

Year C
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th October 2025
Liturgical Colour: Green



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OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON
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SEASON OF CREATION

From little things big things are possible - with God on our side

This week the Scriptures invite us to reflect deeply on the nature of faith- what it means to believe, to trust and to serve. In a world often marked by uncertainty and hardship, today's readings speak to our longing for assurance and strength. They remind us that faith is not about having all the answers but about remaining steadfast in God's promises. They remind us that even if our faith is tiny, like that of a mustard seed, allowing God to work in us and through us, will achieve so much more than we can ever imagine possible.

In Luke's gospel (17:5-10) we see the apostles imploring Jesus to increase their faith. The apostles already believed in Jesus and were growing in discipleship. They had responded to his invitation to follow him. They had seen him work powerfully, healing and performing miracles that transformed and freed people. They wanted desperately to have the faith of Jesus, that deep relationship of trust and love that existed between Jesus and the Father.

Jesus's response to his disciples is interesting. He seems to bypass their request for an increase in faith, drawing attention instead to the quality of their faith. He reminds them that faith the size of a tiny mustard seed is all they need. It is enough to uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. Even the smallest amount of genuine faith is powerful beyond all human measure because it is not about us; rather it is based in the One in whom we place our trust. A mustard seed of real faith, faith rooted in God, can do the impossible.

Mustard seed faith grows out of our willingness to engage in a relationship with God, daring to believe that God who is total goodness desires to be actively involved in our lives, working for us, with us and beside us. This is the relationship of faith that Jesus lived. This is the faith that has the power to reach hearts and change lives. It moves us beyond a purely intellectual acceptance of God, or affirmation of a creed or belief that certain doctrines are true and orthodox. It takes our belief in Jesus to an actioning of the faith of Jesus, the living out of a profound relationship of trust, surrender and dependence upon the Source of Love and Life.

The parable that comes at the end of this gospel passage concerns the servant who does that which is expected of them with no expectation of thanks or reward. We are reminded that faith is not about earning God's favour of applause. It is about living in obedience and love, doing right simply because it is right, even when no one notices.

In the first reading today (Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4) we are given an insight into the faith relationship between the prophet Habakkuk and God. Before God, Habakkuk could bring his struggles, concerns, anger, fearfulness, pain and suffering. He was not afraid to be authentic and demanded that God do something. God meets Habakkuk where he is at and invites him to patient faithfulness and provision of all that is needed- at the right time. *"Write the vision down.....If it comes slowly, wait, for come it will without fail....the upright man will live by his faithfulness."*

Faith is not the absence of doubt or struggle. It is the decision to remain rooted in God despite them. In today's second reading from Timothy (1:6-8, 13-14) Paul understands faith to be a gift given by God to those who believe. However, it is fire that must be tended. Left untended, buried under fear, distraction or discouragement, faith ceases to be a source of strength, courage and love. It remains a gift unused and wasted.

May we fan into a flame the gift of faith that we each have received and remember that we have been given the Spirit of power, love and self- control. May our faith, however small it may seem, carry us forward to sustain us in trials and bear witness to the God who is always faithful.

Maria Wagner
 (St William's)

Sources: Doohan, Andrew. Pastoral Liturgy 55, no 3 (2004): 101-107
 Rhor, Richard. Faith as Participation, December 8, 2022

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

5th October—12th October

Grovely

St William's

Monday: 9:00am Mass
St Bruno

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
St Denis & St John Leonardi

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
Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Funeral Mass
Gerard Keates

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

Thursday: 10:30am Funeral Service
Maria Sadowski

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

10:00am 40th Anniversary Mass - *St Andrew's School - Big Red Shed*

Scaffolding for St William's Upgrade

Parishioners please be aware that from **Friday 17th Oct - Friday 24th Oct** 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: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

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.

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



MITCHELTON



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.



Family Rosary

This week: Rosita and Harry Gomez

Next week: Rosita and Harry Gomez



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

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!*



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday
7:30pm - 8:30pm
St. William's

Please note Adoration has changed start time to 7:30pm from this week

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Have you ever felt you would like to just sit and talk with Jesus?

Spending some quiet time at Adoration allows you to do just that.

He's there to listen to comfort and to enjoy time with you.

Feel welcome to experience His presence at one of the Adoration times listed in this bulletin.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

North West Deanery Saturday Masses

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

Next Saturday 11th October
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford at 7 am

School's Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our students, & staff who will commence Term 4 on Tuesday!



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: Sean Forrest, Gerard Keates, Maria Sadowski and Marie-Stella Crompton (Harvey)

Anniversary: Patricia Walker, Julie Josephine, Nev Jones, Felicitas Manangan, Elise and John O'Callaghan



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.

EVERGREENS

- Thursday 23rd of October, Evergreens will be having a pizza night in the Daley Centre at 6.00pm.

Bookings required: John & Joan Broderick 0455503713

jobrod@bigpond.net.au

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Reconciliation parent information sessions will be held at St William's:

- Wednesday 8 October 12 noon**
- Thursday 9 October 7pm**

Parents are required to attend one session.

The Encounter Kids Workshop Day is **9 November** at St William's.

Reconciliation celebration is **23 November at 11am** at St William's.

Please keep our sacramental families in your prayers & on your rosaries!



FAITH MATTERS - GSM



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Pope Leo XIV, during his first full interview since his election, has responded to many questions about his view on various matters. The article reporting on this interview was published on the Catholic Outlook site just recently. Some of the topics were as follows.

The role of the Papacy. Although internal church governance is a major part, the most important thing is the **pastoral role** that the church should always demonstrate. Pope Francis was forever stressing this with all the clergy. The role is one of building bridges, avoiding polarisation.

The Roman Curia. He acknowledged that any human organisation is always in need of some reform and noted the great work Francis had done in this regard. The various Departments of the Curia had tended to act as silos with scant communication between each other. Francis had been quite successful in turning this around but more work needs to be done.

The finances. As Pope Leo said, "I don't know how I am going to handle it yet but I'm getting some clear ideas." Francis had much success in this area, especially with the work done by Cardinal Pell. Pope Leo is well aware of how challenging continued reform in this area will be.

The role of women in the Church. He sees no change in the Church's position on the ordination of women. With respect to women becoming Deacons he has no intention, at this time, of changing the Church's teaching on the matter. However he will continue to appoint women to leadership roles at various levels of decision-making.

There were many more questions. Go to the Faith Matters website, (above), and to "Topical Articles" on the home page. **The article was received from Catholic Outlook.**

Hope you can make it. A night of inspirational story-telling with Professor Jacki Hugins and Aunty Rita. Thursday October 16 at 6pm Mary MacKillop hall, Grovely. If you can stay for refreshments please register here:

grovely@bne.catholic.net.au or Tel. 07-33628785

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL
40TH ANNIVERSARY
Celebration

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

10:00am
Anniversary Mass in the Big Shed

11:00am - 3:00pm
Food trucks, live music, and school memorabilia

Bring your family, reconnect with old friends, and celebrate the legacy of this beautiful school.
All Welcome.

89 Hogarth Road, Ferny Grove

St William's Atrium Free Open Afternoon Thursday 9th October 3 - 4:30pm

St Williams' Atrium is a Montessori-inspired environment designed to provide a Sacred space that offers children an experience for quiet reflection and discovery of who God is. Please feel invited to come and see what the Atrium may be able to offer your children. Brochures with additional information are available at each Parish Church.



Date Claimer: A HEART OF LOVE

We believe in the divine gift of love but the challenge is to incarnate this love. Drawing on both the encyclical *'Delixit nos'* and the practical advice of Dr. Gary Chapman in his series *'Languages of Love'*, Fr Iain Radvan SJ will facilitate prayer, reflection and discussion on how we can live the love that originates from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This retreat invites parishioners to share a significant story of love from their own lives.



Friday 7th (via Zoom) 7:30—8:30pm, **Saturday 8th** (10am—5pm) & **Sunday 9th November** (10am—12:30pm) at St Ignatius Parish, Toowong; (Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am).

COST: \$40.00 (includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea).

Bookings close on Tuesday 7 October, to register (via Flocknote 'sign-up'), please go to <https://stignatiustooowong.flocknote.com/signup/225593>

For full details: <https://www.stignatiustooowong.org.au/jesuit-parish-and-a-clc-hosted-weekend-retreat/> **Enquires:** please email Jan Duque jan.duque17@gmail.com

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GSM Parishes 5th October—12th October

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

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



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This 2025 Season of Creation has graced us in a special year of Jubilee and Anniversary – 800 years since St Francis composed the Canticle of Creation. Fr Robert Humacher O.F.M. says, "His Canticle of the Creatures is, I believe, the apex of his mystical union with God as he came to see (at the end of his life) how all of creation comes from the heart of God, glorifies God in every single aspect of creation and impels us to shrink in humility when we consider the vastness of God's creativity and Beauty Itself. The Canticle is a huge paean of praise for Brother Sun, Sister Moon, stars, wind, weather, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Mother Earth and even Sister Death. He knew everything came from the heart of God and is given to us. His use of brother and sister shows his inclusivity and appreciation for all people". Thank God we have had St Francis and St Clare guiding us for 800 years in understanding our relationship with the God of Creation, the cosmos, each other and all creatures. Thank God for Franciscans like Robert https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_owAjDDyOq8

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The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offers us various lessons through its readings. Each reading provides insights into how we live and believe as Christians.

Living by Faith: The prophet Habakkuk questions God about the suffering he sees. God responds by telling him to wait for a vision that promises justice. This teaches us that faith involves trusting God's timing and plan, even when we don't understand.

Gift of the Spirit: In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to use the gifts God has given him. This reminds us that God equips us with spiritual gifts, and we should use them boldly and lovingly.

Power of Small Faith: Jesus mentions that faith as small as a mustard seed can do great things. It shows us that the size of our faith is less important than its true presence and action in our lives.

Duty and Service: The Gospel also compares faith to a servant doing his duty. It teaches us that following Jesus means serving without expecting rewards; our actions are part of our Christian duty.

Vision and Persistence: Habakkuk is told to write down a vision clearly. This tells us that having a clear vision and persistence in faith can guide us through challenges and uncertainties.

Courage in Witnessing: Paul's words to Timothy highlight the need for courage in proclaiming our faith. This encourages us to be strong and persistent in sharing our belief with others.

These themes from the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourage us to reflect on our faith and duties as Christians. They guide us in living out our beliefs in practical and faithful ways.

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.

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, commencing Saturday 11th October

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

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



Bible Quiz

This week's question: To what preservative does the Lord compare his disciples? **Answer:** Next week

Last week's question: In prison, for whom did Joseph interpret dreams?

Answer: The butler and the baker (Gen 40:5)