

Year C
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th August 2025
Liturgical Colour: Green



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON
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Parish Pilgrimage Walk for the Jubilee year of Hope Sunday 31 August 2025

Peace and life after fire and flood

The people who are upset by the prophet Jeremiah convince King Zedekiah to have him lowered into the ground where he will no doubt die in the darkness and sludge. The conviction and courage of the prophet is exceptional, but so too is the courage of the one who dares to intervene for another's sake, putting their own life at risk. Jeremiah is rescued from death thanks to the timely intervention of Ebed-melech the Cushite.

The psalmist sings of being rescued by the Lord from the pit after waiting and praying. We can all sink into metaphorical dark pits in life during periods of ill health, stress, unemployment and financial hardship; when we worry over children or elderly parents; when relationships are strained and fractured; when we grieve the death of a beloved friend or family member; when our dreams falter and fail... In times of sorrow and anger, pain and despair, we wait. Perhaps, like the psalmist, we pray. We might sense in the light of a new day the presence of God gifting us hope. Or feel in the kind words of a friend the healing breath of the Spirit. God's love has the power to lift us and put a new song in our mouths.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is both yearning for and dreading something stronger than a new song. He desires fire and baptism; the former to be kindled already, the latter to be over and done with.

Bush fires in Australia, while destructive, are essential for the emergence of new life. Many plants depend on fire for their seeds to germinate. The Holy Spirit symbolised through fire is the powerful germinator of God's Kingdom bestowed on the Apostles at Pentecost. Baptism is also an entry into new life. The water of baptism washes clean. Yet the baptism Jesus awaits is his imminent suffering and death on the cross – more a raging torrent than a splash of water. Floods, like fire, destroy so much in their path, yet life eventually returns to flourish.

Jesus' mission is to make known God's desire to liberate all people from the grip of evil. For the people of Israel 2,000 years ago, evil was very real and present, whether in the injustices of life under Roman rule, or as the demonic cause of disease, suffering and all kinds of afflictions. Jesus' image of fire expresses God's power through the Spirit to destroy evil—everything that enslaves people—to bring about the birth of a new creation. And like any birth, it won't be painless; there will be difference and division. A shattering of the veneer of peace in pursuit of true peace.

Today's readings remind us that the peace of the Kingdom is not a passive, slumbering state. It is not intended to lull or subdue us. It is the peace of the one who emerges from the pit, praising God. The peace of the one who has carried their cross and helps another carry theirs. It is the peace of new life when death seems final. May we be active and alive in the peace of Christ.

-Clare Locke

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

17th August—23rd August

Grovelly

St William's

Monday: 9:00am Mass

Wednesday: 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Bernard

Thursday: 9:00am St Williams Buddy Mass
St Pius X

Friday: 9:00am School Mass
Memorial of Our Lady, Mother & Queen

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass
St Rose of Lima

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

Mitchelton

Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:45am Mt Maria MacKillop House Mass

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

Friday: 9:00am School Mass for years 2, 4 & 6.

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 16th August
Cancelled

Next Saturday 23rd August
Cancelled

During Fr Nigel's recuperation Masses on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sats are cancelled.

This Week's Readings: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Next Week's Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

GROVELLY

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

*Basil Balmanno,
Amelia Barnes, &
Colton Brown*



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. Each Wednesday at 9:30am in the Daley Centre. With a mother's love we hope to see you soon.



Anointing and Communion Service at Regis Aged Care Ferny Grove

Monday 18th August at 10:30 am

Residents and family are most welcome.



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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Family Masses Date Claimers

Date Claimers for Term 1

Sunday 19 October

Sunday 16 November

We meet before Mass at 8am for children's choir practice, all are welcome! Please join us for Mass and morning tea afterwards. If you can please bring a plate to share!



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.



Bring A Plate

Every fourth 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

Family Rosary

This week: Cornelio Morataya
Next week: Cornelio Morataya



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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



COMBINED COMMUNITIES



Children's Liturgy is here!!

Join us in the Daley centre every first Sunday of the month at 9am St William's Mass.

Children listen to the Gospel, learn about the Lord and return to Mass for the Eucharist.

QUEENSLAND
CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
7 - 13 September 2025



<https://triplevgrovelly.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!

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Norm Singleton, Bonita Keating, Felicitas Manangan, & Muriel Irwin

Anniversary: Ellen May Peters, Joan Peters & Adam Kieza.



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, 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.

EVERGREENS

On Sunday 31st August after 9.00am Mass there will be a presentation by Gary Bacon on the vegetation early Botanists found at the time of Brisbane settlement. Gary is a retired forest scientist, a senior manager within the Qld Dept. of Primary Industries and Adjunct Professor in environmental futures at Griffith University.

This has proved elsewhere to be a very well received presentation.

Please let us know if you will be attending. All welcome.

Bookings: John & Joan Broderick
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Pope's Prayer Intentions: August For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Thank you to the wonderful families of our Sacramental Program! Please note the Eucharist workshop day is Sunday 31 August at 9am St William's where all 140 families will attend Mass, morning tea and workshop together.

Please keep our Eucharist candidates and their families in your prayers and on your rosaries.



FAITH MATTERS - GSM



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Many thanks to Vanessa Comminos from Archdiocesan Ministries who recently spoke in the Grovely church on pilgrimages as a preparation for the parish pilgrimage walk on Sunday 31. She also ran a session on **Lectio Divina** – a form of prayer which many Christians follow once they are introduced to it. We hope you were able to view some of the wide range of spiritual books on the table at the back, which form part of the lending library. Maybe you actually borrowed one.

Remember – The parish pilgrimage walk does not mean just walking – it can be by walk, car, bike, train, whatever. Neither does one have to go to all of the 5 points – Samford, St. Andrews, Mitchelton, Mount Maria and St. Williams. Choose which locations you wish to visit for your spiritual journey. You do what you are able to do, given your situation.

It probably makes sense to have Grovely as your last stop as there will be a BBQ there and people may wish to attend Mass there at 5pm. The times are reproduced below for the 5 locations. **Stop press - Numbers will be needed for the BBQ there later in the day.** Information on the process for doing this will be forthcoming.

An article by Michael Sean Winters (who writes for the National Catholic Reporter) has been placed on the Faith Matters website, thanks to Catholic Outlook in the Parramatta Diocese in Sydney. It is at the top of our articles under "Topical Articles" on the home page. The title is **"Pope Paul the Sixth was the great Pope of the twentieth century."** He championed the implementation of the second Vatican Council {1962-1965} after Pope John XX111 died in 3/6/63. This was massive change in the Church, the pace of which unfortunately slowed down after his death. However the pace did quicken again when Pope Francis was elected in 2013.

Parish Pilgrimage Walk for the Jubilee year of Hope Sunday 31 August 2025

Walk, drive or cycle with us as we journey through our parish RSVP via the QR link.

Key points about the Pilgrimage

- ◆ We call it a pilgrimage and you can walk or go by car or ride a bike etc.
- ◆ The 5 sites are **Samford** (8-10am); **St. Andrews** (10-11.30am); **Our Lady of Dolours** (12-1pm) – **Mt. Maria** {1.30-2.30pm}; **St. Williams** + BBQ (3.30-5pm) You can visit all five or one or whatever you choose.
- ◆ This is a joint effort by the 4 schools and the 3 churches in our parish - a significant community event.



◆ August 31 is our part of the international Catholic Year of the Pilgrimage of Hope, instituted by Pope Francis late last year.

◆ Lots of final details in next weekend's newsletter plus a booklet and a map.



Celebrating 38 Years of Family Groups in our Parish

Family Groups were introduced to the parish in August 1987. Initially, 10 groups were formed with a mixture of ages including small, large and single person households. Babies to grandparents. We were each groups of strangers, who became Family.

A family is bonded by common interests and common values. It is accepting of differences and a place where everyone can be themselves, share their struggles and their fun times, call on one another and support one another. A Family Group reflects these ideals.

The popular hymn "Companions on the Journey" tells the story well. *No longer strangers to each other, no longer strangers in God's house. We are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care.* We have gathered regularly over these 38 years to share meals, celebrations,

weekends away, etc. We have laughed, cried and prayed together and although we now have much shared history, new members are *always* welcome.

If you would like to know more about Family Groups in our parish, please contact: Sue & Jim Graham jgraham5@bigpond.net.au /0407043256 and Brendan & Maree Carlin: bmcargin@tpg.com.au /0431919400



COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GSM Parishes 10th August—16th August

Monday	9:00am	Gathering Space	SVDP Mitchelton
Monday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
Monday	7:00pm	Daley Centre	SVDP Grovely
Tuesday	9:30am	St William's Atrium	Atrium
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
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

'Taste of Timor' Parish Lunch

Thank you all so much for your wonderful support of the Taste of Timor lunch and the visit from Aderito, the Parish Secretary of St John De Brito, Liquica. He was deeply touched by the warm welcome he received from everyone.

Also, the Ambassador has shared a lovely post on Facebook about the lunch – you can check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1B9wT9WUDY/>



A Vocation View

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus wants to set our faith on fire so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12)

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Bible Quiz

This week's question: In Luke 12 what happens to the rich man the night before he plans to store his goods?

Answer: Next week

Last week's question: In what city was Jesus brought up as a child?

Answer: Nazareth



LAUDATO SI'

The Laudato Si' Observatory at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Pontifical Gregorian University has the aim like that of the Borgo Laudato Si' at Castel Gandolfo, of promoting a way of viewing our ecological niche as one where science, faith and action develop mutual respect between nature and culture.

Scholars at the Observatory tell us that the origins of the word "culture" go back to the 11th C referring to a piece of land worked to produce plants. (Lentiampa, A., SJ. "Ecology and Life, A Reading of Laudato Si' from the African perspective" In *Foundations of Integral Ecology* Azetsop J., SJ and Conversi, P. (eds) pp. 317- 341. Pontificio Instituto Biblico 2022.) Integrating human technology and agriculture is complex.

At Samford, a communications tower with its sometime nesting crows and its underground power and fibre optic cables under and amongst roots and mycorrhizal fungi form a complex symbiosis.

Co-incidentally, the Vatican Radio towers in a field north of Rome will be the site of continued agriculture and a solar farm which will make the Vatican the first carbon-neutral state in the world. <https://www.americamagazine.org/news/2025/08/06/vatican-solar-power-deal-italy/>

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

My friend asked me to help round up his 37 sheep. I said "40"...



The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C highlight the challenges of living out the faith. They show how faith can bring division, suffering, and the need for perseverance.

Faith and Conflict: Jesus speaks of bringing division, not peace. Faith can lead to disagreements and even conflict within families and communities.

Perseverance in Suffering: Jeremiah suffers for speaking God's truth. The reading from Hebrews calls us to persevere like Jesus, who endured the cross.

The Cost of Discipleship: Following Jesus is not easy. It may mean facing opposition, even from those closest to us.

The Role of Prophets: Jeremiah was persecuted for his message. Prophets often face rejection because they speak difficult truths.

Endurance in the Race: The reading from Hebrews encourages us to run the race with endurance. We are called to keep our eyes on Jesus and not give up, even when it is hard.

Fire of the Gospel: Jesus says He came to bring fire on the earth. The Gospel challenges us and calls for a passionate response.

These themes from the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us that following Jesus requires courage and endurance. The readings encourage us to stay faithful, even when it is difficult.



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:

