

Year C  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
3rd 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

### 'Make yourselves rich in the sight of God'

Last Sunday's newsletter advertised two ventures for our support. One, the lunch to support and raise funds for our sister Parish in Timor Leste and the other, the Verse 4 Vinnies afternoon, which enables communal help to the marginalized. Two projects of outreach by our community where Time, Talent and Treasure are shared. The women, men and families steering and supporting these ministries are the embodiment of the message of Jesus' parable we hear today. Their lives are rooted in Christ's values not those of the rich farmer who lived in his small selfish world - just him and his possessions.

Jesus' parable is warning us of greed and is calling us to set our heart on what really matters. Every day is the day to reevaluate our relationship with material things and seek a path that follows the Kingdom of God's values. This encourages us to live with purpose, generosity and to trust in God's providence. *"making ourselves rich in the sight of God."* Our God is our richness and security – his love is everlasting. With this faith and direction in our life, we rejoice that we can share our goods and God's love to help bring justice, dignity and fairness to all.

This weekend our community celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our young people and their families have been reflecting on Jesus' word, the Church's mission, and their own life. The call *'make yourselves rich in the sight of God'* from today's liturgy raises a personal question for each of us 'How do the Gifts of the Spirit enrich me?'

A young 13year old acknowledged the Gift of Wisdom in these words - *"I went to St. William's Primary School and currently go to Ferny Grove State High School. Despite the lack of religious focus (as it is a state school), I find that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit aid me in my everyday life. Wisdom, in my case, is the most useful. The skills and teachings of those around me, gathered through their life experiences help me find my way through both school and regular life. The guidance from the Holy Spirit's Gifts constantly and positively guide my behaviour to better influence myself and those around me."*

What gift would you choose and frame in words of commitment?

The gifts of the Spirit, sealed within our young people today and within each of us over the years, **are alive**. We nurture these gifts with God's grace and prayer, but they are not to be stockpiled for another day. They are for giving and for bringing goodness and justice to each day. As the week ahead unfolds, reflection on the Gifts of the Spirit may be a possibility? And through these gifts we can be 'rich toward God', practicing generosity, humility and joy.

*Congratulations to our young candidates.*

*Join with your community and move with the life of the Spirit to bring hope and peace to our world.*

Jan Whiteway

St William's

*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

3rd August—9th August

**Grovely**

**St William's**

Monday: 9:00am Mass  
*St John Vianney*

Wednesday: 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass  
*St Sixtus II & St Cajetan*

**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  
*Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass  
*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Friday: 8:30am Mass **Cancelled**  
*St Mary of the Cross*

9:00am School Mass  
*Our Lady of Dolours School Mass - Year 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  
**Cancelled**

**Next Weekend Masses:**

Sunday: 8:00am Mass



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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!

**This Week's Readings:  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Next Week's Readings:  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 18:6-9  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Luke 12:32-48

## SAMFORD

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Please note - Thursday 7th August there will be **NO** Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at Sacred Heart, 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:** Katrina and Brad Spink

**Next week:** Bernadette and Matthew



### The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St William's School and the Parish of Grovely, Samford and Mitchelton are invited to celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday 15th August, 9am at St William's Church.

The 8:30am daily Mass at Our Lady of Dolours church will be **cancelled** and we invite all to attend St William's.

### Anointing and Communion Service at Moonah Park

Monday 4th August at 3:00pm

*Residents and family are most welcome.*



### Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of Benjamin Christopher Brown, Leo Alexander Frost, Hugo Allan Gardener, Henry Samuel Gardener, Dawson Charles Mead and Andie Mae Mead and warmly welcome them into our faith community.



### Our Lady of Dolours School Mass

Our Lady of Dolours School Yr 6 classes will be celebrating Mass at 9:00am on Friday, 8th of August. The regular 8:30am Mass will be **cancelled**. We welcome All to attend the 9am Mass.

## 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!*

### 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 [jgraham5@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jgraham5@bigpond.net.au) or 0407043256

### Mothers Prayers

We invite you to come join us for Mothers Prayers. With a mothers love, we hope to see you soon and may God bless all the children of the world!

### Monthly Night Meeting

**When:** Tuesday 5th August at 6:30pm

**Where:** Daley Centre

### Weekly Meeting

**When:** Wednesday at 9:30am

**Where:** Daley Centre



### North West Deanery Saturday Masses

**This Saturday 2nd August**  
Holy Cross, Woolloowin, 9am

**Next Saturday 9th August**

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Stafford 7am

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

## COMBINED COMMUNITIES

### Family Groups Anniversary Mass

St William's 11 Family Groups have enjoyed 38 years of activities and friendship.

We invite all parishioners to celebrate our **Anniversary Mass**

9:00am Mass Sunday 10th August

Followed by morning tea under the sails.

*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*



# COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Colin Rice, Ron Johanson, Ailis Morgan, Norm Singleton, Bonita Keating



## We pray for the Sick

**We pray for:** Jane Fraser, Fr Nigel Sequeira, 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

• Friday 15th August a booking has been made for lunch at The Gibson at Stafford at 11.30am.

### Bookings are essential

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



**Congratulations to our children who have made their Confirmation this weekend!**

**May the Holy Spirit guide you and keep you all of your days.**

**A special thank you to our parish community for your prayerful support of these wonderful families.**

## 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)

**Grovely Parish 3 Churches August Our Pilgrimage month**

During this month parishioners are invited to 2 parish events.

- A. A one hour talk on the nature of a pilgrimage, including the role of Lectio Divina in the Christian life. The presentation will be in the Grovely church on August 12 from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. The speaker will be Vanessa Comminos from Archdiocesan Ministries, formerly called Evangelisation Brisbane. Since August can be a cold and windy month there will be no tea/coffee afterwards under the sales. The next day is the Brisbane show holiday.
- B. A parish Pilgrimage day August 31. Details are close to finalisation. Some things to emphasise are as follows. More specific details will come soon.
- The pilgrimage may be done by walking, driving, cycling.
  - The day will be organised by the 4 schools in the parish.
  - There are 5 points on the pilgrimage – Samford Church, St. Andrews school, Our Lady of Dolours school, Mt. Maria high school, St. Williams school – in that order.
  - A set time will be announced at each point as to when that point will be open. The pilgrimage will start at Samford.
  - People may do 1 or any number of the 5 points.

**This day on August 31, is in honour of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**

## Parish Pilgrimage Walk

**for the Jubilee year of Hope Sunday 31 August 2025**

### Grovely Parish Pilgrimage: A Journey of Hope and Reflection

Join us for a self-guided pilgrimage through the heart of our parish community. Whether you choose to walk, cycle, or drive, this pilgrimage invites you to journey at your own pace—visiting sacred stations that offer moments of reflection, prayer, and connection.

#### How It Works:

- **Self-Guided:** Choose your own route and mode of travel—walk the full pilgrimage, bike between stations, or visit one or more locations by car.
- **Flexible Timing:** While some stations will be 'manned' during specific hours, all are open for self-reflection throughout the day.
- **Spiritual Focus:** Each station offers a unique reflection on a Saint, a Charism, or a Person of Hope, helping you deepen your faith and awareness.
- **Hospitality:** Refreshments and bathroom facilities will be available at most stations during their open hours.

**Plenty more information to follow in the coming weeks!**



### 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)

### Family Mass Date Claimer

Date Claimer for Term 2  
Sunday 17th August

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, bring a plate to share!



How does Moses make his coffee?

Hebrews it.



**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 10th!  
*(Reschedule due Confirmations)*

# COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

## GSM Parishes 3rd August—9th August

Monday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
Monday	7:00pm	Daley Centre	RCIA
Tuesday	9:30am	St William's Atrium	Atrium
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
Tuesday	6:30pm	Daley Centre	Mother's Prayers
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	9:00am	Daley Centre	Children's Liturgy
Sunday	3:00pm	Daley Centre	Sunday Youth Alpha

### A Vocation View

#### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time National Vocation Awareness Week**

*This National Vocation Awareness Week, Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have a true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:13-21)*

### Bible Quiz

**This week's question:** What is the "chorus" in Psalm 136 which is repeated in every verse? **Answer:** Next week

**Last week's question:** Why did Solomon turn away from God when he was old? **Answer:** His foreign wives turned his heart after other gods. (1 Ki 11:4)



### 'Taste of Timor' Parish Lunch

Join us for a joyful celebration of culture, community, and connection. More than just a meal, this special event brings us together to share stories, savour delicious food, and celebrate 15 years of friendship with our Sister Parish in Timor-Leste.

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

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

**Date:** Sunday, 3rd of August 2025

**Time:** 12pm(midday) to 2pm

**Venue:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 67

Dawson Parade, Keperra

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person.

## LAUDATO SI'

When it comes to human ecology being integral with all ecologies we can, as advised by St Augustine, many Popes and people of good will and intellect, learn from nature. In trying to grasp systems-thinking and moving away from subject Vs object thinking, we still need models, myths, signs, symbols and sacraments to understand paradoxes. Paradoxes like "unity in diversity". We can learn from our own Regional Ecosystems: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/plants/ecosystems/about> In learning about native biodiversity conservation, we can even look to St Augustine's "honey-tongued teacher" (aka St Ambrose!) as we still learn from analogies and allegories about the Trinitarian God. When we see the horrors of war and the destruction of those (our) people's other ecosystems we know that our thinking leading to these actions is very unintegrated at best. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si' and that Franciscan Pope's efforts to set thinking about God and Nature anew, will be celebrated by Pope Leo, our Augustinian Pope, October 1 to 3. Attend the online conference: [https://raisinghope.earth/conference/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=2025-07-29&utm\\_campaign=Big+news+Pope+Leo+XIV+will+celebrate+Laudato+Si'+#catholic>ActionOn](https://raisinghope.earth/conference/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=2025-07-29&utm_campaign=Big+news+Pope+Leo+XIV+will+celebrate+Laudato+Si'+#catholic>ActionOn) Biodiversity conservation, see the Global Landscapes Forum as we lead up to COP 30: <https://mailchi.mp/globallandscapesforum.org/glf-newsletter-july-2025-australia-oceania?e=518b390e2b#july-one> and our own NPQ sale: <https://npq.org.au/plants-markets/>

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



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:**



### **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.*

On the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, the readings call us to examine our values and priorities. They remind us to look beyond material wealth and focus on what is eternal. Here are some key themes from this Sunday's readings.

**The Emptiness of Wealth:** The first reading warns us that worldly riches and success can feel empty. It reminds us that only God can give lasting joy and fulfillment.

**Setting Hearts on Heaven:** Paul encourages believers to seek what is above and keep their focus on God's kingdom. This calls us to prioritize spiritual growth over material concerns.

**Letting Go of Greed:** Jesus' parable in the Gospel warns against greed and storing up riches. It shows that selfish desires can separate us from God and others.

**True Security in God:** The readings remind us that earthly wealth is fragile, but God's love is steady and secure. Our security and peace come from trusting in God rather than possessions.

**Living for Eternal Life:** Paul calls us to focus on eternal life by living in a way that pleases God. This theme reminds us that our actions should reflect our hope in heaven.

**The Folly of Selfish Ambition:** The Gospel warns against putting our ambitions above God and others. It challenges us to use our blessings to serve and to help others.

**Seeking Lasting Joy:** The readings call us to seek joy that endures beyond this life. True joy comes from our relationship with God and living according to His ways.

These themes from the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourage us to live with purpose and hope in God. They remind us that true happiness and peace come from placing our lives in God's hands.