

**Year C**  
**Solemnity of Christ the King**  
**23rd November 2025**  
**Liturgical Colour: White**



**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES**  
**OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON**  
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**PLEASE TAKE YOUR NEWSLETTER WITH YOU, DON'T PUT IT BACK!**



The Feast of Christ the King invites us to contemplate what true kingship looks like in the light of the Gospel. Throughout history, kingship has often been associated with power, wealth, and dominion.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity to be the state religion. No one could hold any other belief. Constantine's kingship was entrenched in imperial authority, military strength, and political strategy. The cross became a banner under which armies marched, and Christianity gained prominence through imperial domination. On the positive side, it stopped the persecution of the earliest Christians. The witness of the martyrs had caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society.

On the other side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church reflected that of the Empire. Unfortunately, for the next few hundred years, many conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent was tolerated. The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his nobles could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, give the thirsty something to drink, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' kingship and his followers are a different order to those seen in worldly kingdoms.

When we turn to Christ the King, we encounter a radically different vision to kingship. Jesus does not rule from a throne of gold but from the wood of the cross. His crown is not of jewels but of thorns. His power is not enforced by legions but expressed in self-giving love.

Where Constantine's kingship sought to unify an empire through law and might, Christ's kingship seeks to gather all people through mercy and truth. The contrast could not be sharper: one reigns by conquest, the other by sacrifice.

That's why this feast is so important. We are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

Jesus Christ still lives as king, in thousands of human hearts all over the world. His citizens need obey only one major law: "Love God in Loving one another as Jesus did." His love is selfless, sacrificial, kind, compassionate, forgiving and unconditional. The heart of Christ's kingship: service, humility, and love that costs everything. His authority is not imposed but offered. He does not demand allegiance through fear but invites trust through tenderness.

This feast is an invitation to all of us who have power or authority of any kind to compare our use with that of Jesus. Are we using our power to serve others or to manipulate? Are we using our power in any way that might cause pain to others or in a way that could help to ease pain?

With every Blessing,

Fr Nigel

*Nigel Sequeira*

***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

24th November—30th November

### Grovely

### St William's

Monday: 9:00am Mass  
**Cancelled**

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am 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 Catherine of Alexandria*

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

Friday: 8:30am Mass  
**Cancelled**

#### Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 10:30am Adoration and Reconciliation  
**Cancelled**

4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10:00am Mass

4:00pm Our Lady of Dolours School Family Mass

### Samford

### Sacred Heart

Thursday: 6:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

#### Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

#### A Vocation View

The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God. (2 Samuel 5:1-3)



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#### This Week's Readings: Solemnity of Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

#### Next Week's Readings: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

## GROVELY

#### Monday Mass Change

Please note that the 9.00am Monday Mass at St William's is **cancelled** until further notice.

#### Faith Circle

Faith Circle meets every Monday at 9.30am 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 every Tuesday, 7.00pm in St William's Church. Enquires to Bob on 0428 813 483

#### Baptisms



We joyfully announce the Baptisms of Finnian Carr, Jackson Longworth, and Archie Smith, and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

#### Mothers Prayers

We invite you to delight in the vocation of motherhood as we pray in surrender to the Lord. We have you, your children, and grandchildren covered in prayer.

**When:** Wednesday at 9.30am;  
Thursday at 3.30pm  
**Where:** Daley Centre



#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday  
7.30-8.30pm,  
St William's



#### SVDP Church Shop St William's

Our shop has Christmas items available. Cards, ornaments, nativity sets, and children's books are on display. Some Advent Reflection Books are still available as well as Columban Calendars and two *God's Word* books. Thank you for your support.

## MITCHELTON



Adoration and Reconciliation will be held on the **second Saturday of the month, commencing 13th December.**

Our Lady of Dolours

#### Family Rosary

**This week:** Ann & Edmond O'Donovan

**Next week:** Zeny Alcorn



## SAMFORD

#### Samford Rosary Circle

The Samford Rosary Circle meets weekly

**When:** Wednesday at 10.00am

**Where:** For the month of November Columbarium at Sacred Heart  
*Come and pray with us.*



## COMBINED COMMUNITIES

#### Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

*Thank you* for your generous response at last weekend's Hamper Appeal!

**Hampers:** There are still some hampers available. If you are able to make up one of these hampers, please contact **Brendan 0431 919 400** as soon as possible.

**Cash donations:** please return your **envelope** by the end of **next weekend** (November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>). Envelopes should be clearly marked with Christmas Hamper Appeal and can be placed in the collection plate. For Direct Deposit online donations, details are listed below:

Making an **online donation** by direct deposit to the Parish account  
BSB 064 786 ACCOUNT: 100007198 **REFERENCE: GrovHamper**  
**(for Grovely Appeal) OR MitchHamper (for Mitchelton Appeal)**

Thank you for your support of this wonderful parish activity which takes our Christian mission out into the wider community.

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# COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Barry Thomas McPhee, Ailsa (Jean) Byrnes, Bryan Carlin

**Anniversary:** Josie Grasso (nee Musumeci)



## We pray for the Sick

**We pray for:** Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Bob Malcolm, Gloria Roughan, Richard Lee, Mark Ballam, and Lachlan Fitzsimmon

**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 three churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

## EVERGREENS

**Christmas Lunch**—Thursday 11th December. Payment must be made on or before 30th November at our monthly cuppa in the Daley Centre.

**Men's cuppa** at Arana Leagues Club—Friday 29th November.

John & Joan Broderick 0455 503 713  
email [jobrod@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jobrod@bigpond.net.au)

## Sacramental News

Thank you for praying for the children experiencing God's endless mercy and boundless love this weekend at their First Reconciliation. Thank you to the prayer partners who so diligently kept the children and families in your prayers and on your rosaries. Prayer is the greatest gift we can give each other; it is not the 'least we can do,' rather, it is the most!

God bless you all. — Laura

## Thank you

Thank you to all who attended the **Mothers Prayers** Brisbane Retreat. Ladies from Toowoomba, Kingaroy, and all over South East Queensland came together for a beautiful day led by the Holy Spirit. The spiritual restoration, Adoration, prayers, and Mass were incredibly meaningful.



Our sincere thanks to Fr Nigel for his support. Our parishioners, and those for whom you pray are covered in prayer.

*With a mother's love, God bless.*



## FAITH MATTERS - GSM



[www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au](http://www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au)

On this feast of Christ the King, the last day of the 2025 Church Liturgical Year, let's look briefly at *Dilexi te*, ('On Love for the Poor') recently published by Pope Leo XIV, which sets out the Catholic response to wealth and poverty. Actually it was written by Pope Francis and edited and endorsed by Pope Leo. Pope Francis had taken his papal name from Francis of Assisi – the servant of the poor. He and Pope Leo had a burning desire to always be on the side of the poor and marginalised.

What follows are some excerpts from a piece written by Fr. Hamilton S.J. and taken from the Catholic Outlook website in Parramatta Diocese, Sydney. According to Fr. Hamilton, four aspects stand out in *Dilexi te*.

- **First.** Selecting and telling stories always involves retelling them. In presenting Catholic Social Teaching, for example, *Dilexi te*, offers a brief summary of the Church teaching before the Second Vatican Council, emphasises the Council's attention to the poor, and devotes most attention to the Latin American conferences which emphasised the central place of the poor in the Church. Archbishop Romero embodied this view. Once marginalised among Catholics, he and the poor lie at the heart of faith.
- **Second.** The positions and people with whom *Dilexi te* takes issue are Catholics who disregard or minimise the central part of the poor in their faith. Allied to them are those infected by the wider culture whose social and political views emphasise the individual over the common good, see individual and national wealth as the measure of a good society, and regard the poor as defective or as expendable.
- **Third.** The document reminds us that, in Australia, inequality and the attitudes it feeds are common. It points to the enormity of the task of moving the centre of culture from individuals and their interests to their relationships within the community. This change is needed to notice and reach out to the poor. *Dilexi te* demonstrates how counter-cultural is the genuinely Christian response. It also makes it attractive.
- **Fourth.** The most notable feature of *Dilexi te* is that Pope Francis has not only helped publish and put his name to such a radical document but has fully endorsed it.

**Pope Leo signed *Dilexi te* on 4th October, the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi.**

## Verse for Vinnies

Verse for Vinnies' next show  
sees a bloke you don't know,  
as he hasn't performed here before.

Tony Casewell's his name,  
loves the poetry game,  
his recitals will hold you in awe.  
Before coming to verse  
Tony's been a psych nurse,  
and has mastered the gift of the gab.  
He's a down-to-earth bloke  
and can tell a good joke,  
and you'll find his performance is fab.

And this time Noel's relying  
on old Father O'Brien,  
to support Tony up on the stage.  
There'll be laughs, there'll be fun,  
and we'd love you to come,  
as this show's sure to be all the rage.  
And the dough, from this show,  
will all go, as you know,  
so that battlers get Christmas. Ho-Ho.

**Sunday, 30th November 1.30pm**  
**Cost \$15 @ Mary MacKillop Centre**  
Book using [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)

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



## Bible Quiz

**Where did the Pharisees claim Jesus got his power from?**

Answer: Next week



This Sunday, our RCIA Catechumens **Kasey Broderick** and **Sarah Eaton** and our Candidate **Carlos Poles** will be participating in a Rite of Welcome.

We offer our prayerful support for their journey towards Full Reception.



<https://triplegrovelly.au>

Use the link above to tune in for Meditation, Scripture, Mass over the airways, music that matters, and more!



# COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

## GSM Parishes 24th November—30th November

Monday	9:00am	Daley Centre	SVDP - Mitchelton
	9:30am	Daley Centre	Fath Circle
	7:00pm	Daley Centre	RCIA
	7:30pm	St William's Church	St William's Choir Practice
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
	9:30am	St William's Atrium	Atrium
	12:30pm	Gathering Space	Treble M
	5:00pm	St Andrew's School	Year 6 Graduation Liturgy
Wednesday	7:00pm	St William's Church	Christian Meditation
	10:00am	Columbarium, Samford	Samford Rosary Circle
	11:00am	Daley Centre	Evergreens Exercise
Thursday	3:20pm	St William's Atrium	Atrium
	3:30pm	Daley Centre	Mothers Prayers
	6:00pm	St William's School	School Christmas Carols
Friday	5:30pm	St Andrew's School	School Christmas Carols

## LAUDATO SI'

The authors of *Break Open the Word Liturgy Brisbane 2024* (p.147) note the horrifying irony and "deep shock" of encountering Christ on the cross in today's Gospel. This points to the Christian paradigm shift about power. The imperial soldiers' mocking sign in Latin, Hebrew, and Greek (*King of the Jews*) points to the universality of the shift, that the path to glory lies through suffering and leadership and it means laying down your life in service. Paul is quoting an early Christian liturgical hymn about Christ that is cosmic in scope, God-in-Christ is the head of the whole of creation. COP30 in Belem is a meeting of most of the 'empires' of the physical world. Nearly 200 countries and over 56,000 official registrants, very many faith-based groups, and 70,000 marchers, including land rights holders of the Amazon basin, are in dialogue. At issue is truth, justice, peace, and integrity of creation. Many are explicitly engaging with this science, politics, faith complex through the lens of Laudato Si' and an integral-ecology paradigm.

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<https://news.un.org/en/>



## Children's Mass and Nativity Tableaux 24th December 2024 St William's Grovely 5pm Mass

**Rehearsals** for the tableaux and children's choir and band will take place from **10:15 (after 9am Mass) Sunday 21st of December.**

Please email [saraholine80@gmail.com](mailto:saraholine80@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.



St Vincent's Care Services in Mitchelton is looking for experienced and energetic Pastoral Care Volunteers to help set up for Sunday Mass and distribute Holy Communion to bedbound residents.

Please email:

[svcs.volunteers@svha.org.au](mailto:svcs.volunteers@svha.org.au) for more information and to begin your application.

*Share your gifts with those who have worked hard for our Church and community!*

## Feed the Poor—Two Hours a Month

Would you like to express your Christian faith by delivering donated bread to the poor, in the parish area, but can only spare two hours a month, on a Saturday from 5.30pm? Vinnies offers you the opportunity to do so.

- You need to become an Associate Member of **St William's SVDP Conference**, and have a police check, paid for by Vinnies.
- No meetings to attend, and the roster is flexible. You can use your own vehicle or the Vinnies van.
- Visits are done in pairs, so it would suit a husband and wife, two friends, or a parent and child over fifteen.

Please express your interest via the Conference email: [sw4054@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:sw4054@svdpqld.org.au)

**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

## Christ Reigns with Love

The Solemnity of Christ the King Year C reminds us that Jesus is the true King. His rule is not about power or wealth. It is about love, mercy, and peace. He leads us by giving His life for us. This feast helps us see what real kingship means in God's eyes.

On this day, we remember that Jesus is the head of all creation. Everything belongs to Him. Yet He chooses to care for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

The Solemnity of Christ the King Year C calls us to follow His way of kindness and service. This feast also gives us hope. Christ's kingdom is not broken or temporary. It is forever, and He invites us to be part of it. When we live in His love, we share in the joy of His kingdom, both now and in the life to come.

