

Year C
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
14th September 2025
Liturgical Colour: Red



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON
PARISH TEAM

Clergy:

Fr. Nigel Sequeira PP
 Phone: 3355 3690
 Fr. Van Huong Nguyen
 Residing at O.L.D. Presbytery
 Rev. Peter McDade, Deacon

Secretary:

Christine Gomes (Tues - Fri)
grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Pastoral Associate (Position Vacant):

grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Coordinator:

Laura McGillion (Tue, Wed, Thurs)
sc.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Newsletter Items to:

bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au
 (Wednesday 12pm deadline)

Administration Assistant:

Sandra Henry (Mon)
Admin Asst. Liturgy/Bulletin:
 Amelia Crawford (Tues-Fri)
aa.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Blue Card/Safeguarding (Tues):

Wendy Brouckaert/ Jeanette Chew
bluecard.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Finance:

finance.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Leadership Team:

grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Safeguarding Local Representatives:

St William's - Amelia Crawford
 Our Lady of Dolours - Mary Murphy
 Sacred Heart Church - Jeanette Chew

PARISH OFFICE

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054
 Ph 3355 3690

Email: grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Website: www.gsmpparishes.com.au

Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

CHURCHES

St William's Grovely/ Presbytery

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra
 Ph 3355 3690

Sacred Heart Church

2-8 Camp Mountain Rd, Samford Village
 Ph 3355 3690

Our Lady of Dolours/ Presbytery

11 Suez Street, Mitchelton 4053
 Ph 3355 3690

SCHOOLS

St William's School

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054
 Ph 3355 5122 Fax 3354 3330

St Andrew's School

Cnr Hogarth & Upper Kedron Roads
 Ferny Grove 4055
 Ph 33516886 Fax 3851 1054

Our Lady of Dolours School

2 Willcocks Street, Mitchelton 4053
 Ph 3355 7763 Fax 3855 2641

Mt. Maria College

54 Prospect Rd, Mitchelton 4053
 Ph 3550 3400

Triple Y Grovely

Ph 0466 964 664

Email: tripleygrovely@gmail.com

Website: tripleygrovely.au

PLEASE TAKE YOUR NEWSLETTER WITH YOU, DON'T PUT IT BACK!



SEASON OF CREATION

Our Lady of Dolours at Mitchelton stands not only as a Parish Church but also as a War Memorial, established in the wake of World War II. It was built to honour the memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and to offer a place of solace for families left in grief when the guns finally fell silent in 1945. Inscribed in our church's memorial is the enduring commitment: *"Commemorating all Australian Servicemen ... fallen in the war."*

Many soldiers throughout history have also been formally canonised as Saints, their lives bridging the call of duty and the call of God. Among the most well-known is Saint Martin of Tours, a fourth-century Roman soldier who later became a hermit and eventually Bishop of Tours in 371AD.

A story from his life as a soldier tells that one bitterly cold day, St Martin encountered a scantily clad beggar shivering at the gates of the city of Amiens. Compassion moved him to draw his sword and cut his military cloak in half, sharing it with the man. That night, legend has it, Christ appeared to Martin in a vision - clothed in the very same cloak - saying: *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

Saint Martin is often depicted on a horse cutting his cloak for the beggar and this simple yet profound act reminds us that sacrifice is not measured in grandeur, but in love—by the willingness to place another's needs before our own. Even to this day - the very word chaplain finds its roots in Martin's story.

The Latin word *cappellani* ("little cloak") was given to the priest who cared for St Martin's cloak which had become a holy relic. Over time, the title eventually became the French word chapelain and eventually our English word *chaplain*... a connection we have to all those years ago of a simple soldier giving his cloak to the poor.

As we prepare to celebrate the *Feast of Our Lady of Dolours* - Our Lady of Sorrows - on Monday, 15 September, we are reminded that faith, sacrifice, and compassion are deeply intertwined. Just as St Martin's cloak became a symbol of care for the vulnerable, so too does Our Lady of Sorrows remind us that even in grief, love remains our greatest strength.

At a time when prayers for peace are needed - prayers for peace in our homes, in our communities and in our world, we remember the True origin of peace.

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father...The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Paul O'Donovan
Our Lady of Dolours



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

14th September—20th September

Grovely

St William's

Monday: 9:00am Mass
Our Lady of Sorrows

11:00am Funeral
Roslyn Ivey

Tuesday: 10:00am Funeral
Martin Gil-Mejia

Wednesday: 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am School Mass
1S and 3B Buddy Mass

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 Cornelius

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass
St Hildegard of Bingen & St Robert Bellamine

Friday: 8:30am Mass

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 13th September
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish,
Stafford at 7 am

Next Saturday 20th September
Cancelled

This Week's Readings: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Next Week's Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

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.

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary

This week: *Lucy Stace*

Next week: *Isma McIntyre*



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.



Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of *Harry Alexander Clair, Camille Clair, Adele Marie Clair, Luca Owen Finlay and Liam Finlay* and warmly welcome them into our faith community.



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.

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

St. William's School Mass

St. William's school will be celebrating a Buddy Mass for 1S and 3B, Thursday 18th September. *All are welcome!*

COMBINED COMMUNITIES



We joyfully announce after many months of prayer, discernment and formation that **Dale Coleman, Lydia Parker and Taylor-Ashley Gregory's** Baptism, Confirmation and Communion, and **Inga Cahill** Confirmation and Communion are being celebrated at our 5pm Sunday Mass. We congratulate them on being received fully into the Catholic Church.

They will continue to participate in further formation with the RCIA team and are keen to be invited to be involved in the life of the GSM Parish communities.

RCIA meets fortnightly on a Monday. The next meeting will take place on Monday 29th September at 7pm in the Daley Centre.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Congratulations

to all of our

First Holy Communion recipients!
May the love of the Lord fill your hearts. May you always remember Christ's boundless mercy and endless love for you!

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents and parishioners for praying for our

First Holy Communion Candidates.

May the Lord bless you!

You're Invited: A Night of Storytelling about Auntie Rita and Jack of Hearts

Join us for an unforgettable evening of truth, laughter, and resilience as we gather to hear the powerful stories of **Auntie Rita** and **Jack of Hearts**—two voices whose journeys reflect the heart of Indigenous culture and spirit.

Through the ancient art of storytelling, their daughters Jackie Huggins and Ngaire Jarro, will share moments of deep struggle, cultural survival, and personal triumph. From the dusty roads of childhood to the sacred spaces of healing, their stories will take us through tears and joy, pain and hope—woven with wisdom, humour, and the strength of community.

This is more than a talk. It's a celebration of identity, a reckoning with history, and a call to listen deeply. Whether you come to learn, to honour, or to be moved, you'll leave with a renewed sense of connection and courage.

Date: 16th October 2025

Time: 6 PM

Location: St. William's Grovely (Mary MacKillop Centre)

Entry: Free (please RSVP for catering purposes – refreshments and finger foods grovely@bne.catholic.net.au or Tel. 07-33628785)

All are welcome. Come with open hearts.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Audrey Doonan, Martin Gil-Mejia and Peter Pragnell, Roslyn Ivey, Martin Gil-Mejia

Anniversary: Lynne Madden, Ashley Hurst, Agnes Buchanan and Celine Sequeira



We pray for the Sick

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

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.

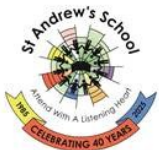


Children's Liturgy is here!!

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.

St Andrew's turns 40!
Sunday, 12th October



Calling all St Andrew's families, friends and staff- past and present!

As we prepare to celebrate 40 wonderful years of St Andrew's Catholic School, we're on the lookout for memorabilia to showcase our rich history.

If you have old photos, uniforms, year-books, trophies, programmes, or special keepsakes, we'd love to borrow or receive donations to display at the anniversary celebration.

If you have any stories, we would also love to hear these too!

Please send me an email aimee.riedel@gmail.com to arrange drop-off/pick-up or to share digital copies.

Every piece of history helps us tell the story of our amazing St Andrew's community."



FAITH MATTERS - GSM



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

A few weeks ago we wrote about Margaret Fishback Powers, the author of the poem "Footprints", which she wrote soon after terrible events in their family's life. Two sets of footprints in the sand occasionally become one, at some desperate times in our lives when we think God has abandoned us. Her poem makes the point that when in those times God says that the one set of footprints are His because he carries us in those difficult times.

The small booklet goes on to detail later events in her life that eventually led to another profound short poem. Further down the track the family had to move from their home to a different one quite some distance away. In the process, her original poem which was the basis for any copyright on it, going forward, was lost, or so it seemed.

We know that in the following years, it went viral and thousands of people/ organisations used it, changed it etc but she thought she had lost the critical copy and hence could not copyright it. She was angry at all the people using it and became so desperate that she was losing confidence in life and God, her relationship was about to break up and things were quite bad. Then, as if by a miracle, she found it in an obscure place in the house and was able to have it copyrighted.

Given how widespread it was across the world by then, what should she do? She was so angry with all those who had used her poem across all those years and really wanted to go to court about it all. That was her innermost desire. Eventually she came to the view that she should walk away and this led to her writing the poem "Leave it There". After that her life was changed. Do we also have something in our lives that we need to let go.

Remember the magazine "The Word" a few newsletters ago. Multiple past copies are now in the Faith Matters lending library in the Grovely church. Take one, check it out and see if the articles appeal to you. Don't return it as parishioners are bringing in past copies in case there is an interest in following up on the magazine.

Triple Y Grovely presents

"Thoughts from the Parish Pilgrimage"

at tripleygrovely.au (click on the play symbol) on Wednesday at 7pm, Thursday 2pm and Friday 9am for the next two weeks by Katarina.

Triple Y Grovely - If you would like to join us at Triple Y Grovely, please leave me a message on 0466 964 664 or email me, Peter, at tripleygrovely@gmail.com Positions available: presenters, producers and marketers.



<https://tripleygrovely.au>

Where is the best place to get an ice cream cone?

Sundae School



A Vocation View Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life." Follow Christ with your life that you too may have eternal life. (John 3:13-17)

Mass of Anointing



Thursday, 25th September,
10:00 am

St. William's Church

Followed by a morning tea

Please bring a plate to share

Parishioners of Mitchelton, Samford and Grovely all welcome

The Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated during Mass.

Please note this Mass will take place during the school holidays so there will be plenty of parking available.

**Saturday, 27 September 2025,
Pilgrimage to Marian Valley,**
celebrating the

**Feast of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz
and Saint Pedro Calungsod**

Bus transport is available for \$30pp return (payment upon booking).

Pick-up times/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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GSM Parishes 14th September—20th September

Monday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
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



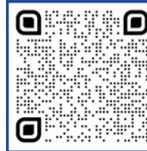
Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



Saturday 27th September 2025
11:30am
Cathedral of St Stephen

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or beyond, are invited to attend, together with their family and friends.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN - Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Mark's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift, there is still time. If you took an envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass. You can also give online by scanning the QR code, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au



Thank you again for your time and generosity.



LAUDATO SI'



This Second Sunday of the Season of Creation falls on "The Exultation of the Holy Cross". Father Hug, S.J. says, "The complex, integral ecological crisis confronting us in these times bears witness to humanity's lack of humility in relating to the rest of Creation, our attitude of domination toward nature and the lack of attention to the challenging dimensions of discipleship to Christ" (Season of Creation 2025 Peace with Creation – A Catholic Liturgical Guide). "The Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1939 in German Nachfolge – 'Following' -Christ) was written in a special time of the church's struggle of faithfulness to the gospel. Another German-speaking theologian, Hans von Balthasar, born 1905, also writes powerfully of "Christocentricity" the core "Love" of the suffering and rejection of one member of the Trinity on the cross (Mysterium Paschale 1990). We believe that in Christ's cross we have been 'saved' in God's Love and our discipleship 'job' is to be present to suffering with hope – to all of creation. We all know some exemplary and humble missionary disciples (see for instance Fr Greg Boyle S.J. and his challenging Homies ministry - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYIBMSHCv_Y&t=1207s)

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

Verse for Vinnies - September 28th

Gerry Mannion's the dinky-die Irish, came from Galway in nineteen -ninety-one. He just loves being labelled an Aussie, with our climate, our people, our fun. He soon learnt as musician or singer that he lacked the finesse that you need, But he sure has the gift of the blarney, and this talent he's used to succeed. He has warmed to the Bush Poet genre, with its narratives, metre and rhyme. Loves traditional poems and ballads, has composed his own verse, quite sublime. And success came last year at the Ekka, in three sections he gave it a go. He gained First and then two Second placements, deemed the Overall Champ of the Show. Now this champion's your Feature Performer, this emerging young talent with verse and your entry fee goes to the battlers it's this cash, Vinnie's folk will disperse.

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 to book seats.



Bible Quiz

This week's question: After the angels had announced the birth of Christ and left the shepherds, what did the shepherds do? **Answer:** Next week

Last week's question: Which female judge described herself as "a mother in Israel"? **Answer:** Deborah (Jdg 5:7)

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A
SAFE, HOPE-FILLED
AND WELCOMING
CHURCH



Be the Hands of Christ: Visit the Sick in Hospital

Do you feel called to bring comfort, hope, and companionship to those who are ill and to the dying? Join Centacare's hospital pastoral carers community and share Christ's love through this simple, yet powerful Ministry of Presence.

We are looking for compassionate individuals to visit Catholic patients in hospital — offering prayer, a kind word, and giving your undivided attention to another person in difficult times, which is the purest form of generosity (Simone Weil).

Training and support and ongoing formation provided. Available placements at The Prince Charles, RBWH and The Wesley

"I was sick and you visited me." – Matthew 25:36

To find out more please contact Centacare

Phone: Director of Pastoral Ministries, 33243193

Email: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au
 Working with Children and a police check required along with Archdiocesan Safeguarding and Mandatory Training requirements.