graham  
(Grovely Roster Co-Ordinator) at  
[igraham5@bigpond.net.au](mailto:igraham5@bigpond.net.au)  
or 0407043256

### Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of  
*Fergus Lennon Knox, Macy Lee  
McBride, Millie Charli McBride, Liam  
Michael McMahon and Olive  
Florence Murphy* and warmly  
welcome them into our faith community.



### Mothers Prayers

We invite you to delight in the vocation of motherhood as we pray in surrender to the Lord.

### Weekly Meeting

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



## MITCHELTON

### Family Rosary

**This week:** Mary Dorman

**Next week:** Katrina and Brad  
*Spink*



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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

## SAMFORD

### Samford Rosary Circle

The Samford Rosary Circle meets every Wednesday.

**When:** Wednesday at 10am

**Where:** Sacred Heart Church, Samford. Come and pray with us.



### 1st Friday Coffee and Chat

Ladies - let's meet for 1st Friday Coffee and Chat on Friday 1st August on the verandah of Samford Church from 9:30am. *Please bring a small plate of goodies to share as we chat with a cuppa.* Contact - Cathy 0409 871 209

## COMBINED COMMUNITIES

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Please note - Thursday 31st July & 7th August there will be **NO** Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at Sacred Heart, Samford.

### Newsletter Cutoff Deadline

Please note that any submissions for the newsletter need to be emailed to:  
[bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au)  
by 12pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in that weekend's newsletter.



<https://tripleygrovely.au>



Children's Liturgy is coming!!

Join us in the Daley centre every **first Sunday of the month at 9am St William's Mass.**  
Starts Sunday August 3rd!

# COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** John Lanfranchi, Paul Barry, Thelma Jarrett, Colin Rice, Canon Rob Philp, Ron Johanson, Ailis Morgan

**Anniversary:** Edward Tidbury, Kieran Hogan



## We pray for the Sick

**We pray for:** Jane Fraser, Fr Nigel Sequeira, John Kuhnert, Richard Lee, Kathy Malcolm, Bob Malcolm, Gloria Roughan

**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.



## Prayerful support

Please keep the Confirmation, Eucharist and RCIA candidates in your prayers and on your rosaries. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Masses over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd August. Please join us in nurturing and welcoming the Candidates into the faith!

## R.I. Teachers needed!

Is it on your heart to teach the awesome love of God to children? R.I. Teachers are needed to teach the children of our local State Schools about the Lord. All training and lesson planning is provided.

Please email Dorothy at [dorothydent173@gmail.com](mailto:dorothydent173@gmail.com)

## St William's SVDP Church Shop

A good selection of Confirmation gifts are now available.

We also stock Baptism candles, hand made Baptismal stoles, scapulars, rosary beads, cards, children's bibles and books and much more.

You are very welcome to come in and browse after weekend Masses. We accept payments of cash and EFTS.

St William's SVdP Conference thanks you for your support.



## FAITH MATTERS - GSM



[www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au](http://www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au)

**In preparation for a whole parish event during Sunday August 31**, in relation to the role of pilgrimage, as found in the current Jubilee Year of Hope, Faith Matters has arranged for a one hour event in the Grovely church at which Vanessa Comminos will speak on just what "pilgrimage" seeks to achieve as part of the Christian way of life.

The speaker is well versed in the nature of pilgrimage as well as experience with pilgrimages. The parish event will be a pilgrimage which allows parishioners to travel to each or any of the 4 schools in the parish during the course of the day. Details of what the day will entail at each of the schools will be announced as soon as details are available.

The talk at the church on the nature of pilgrimage by **Vanessa Comminos**, project officer, from Archdiocesan Ministries, ( formerly called Evangelisation Brisbane ) will take place **at Grovely on Tuesday August 12 from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm**. The following day is the public holiday for the show.

The winter edition of the Madonna magazine ( spirituality in daily life ) is titled "Servants of God". The editor, Fr. Chris Gleeson S.J. ( a noted spiritual writer ) always pens an excellent piece for each edition. This time, his article is called "Service and Friendship".

He refers to John's Gospel ( Ch. 15 ) when Jesus is farewelling His disciples with these words: "I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business: I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father". Fr. Gleeson then writes – "Perhaps the best way to serve others is through the gift of friendship".

As he concludes – "Life is a journey into friendship – with oneself, with others, with our planet in need of healing and most especially with God."

## EVERGREENS

- This Sunday after 9.00am Mass, Evergreens will enjoy a cuppa and a chat in the Daley Centre.
- Friday 15th August The Gibson has been booked for lunch at 11.30am.

Bookings: John & Joan Broderick  
0455503713  
email [jobrod@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jobrod@bigpond.net.au)



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

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

QR Code:



## 'Taste of Timor' Parish Lunch - LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Celebrate 15 Years of Friendship with Our Sister Parish  
Come and be part of a vibrant afternoon of culture, connection, and community at our Taste of Timor Parish Lunch!

**Date:** Sunday, 3 August 2025

**Time:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm

**Venue:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra

**Cost:** \$25 Adults | \$10 Children



## Special Guests You Won't Want to Miss!

We're honoured to host Her Excellency Ms Inês Maria De Almeida, Timor-Leste's Ambassador to Australia.

Also joining us is Aderito Lobo da Silva, PPC Secretary of St John de Brito Parish, who will share stories of hope and partnership from our Sister Parish.

Plus, don't miss your chance to win in the Raffle! 5 x dining vouchers up for Grabs

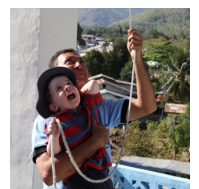
## What's on the Menu?

Enjoy a lovingly prepared selection of Timorese dishes and more:

- Ikan Pepes (Fish wrapped in banana leaves)
- Chicken Caldereta (Hearty, savoury slow cooked chicken)
- Red Kidney Bean & Garlic Soup

To book tickets here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCZEA>





# COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

## GSM Parishes 27th July—2nd August

Monday	9:00am	Gathering Space	SVDP Mitchelton
Monday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
Monday	7:00pm	Daley Centre	SVDP Grovely
Monday:	7:30pm	St William's	Choir Practice
Tuesday	9:30am	St William's Atrium	Atrium
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
Sunday	3:00pm	Daley Centre	Sunday Youth Alpha

### A Vocation View

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you." Believe and act on Jesus' promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God's will. (Luke 11:1-13)

### Verse for Vinnies - July 27th

There'll be **thirteen young people** performing,  
they're the cream of a comp they were in.  
It's your chance to applaud youthful talent,  
give encouragement, help them to grin.  
There'll be Twenty-six poems presented,  
you'll get laughter and pathos and farce.  
There'll be classics, Mackellar's, *My Country*  
or the *Lipstick* on School toilet's glass.  
There's a poem of *Dolphin* footballers  
how the kids celebrate *Mother's Day*:  
there'll be poems on *Witches* and *Christmas*,  
and of course *Lawson* must get a say.  
We are quick to condemn misbehaviour  
when our youth don't behave like they should,  
let's be equally quick in supporting,  
these young kids when displaying what's good.  
So we'd love you to come to this concert,  
and it's all Aussie Verse you will get.  
All the doe from this show will be going,  
to those battlers we're prone to forget.

**Where:** St. William's School, 67 DAWSON PARADE GROVELY  
**When:** 1.30pm Sunday, July 27th

**Cost:** \$15, pay cash only at the door. Your ticket includes Afternoon Tea.

**Contact:** Noel at [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com) to book seats.



### School food donation

The St Williams SVDP Conference sincerely thanks the St Williams School Community for their generous donation of 22 baskets of food, which will be included in hampers for needy people in



**A warm invitation is extended to all past and present staff and students of schools and ministries associated with Edmund Rice Ministries and the Christian Brothers to join in celebrating**

150 Years of  
Edmund Rice Ministry,  
in Queensland with a  
*Thanksgiving Eucharist.*

**Date:** Thursday 31st July 2025

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Place:** Cathedral of St Stephen

*Followed by refreshments*

**Venue:** Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre



### Bible Quiz

**This week's question:** Why did Solomon turn away from God when he was old? **Answer:** Next week

**Last week's question:** What miracle had Jesus performed when he said, "It is I; be not afraid"? **Answer:** Walking on water (John 6:19-20)



## LAUDATO SI'

Sacred Heart Samford site-carers, have re-introduced some trees from the local pre-clearing (colonial) Regional Ecosystems, the so-called Hoop and Kauri "pines" - not pines at all. (see: <https://www.conifers.org/ar/Araucariaceae.php>). Samford is also blessed with some very grand, cathedral-like "sclerophyll" ("evergreen leaved") forest remnants:- grand Forest Red Gums, Ironbarks and Moreton Bay Ash trees. These are the later occupants of this ancient part of earth's crust called Australia: <https://figshare.utas.edu.au/articles/chapter/Eucalypts/23057279>.

These trees teach lessons about stability, adaptability, flexibility, endurance; in a word, **resilience** (over millions of years!). Pope Leo gets to some theological basics in his sermon at the Borgo (village) Laudato Si' at Castel Gandolfo, "to take stock of what we are celebrating here amid the beauty of what might be called a "cathedral" of nature, with so many plants and elements of creation that have brought us together to celebrate the Eucharist, which means to give thanks to the Lord" - very Augustine contemplation: awe, beauty, adoration, diversity, unity, sign and symbol debated. What any longer can be called "natural"? What is moral AND practical? What actions are best in these ever increasingly "artificial" or "neo-nature" times? See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQTd0L1aoA0&t=102s>

**Biosite:** <https://bio.site/laudatosibrisbane>

What do you call a sleepwalking nun?

A roamin' Catholic.



### Pope's Prayer Intentions: July

#### For formation in discernment

*Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.*

**Saturday, 2 August 2025**

**at Marian Valley**

**ENTHRONEMENT of the replica of  
STO. NINO DE CEBU**

A sacred gift from the Augustinian Fathers of the Basilica Minore de Cebu, Philippines. It will be a Sinulog-like celebration. Bus transport is available for \$30pp return (payment upon booking).

**Pick-up time/venues:** 6:30am Holy Spirit church, Bray Park; 7:00am Sacred Heart church, Sandgate; 7:15am Bus Stop along Handford Rd opposite St. Flannans church, Zillmere; 7:30am Bus Stop along Appleby Rd. opposite Queen of Apostles church, Stafford.

**For booking and further info**  
**Jima 0432374239**