

Year C
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th October 2025
Liturgical Colour: Green



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON
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God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Luke 18:1-8

Perseverance in praying is clearly the theme of today's readings. However, do we see that the character of God is front and centre? Moses' raised arms keep the battle going well, but whose support is he ultimately dependent on for holding up his arms? The dodgy judge responds to the widow's pleadings but it is God who gives her the strength to persist.

The widow in the Gospel, a symbol of the most powerless in those times, could be who Pope Leo has in mind in his new letter "to all Christians on love for the poor":

"Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity. The poorest of the poor — those who lack not only material goods but also a voice and the recognition of their dignity — have a special place in God's heart. They are the beloved of the Gospel, the heirs to the Kingdom (cf. Lk 6:20). It is in them that Christ continues to suffer and rise again. It is in them that the Church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self" (76).

The opportunity to go to Sunday Eucharist, no matter what is happening in our lives, is a source of great consolation and strength, a nourishment that enables us to persevere in prayer, in the way the readings are advocating. As we join this line of welfare recipients, we receive and are challenged to become the Body of Christ. Pope Leo's letter quotes St John Chrysostom (died 407 AD): "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not allow it to be despised in its members, that is, in the poor, who have no clothes to cover themselves. Do not honour Christ's body here in church with silk fabrics, while outside you neglect it when it suffers from cold and nakedness... [The body of Christ on the altar] does not need cloaks, but pure souls; while the one outside needs much care" (41).

The Second Reading focuses on why we benefit from listening to the Liturgy of the Word. Paul, writing to Timothy, says: "The Scriptures...are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus". It is the gift of faith that even enables us to begin and then to persist in praying. Through this gift of faith, our hearts are opened to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. This is God's uniquely personal response which gives healing, or clarity, or acceptance, or resolution, or compassion, or courage, or consolation.

One of the remarkable Saints who wrote about faith was Julian of Norwich (1343-1416). She compared God's love to motherly love, and wrote: "I was taught by the grace that I shall steadfastly hold me in the Faith...I should take my stand and earnestly believe...that all shall be well...and all manner of things shall be well" (see Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience December 1, 2010).

When we remember Father Frank Lourigan and the blessing of his ministry to us, we are reminded most of all of his faith. We can be consoled that he continues to advocate for us in the communion of saints.

Christine and Peter Webb

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

19th October—25th October

Grovely St William's

Monday: 9:00am Mass

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
St John of Capistrano

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

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

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass
St John Paul II

Friday: 8:30am Mass
St Anthony Claret

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 18th October
Cancelled

Next Saturday 25th October
Cancelled

Scaffolding for St William's Upgrade

Parishioners please be aware that there will be scaffolding inside St William's Church due to the Sound system being upgraded. Masses as usual. We thank you for your patience and look forward to using it in the near future.

This Week's Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

Next Week's Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

SAMFORD

We joyfully announce the
Baptism of

Isabella Mary Bingle
Declan James Damrow
Meabh Heaney
Charlotte Heaney



And warmly welcome him into our faith community!

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!

Samford Rosary Circle

The Samford Rosary Circle meets every Wednesday.

When: Wednesday at 10am

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Samford.
Come and pray with us.

Samford Rosary Circle will be holding a special hour of Rosary on **Saturday October 25th at 9am.**
All are welcome.



GROVELY

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

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** and **Thursday at 3:30pm** in the Daley Centre.

With a mother's love we hope to see you soon.

Lost Property - The Parish Office has a collection of Lost property from St William's Church and would like to re-unite them with their owners.
To claim your lost Property please contact the Parish Office.

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary

This week: Rosita and Harry Gomez

Next week: Rosita and Harry Gomez



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES



Vale Fr. Frank Lourigan

A devoted priest whose life was a testament to compassion and service.

Fr. Frank was known for his gentle spirit and unwavering commitment to the parishioners of Grovely-Samford and Mitchelton, the marginalized and forgotten. His kindness touched many lives, and his legacy of love and inclusion will continue to inspire us.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Funeral Mass for Fr. Frank
10am, Friday 24th October
St Stephens Cathedral
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Please note there is no available parking at the Cathedral.

Memorial Sunday

You are invited for those who have lost loved ones to participate in the Memorial Masses across the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of November.



Please pray for our Parishioners on the pilgrimage group for the Canonisation of PNG's first saint "Peter To Rot" on the 19th October, 2025.



COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Gerard Keates, Marie-Stella Crompton (Harvey), Capt. Gerard Ganapathy, Julie Sergeant, Fr Frank Lourigan and Loraine Burnett

Anniversary: Victor Barretto



We pray for the Sick

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

EVERGREENS

- Our pizza night has been changed to Friday 7th November at 5.30pm in the Daley Centre.

Bookings required: John & Joan Broderick 0455503713

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SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Congratulations to our families journeying to First Reconciliation. Your commitment is commendable. You are loved and you are prayed for!

Please note the Reconciliation workshop day is 9 November, at St William's.

Thank you to our wonderful parishioners for keeping our Sacramental families in your prayers and on your rosaries.

If you would like to pray for a specific child, please take a name from the prayer partners rack at the back of St William's. Your prayers are the most precious gift!

A Vocation View Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray persistently, and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)

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FAITH MATTERS - GSM



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Pope Leo XIV has announced the **theme for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028**. The theme is **"This is my body given for you"**. The last such Congress was held in Melbourne in 1973 with the theme **"Love one another as I have loved you"**. Some may remember this major event, attended by Pope Paul VI and Cardinal Karol Jozef Wojtyla, later to become Pope John Paul II (16/10/78 – 2/4/2005). He was declared a saint in 2014.

The first international Eucharistic Congress occurred in 1881 and was instigated by a French laywoman, Emilie Marie Tamisier. The Congress has been held in most major countries of the world. The coming one in Sydney is the 54th Congress and if it is anything like the Melbourne one it will be a massive event.

Most Rev. Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney and CEO of the congress, said that the centrality of the theme to the Catholic faith would serve as a reminder of the gift of Christ in the Eucharist.

"The theme, 'This is my body, given for you' goes straight to the heart of our Catholic faith. It reminds us that the Eucharist is not something we do for God, but what Christ does for us – He gives Himself so that we may live in Him."

Advent is not all that far away and, as usual, the Advent booklet is now available for purchase at the usual price of \$5 in the shop in the Grovely church. Since only a certain number are purchased by the St. Vincent de Paul Society it is probably a good idea for interested parishioners to get in early.

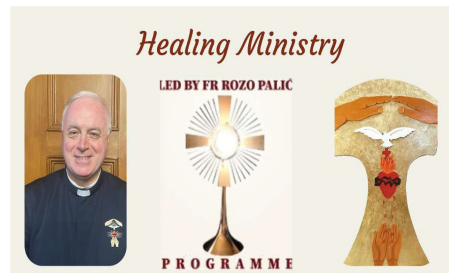
The title of the booklet is "In Holy Stillness". For people recently joining our parish community, the structure of the booklet is a daily activity which does not take long to do. There is a Scripture passage from the liturgy that day, a reflection piece on the Scripture, a concluding reflection and a final prayer. Some people actually form a group and together prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Healing Ministry - Led by Fr Rozo Palic

Monday 27th October
Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles,
70 Appleby Road, Stafford

6:00 pm Rosary
6:30 pm Mass and Healing Service,
(Reconciliation available at this time)
Talk, Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer for
Inner Healing, Individual Blessings,
Laying of Hands.

Enquiries: Roy 0402 408786



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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday
7:30pm - 8:30pm

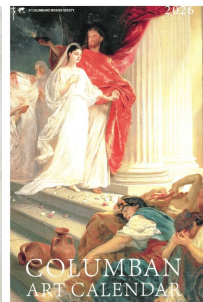
SVPD Church Shop St William's, Sacred Heart Samford and Our Lady of Dolours

AVAILABLE NOW IN CHURCH SHOP!

- Archdiocesan Ministries ADVENT BOOKS now available. Suitable for individuals and groups priced at \$5.
- Columban Calendars for 2026 priced at \$10.



IN
HOLY
STILLNESS
DAILY REFLECTIONS
FOR ADVENT
YEAR A 2025



COLUMBAN
ART CALENDAR

October, the month of the Rosary

Catholics dedicate October to the Rosary. When we grow closer to Mary, we grow closer to Jesus. The rosary is a beautiful way to reflect on the life of our Lord, and many blessings flow from meditating on the rosary. Ideas for your rosaries this October:

- Pray the rosary daily
- Pray the rosary with your family
- Make a rock rosary in the garden
- Make a rosary of cupcakes for a gathering.

'Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence'
St. Francis de Sales.



<https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GSM Parishes 13th October—18th October

Monday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Fath Circle
Monday	7:00pm	Daley Centre	SVDP - Grovely
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
Tuesday	9:30am	St William's Atrium	Atrium
Tuesday	12:30pm	Gathering Space	Treble M
Tuesday	7:00pm	St William's	Christian Meditation
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
Thursday	3:30pm	Daley Centre	Mother's Prayers
Saturday	9:00am	Sacred Heart	Samford Rosary Circle

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.

Why did the sponge go to church?

It was hole-y.



The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offers insights into perseverance, prayer, and the strength found in faith. The readings emphasize the importance of trusting in God and being persistent in our spiritual life.

Persistence in Prayer: The Gospel of Luke shows Jesus encouraging persistent prayer through the parable of the unjust judge and the widow. This teaches that we should keep praying even when it seems difficult.

Support in Community: In Exodus, Moses is supported by Aaron and Hur to keep his hands raised, symbolizing the power of community support. It reminds us that we need each other to sustain our faith.

Faithful Endurance: The second reading from 2 Timothy emphasizes staying true to what we have learned and believed. It encourages us to endure hardships and be faithful to the teachings of Christ.

Justice and Trust: The parable in the Gospel highlights the importance of seeking justice and trusting that God hears our prayers. Even when answers seem delayed, we should trust in God's timing.

Role of Scripture: Paul in 2 Timothy speaks about the importance of scripture in teaching and guiding believers. This reminds us of the value of the Bible in our daily lives and decision-making.

Power of Intercession: The scene in Exodus, where Moses prays with uplifted hands, illustrates the power of intercessory prayer. It shows how praying for others can bring about God's help and support.

The readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us to be steadfast in our faith and persistent in prayer. They encourage us to trust in God's timing and the strength found in community and scripture.

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Jesus says in today's parable, "pray continually and never loose heart" (Lk 18:1-8). Focus on God Alone (prayer) is a big idea and like the cosmos, is ever expanding. As we learn more about everything, every being, all reality (Aquinas said God IS being), we Christians have our basic early witnesses telling us Jesus was focused on the marginalized. The core of Jesus' teaching is - Take care of the poor, Take care of the sick, Welcome the stranger and Be kind to those in prison. There are many faces of Jesus Christ (see: Many Faces of Jesus Christ: Intercultural Christology. Revised Edition. Orbis Books 2023) and they expound on Love. Pope Leo XIV has just signed an exhortation on accepting the marginalized and recalling the Lucan parable of the persistent widow theme called, DILEXI TE ("You have little power yet I have loved you") https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html.

Celia Deane-Drummond and Christopher Steck, S.J. are theologians that have considered the cosmic scope of Christology and the meaning of 'salvation' - even for animals. May the "kin-dom" come. <https://www.americamagazine.org/books/2025/10/03/animals-pets-heaven-book-review/>

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Saturday Crafternoon Invitation

Feeling creative? We'd love to welcome you and your craft contributions for this year's Timor Leste Companions stall at Mt Maria's Christmas on the Green.

When: Saturday Afternoons 1pm – 3pm

Where: Gathering room behind St Williams Atrium, Lower Daley Centre

We appreciate your continued generosity and support for our fundraising efforts.



Pope's Prayer Intentions: October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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HOPE
among all peoples



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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