

Year C
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th September 2025
Liturgical Colour: Green



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 OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON
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SEASON OF CREATION

The news cycle is increasingly tragic, frequently terrible and sometimes terrifying. So much so, that the writer and theologian, Professor Stan Grant tries "to avoid the news completely". It bombards our thoughts and defeats its purpose. Plus, it's hard to judge what's newsworthy from one click-bait headline to the next. In the madness and gloom, we yearn for simplicity, stillness and silence. For trustworthiness and truth. For space and grace. And from a place of deeper listening, we are often better able to hear and respond with love to the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'.

This brings us to today's Gospel and the shabby, scabby Lazarus sitting hopefully by the gate of the rich man. Except for some friendly dogs, no-one came to help Lazarus in life, most notably the person who was best placed to... the rich man completely ignored Lazarus. He did not see Lazarus' humanity, hunger and pain but was utterly distracted and occupied by getting rich, looking good and indulging his appetite. There's that banal expression, "life is what you make it". The rich man's existence was defined by what he could acquire, display and consume. In secular society, arguably everything we consume (including "news") is the life we are constructing for ourselves. And though we might be 'consuming' stories of a suffering world, we are not always well guided us to do anything worthwhile in response. The news message is not the gospel message. Satisfying our curiosity and venting our outrage is not the same as acting with compassion.

Today's parable is only found in Luke's Gospel. It reminds us of the Good Samaritan – Lazarus may well have been that man at the roadside, beaten and broken. The wealthy man may well have been just another person to walk by hurriedly, avoiding eye contact.

In death, Lazarus is angel-borne to the bosom of Abraham to receive the comfort and peace he never knew in life. His eternal joy exemplifies the beatitude: "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:3). Conversely, the rich man in Hades wants comfort and relief but can't receive any. The divide he created and enforced in life—a divide we see increasing between rich and poor today—has followed the rich man into death. He wants to protect his five brothers from a similar hellish fate, but, as the story goes, Abraham knows that if they won't listen to the prophets, they're unlikely to listen to one risen from the dead. Again, we are reminded how hard it is for a "rich man" to enter the kingdom of heaven... (Mt 19:23) How stuck and stubborn we can all be sometimes in our privilege, biases and complacency!

May God help us to not be clouded by news, noise and panic but to listen and learn enough of the needs of the vulnerable in our world to discern what our head, heart and hands are called to do. May we see Lazarus at the gate and invite him in for dinner. Finally, we pray that "our love for others, for who they are, moves us to seek the best for their lives." (Fratelli Tutti, 94)

Clare Locke

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

28th September—4th October

Grovely

St William's

Monday: 9:00am Mass
St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael

Wednesday: 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass
St Francis of Assisi

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

Mitchelton

Our Lady of Dolours

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass
St Jerome

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass
St Therese of the Child Jesus

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



<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!

North West Deanery Saturday Masses

This Saturday 27th September
Cancelled

Next Saturday 4th October
Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin at 9am

This Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Next Week's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-9

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.

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

We joyfully announce the Baptism of

Lucy Baines
Noah Flynn Tolhurst



And warmly welcome him into our faith community!

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary

This week: Michael Bojar
Next week: Rosita and Harry Gomez



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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

ROSARY IN THE PARK

Please join us in praying the Rosary on Saturday, **October 11th** at Teralba Park, Mitchelton at 9am.

Sausage Sizzle/Lunch, Coffee and Drinks will be served afterwards.
All are welcome.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Please note that from **8th October** Adoration will change start time to **7:30pm**

Faith Circle

Faith Circle will take a break for the two weeks of the school holidays and return on **Monday October 13th** in the Daley Centre at 9.30 as usual. See you then.

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 3rd October 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

Let's finish this **Season of Creation** with some of our time and effort in caring for our little patch of the planet weeding, mulching, planting our *Laudato Si' garden*.



Join us at **Sacred Heart Samford on Saturday 4th October anytime from 7:30 - 10am** when we will wrap up with a cuppa. (BYO gloves and tools)

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

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: Roslyn Ivey and Sean Forrest



We pray for the Sick

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

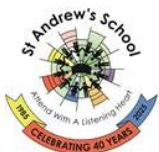
Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Thank you for the prayerful support of our wonderful and their families.

Reconciliation commences in early October with the parent information sessions on 8 and 9 October. Please keep our sacramental children in your prayers and on your rosaries!

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

The spring edition of the "Madonna Magazine – Spirituality in Daily Life" has the theme "Jubilee of Mission". In Rome, from October 4, 5 there will be a "Jubilee of Mission" event, held at St. Peters, which is planned as a part of the Jubilee Year 25. A variety of people working somewhere in the mission field are invited to Rome for this event.

Madonna Magazine editor, Fr. Chris Glesson S.J., has an article entitled "I am a Mission" in which he has the following quote from "Evangelii Gaudium", written by Pope Francis. Any of his editorials for this magazine are well worth a read. He uses the words "I am a Mission" to define our identity as Christians.

"I am a mission : that is the reason why I am here in this world....this mission of : * Bringing light * Blessing * Enlivening * Raising up * Healing and * Freeing. (Evangelii Gaudium paragraph 273).

This highlights the point that this is the very reason why God created us and placed us on this earth at this point of time and in this very place. What a sobering thought.

Let us look at the role "Blessing" may play in our missionary lives. Maybe we have become accustomed to a blessing being given to us by a priest or some other religious person. Actually, it is a very old tradition in the Christian church. Each one of us is a child of God. Does it not make sense that we not only bless ourselves but that we bless other people as well. Do we occasionally and consciously send a blessing to people we pass as we go about our daily lives? It is a way of keeping God in our mind and being a presence to other people. Give it a try. See if such a practice gives you a bit of a lift and hopefully brings your mind back to an awareness of God.

Don't forget free copies of past Madonna Magazines are available in the St William's lending Library in the Piety Shop after Mass.

October 16 event. Last week on the A-frames at St. William's there was a sheet with the details for the event on October 16. A smaller copy was also sent to Our Lady of Dolours and Samford. See the noticeboards for more details.

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. **Question – If you are coming and wish to stay for refreshments have you registered?**

What did God do to cure Moses' headache?
He gave him two tablets.



Bible Quiz

This week's question: In prison, for whom did Joseph interpret dreams?
Answer: Next week

Last week's question: According to Peter, what "covers a multitude of sins"?
Answer: Love (1 Peter 4:8)



A Vocation View

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16:19-31)

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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, September 28th

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

Contact: Noel at noel@noelstallard.com to book seats.



COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GSM Parishes 28th September—4th October

Monday	9:00am	Gathering Space	SVDP - Mitchelton
Monday	7:45pm	St William's	St William's Choir Practice
Monday	7:00pm	Daley Centre	RCIA
Tuesday	7:00pm	St William's	Christian Meditation
Tuesday	12:30pm	Gathering Space	Treble M
Wednesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Mother's Prayers
Wednesday	10:00am	Sacred Heart	Samford Rosary Circle
Wednesday	11:00am	Daley Centre	Evergreen's Exercise
Friday	9:30am	Sacred Heart	1st Friday Coffee and Chat

Newsletter Cutoff Deadline

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



Women's retreat
LOVE STORY
7-9 NOV 2025
SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/womensR25 for more info or to register.



Join us for the
GOLDEN YEARS
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10am - 2pm

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- Food Trucks
- Local Artwork
- Guided Tours
- Farm Animals

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We can't wait to see you there!

LAUDATO SI'

We might say Life itself is the "seasoning" of God's Creation. "Praised be You, my Lord (that is, "Laudato si', mi' Signori") through the beauty of Creation You reveal Yourself as a source of goodness. We ask You, open our eyes to **recognize a mystery to be contemplated with gratitude and hope. Help us to discover Your presence in all Creation** so that, in fully recognizing it, we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for this common home where You invite us to care for, respect and protect life in all its forms and possibilities". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7elwa8f64g&list=PLTrogZcBkue16Mgzz9LKRp-W1biit5sp&t=4s>. Knowing our place in creation is the gift of consciousness and acting in care for our common home is the act of informed conscience (coming from the Latin "with knowledge"). The good gardeners of Samford seek to understand the air, earth, water, minerals, plants and creatures large and small, plants and fruits and to act, entangled with all manner of life and death on this corner of God's eco system. Register for Pope Leo's "**Raising of Hope Conference**" at <https://raisinghope.earth/conference/> for the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si'.

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



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>

QR Code:



Treble M a Mitchelton Community based choir needs new members. If you love to sing we would love to hear from you.

Our treble voice (SSA) choir meets weekly on a Tuesday between 12:30pm and 2:00pm at Our Lady of Dolours Church's Community Centre adjacent to the Catholic Church in Suez Street Mitchelton.

Please call or text:
Christine on 0431 666 712 or
Judy 0408 559 328

Pope's Prayer Intentions: September For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C call us to care about others. In the first reading we are warned against being complacent while others suffer. The psalm praises the justice of God. In the second reading Paul reminds us to pursue virtues. In the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, where a wealthy man ignored the needs of a poor man every day.

The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C focus on themes of wealth, responsibility, and the afterlife. They challenge us to reflect on our own lives in light of eternal values.

Wealth and Complacency: The reading from Amos criticizes those who are comfortable and indifferent to the suffering around them. It shows that God sees and judges our indifference, especially when we ignore others' needs while living in luxury.

Moral Integrity: Paul urges Timothy to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. This theme tells us that living a good life involves more than avoiding bad actions; it also requires actively cultivating virtues.

Eternal Consequences: The Gospel parable about Lazarus and the rich man illustrates that our actions have consequences beyond this life. It teaches us that how we treat others, especially those in need, influences our eternal destiny.

The Role of Scripture: The rich man learns that Moses and the prophets' teachings are enough to guide us to live rightly. This emphasizes the importance of paying attention to Scripture as a guide for our lives.

Justice for the Poor: Both Amos and the Gospel highlight God's concern for the poor and suffering. It reminds us that our faith calls us to help those who are less fortunate.

Ultimate Authority of God: Paul describes God as the only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. This reaffirms that all power and authority ultimately belong to God, and we are to live in a way that honors Him.

These themes from the readings of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invite us to examine our lives and align our actions with God's expectations. They call us to live not just for today, but with an eye toward eternity.