Year C
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th 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

By the narrow way

Did you get to the Ekka earlier in the month? Growing up in Brisbane, we kids looked forward to Ekka every year. Aside from the obvious attractions of the main arena, the bright lights, the amazing exhibits, sample bags, sideshow alley and the festival food, a big element of the attractiveness of the show was the crowds of people who would descend on the Ekka every day. It was like being a part of something much bigger than our singular suburban selves.

It you have been to the Ekka you might know that the grounds are bisected in several places by roadways and railway lines. For the duration of the Ekka, the roads are closed, and pedestrian rail underpasses and overpasses allow visitors free range across the site.

Remembering back, there was one rail underpass that allowed people to walk between sideshow alley and the main arena. For much of each day it was a bottleneck, as heaving throngs of show patrons moved from one part of the grounds to another. In that tunnel chaos was intensified as parents with prams and pushchairs, kids and adults alike with stuffed toys won in the alley and arms full of sample bags, got caught up in the human melee fighting the tide -sometimes in competing directions- through the tunnel beneath the rail tracks. The wise, and those who have learnt from bitter experience, strategically time their crossing and put off the showbags to the very last. Others approached the mouth of the tunnel from the side, becoming readily pulled along in the slipstream, staying at the edge to minimise 'people friction' and making a timely transit. For some it is a bit of fun, for others a nightmare of powerlessness and crushing fear.

That experience of the Ekka tunnel came to mind when hearing today's Gospel story. In Jesus' day, there was a religious group who believed only a certain number of people were predestined to be saved. It would be no surprise that those who held that view also presupposed they were among the chosen!! The bold among them challenged Jesus, wanting to know if he was of the same opinion.

However, Jesus had consistently revealed a much bigger experience of God whose intent is that all humanity is invited to share in the 'kingdom'. All are created in God's image and likeness; and all are recipients of Divine love and invitation. Jesus warned people not to make presumptions, not to coast into the kingdom, but seek the narrow door. But beware; choosing to journey the narrow way in a timely fashion has demands of its own.

To be '*chosen*' by God, should not be misunderstood as being singled out for unmerited privilege. To be chosen is to be selected and equipped for mission; to serve, include and love; just as God loves in Jesus. Our sainted Mary MacKillop knew this through experience, and she lived accordingly. This way of living demands discipline, determination and sacrifice. It demands continual conversion of heart and conversion of life as we conform ourselves to the way of Christ.

God's blessings are ample and generous. Life is expansive with opportunities. But the discipline required to grow from our opportunities and live as God intended is akin to entering the kingdom by the narrow door. Like the Ekka tunnel we would do well to think carefully about how we traverse it. We can't just coast through. And weighed down and bulked up with too much '*baggage*', the journey might be even the more perilous.

Like Mary MacKillop, we do well to be attentive to the 'whisperings of God', and unencumbered by that which would impede us, seek the narrow way on our Pilgrimage of Hope in a spirit of love and service.

Luke Reed
College Principal
Mt Maria College (Mitchelton)

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

24th August—30th August

Grovely	**St William's**
Monday:	9:00am Mass *St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz*
Wednesday:	7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *St Monica*
Thursday:	9:00am Mass *St Augustine*
Next Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Mitchelton	**Our Lady of Dolours**
Monday:	11:00am Funeral Mass *Joan Mary Wilson*
Tuesday:	8:30am Mass
Wednesday:	8:30am Mass *St Monica*
Friday:	8:30am Mass *St John the Baptist*
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:
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Week's Readings:
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14

GROVELY

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday
7:00pm - 8:00pm
St. William's

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Asher James Crook
Isabelle Cecilia Crook
Roman Bernard Crook
Scarlett Anne Young
Lettie Mae Young
Evan Michael Ward

And warmly welcome them into our faith community!

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!

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.

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary

This week: *Cornelio Morataya*
Next week: *Maria Smillie*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Saturday
10:30am - 11:30am
Our Lady of Dolours

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

St William's SVDP Church Shop

We have a great range of First Communion gifts along with a variety of other items. You are very welcome to come in and browse. 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.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Thank you to the wonderful families of our Sacramental Program! Please note the Eucharist workshop day is next **Sunday 31 August at 9am St William's** where all 135 families will attend Mass, morning tea and workshop together.

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

This weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese, to provide care and support for local ministries and people in need in our own communities. Please do take a giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection, or scan the QR code on the envelope to make your gift online. ***Thank you and God bless.***

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Muriel Irwin & Joan Wilson

Anniversary: Ellen May Peters, Joan Peters, Adam Kieza & Dominic Condon

We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Bob Malcolm, Gloria Roughan and Loraine Burnett.

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

EVERGREENS

- Friday 29th - Men's cuppa at 10.00am at Arana Hills Leagues club.

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.

RCIA
A Journey In Faith

This Sunday, our RCIA elect and candidates will undertake their First Rite of Strengthening and Healing at the 9am Mass at ST William's.

We continue to offer our prayers and support to our candidates **Taylor, Lydia, Dale** and **Inga** on their journey towards full reception on September 14th.

FAITH MATTERS - GSM

www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

"Footprints", by Margaret Fishback Powers, is a poem that has inspired millions across the world. So many people can be in situations so horrible that they seem impossible to bear and can lead them to doubt whether it is worthwhile to continue living the journey called life. **Google the poem.**

Such a day occurred for her and the family in a park they were visiting in the U.S. Her daughter was walking along a path (as were numerous other people) with a 68 feet fall on one side and a 48 feet fall to a glacier on the other side, when she tripped and fell into the glacier. At the same time, her husband, sitting on a nearby rock, started having a heart attack. Their lives were changed in an instant.

Some days later, as she reflected on all the events that happened after the fall, which finally led to the saving of the lives of both her daughter and her husband, she wrote this inspirational poem, "Footprints". The poem has been featured on cards, posters, plaques and calendars and treasured by millions all over the world. Later on, after her poem had gone viral across the world, in 1993 she wrote a book about it all, also called "Footprints". This small book is well worth a read.

The constant care and protection of Jesus in our life, despite desperate, traumatic or sad situations, is what is promised to us if we but have hope in the Lord.. We will at times feel that it is far, far too much for us to handle and like Peter we will jump out into the raging water towards Jesus, but then start to sink. Our life is a pilgrimage from God to God and there will be times when the 2 sets of footprints in the sand will fade to be only one set and it is then that we need to remember these lines from the poem…."When you saw only one set of footprints it was then that I carried you".

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

Information to assist with the parish pilgrimage item on Sunday August 31

- **WHEN?** Sunday August 31
- **HOW?** Walk, car, bike, train
- **Times 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)
- **How many sites to visit?** Whatever you decide. Only one place or more.
- **Books and Maps** Available at each site and on our website. You may receive a physical copy when you get to your first site. The booklet contains reflections from each school and Fr. Nigel as well as maps for the journey.
- **BBQ at St. Williams** If you intend to partake in the BBQ at St. Williams site please register for catering purposes through the link https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1444598 or the QR code.

Thank you to our Parish Schools for all their enthusiasm and preparation for this Parish community event.

Please ensure your own personal health and safety whilst participating in the Parish Pilgrimage by bringing a mobile phone, hat and water bottle; knowing your fitness level; bicycle maintenance kits if cycling; ensuring you hold a valid drivers license if driving. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

Children's Liturgy is here!!
Join us in the Daley centre
Sunday 14 of September at
9am St William's Mass.
Children listen to the Gospel, learn about the Lord and return to Mass for the Eucharist.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GSM Parishes 24th August—30th 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

A Vocation View
21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Will you help gather people to be a part of the Kingdom of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. (Isaiah 66:18-21)

Follow us on socials
@vocationbrisbane

Bible Quiz

This week's question: What does the name Isaiah mean in Hebrew?

Answer: Next week

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

Answer: He dies.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offers rich readings that focus on themes of inclusion, humility, and God's call to all people. These themes encourage us to reflect on God's invitation to enter His kingdom and the attitudes we should cultivate to be part of His family.

Universal Call: The readings remind us that God calls people from all nations to know Him. Isaiah speaks of gathering people from distant lands, showing God's desire for a diverse and inclusive family.

Discipline and Growth: In Hebrews, we learn that God disciplines those He loves, like a parent guides a child. This discipline helps us grow in righteousness and peace.

Humility and Effort: Jesus emphasizes the need to strive to enter through the narrow gate. This requires humility and effort, recognizing that salvation is not automatic but involves our cooperation.

Reversal of Expectations: The Gospel warns that some who are last will be first and some first will be last. This teaches us not to be complacent or assume our place is secure without genuine faith and love.

The Importance of Listening: Listening to God's word is crucial for entering His kingdom. Hebrews stresses the importance of hearing and responding to God's call with a willing heart.

Judgment and Accountability: The readings highlight the reality of judgment. Jesus' teaching on the narrow gate reminds us that we will be accountable for our choices and actions. Reflecting on these messages helps us understand our role in God's plan.

LAUDATO SI'

Season of Creation (SoC) 2025 runs throughout September but aspirations for justice, peace and resultant integrity of creation are ultimate and perennial human goals. Plants and animals agree and even doves arriving on an animal refuge ship with olive branches in their beaks instruct us in the Biblical wisdom of hoping and acting despite environmental and human catastrophes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U-WfliH3MWi7Hd1XhoeDB0jim-z1U23x/edit?pli=1&tab=t.0 .

Laudato Si' challenges us, "What is the goal of our work? What need does the Earth have of us? Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is up to us" (*Laudato Si'*, 160). 2025 is the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, "We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life".

See *Ecumenical Season of Creation Prayer Book* at: https://qct.org.au/images/QCEN/SoCDevotionsScreenVersion.pdf?utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9Cys6Y-X6KVAQEAbQ4FmxCzwgS4kySo2L6stVaxNK1VsQz5Y5ivRhd0MP1hagOV-0OlVp0i9HcI_E01MKPnLLKfwFdhGg9pD9Qk-7zfptoD_HX6CM&_hsmi=11786011&utm_content=11786011&utm_source=hs_email. On offer also are September Tuesday 10am to 11am Zoom meetings discussing Laudato Si' - inspired responses. Registration through Emma Beach: beache@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!

Who was he greatest financier in the Bible? Noah because he was floating stock whilst everyone else was in liquidation!

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Please note parish communications such as event information and updates will be sent via Flocknote.
It is free for parishioners.

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

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