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Year A  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time /  
Word of God Sunday  
1st February  
Liturgical Colour: Green



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES  
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON  
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**Paul's letter invites the  
Corinthians to consider  
their call.**

**It is an invitation for us too.**



How are we living out our calling to follow in the way of Jesus? With our staff from the Catholic schools of our parish gathering for this weekend's Commissioning Mass, we might focus especially on the call of Catholic educators. We affirm and encourage our teachers and school leaders in their vocation as they renew their commitment to serve and support the young people in our schools.

Whether we are teachers or not, what Paul goes on to write next about the Corinthians seems less inspiring: those called to Christian life are not wise or powerful. They are average, everyday people. No heroes or hotshots. It is humbling, but on second thoughts a wonderful thing: we come as we are.

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of seeking the Lord and seeking humility and integrity. Our Christian tradition is patterned on this ancient Hebrew understanding of a merciful God and the desire to live in right relationship with God and others.

This is the God that Jesus knew and loved. His Abba. Jesus wants us to know this God who embraces the lowest of the low, accompanying them in their suffering.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks of and to a people who are powerless and disadvantaged in every sense and calls them "blessed". The merciful, the pure in heart, and the peacemakers are blessed, but so too are the people who persecuted and reviled for Jesus' sake. And still today: blessed are those who are treated inhumanely by other people for their beliefs; who are silenced for their courage to speak and act for justice; who are exploited, impoverished, dispossessed, and oppressed by powerful people and unjust systems. Not only are they blessed but the kingdom of heaven is theirs. This is an enduring home, a safe harbour in God's heart for the hopeless and homeless, here now and still to come. And this is the 'glorious' image of God who chose a poor young woman in a Galilean backwater through whom to take on human form through the Spirit, to live an inconspicuous life until his decision to challenge the status quo resulted in his brutal execution. God who in Jesus knows the terrifying and vulnerable condition of being flesh and blood and who by every normal human measure of success was a failure, a loser, and a fool. Yet, beyond humiliation, suffering, and death, there is always the new dawn, the open tomb, the mystery of new life. It is our faith in life after failure, the cross, and the resurrection that helps us see why Jesus proclaims the kingdom is first for the last.

As the face of Christ for each other—including our teachers for our young people—we bring God's kingdom into the reality of our lives every day. Welcoming the mystery and presence of God among us, just as we are, reminds us we are not powerful or wise but we are loved. For our educators and our young people, may you have compassion and kindness for one another and for those most vulnerable in your midst. May you bring about the kingdom of God.

**Clare Locke**

*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

2nd February—7th February

### Grovely

### St William's

Monday: 10:30am Funeral Mass  
*Madge Beaverson*

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass  
*St Agatha*

#### 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. Ansgar; St Blaise*

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

Friday: 9:00am Our Lady of Dolours School 75 Years Celebration Mass

#### Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 9:30am Reconciliation  
4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10:00am Mass

### Samford

### Sacred Heart

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

#### Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

## FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Monday, 4:30pm Faith Vibes with  
9th Feb: Fr. Nigel

Thursday, 9:00am, St William's School  
12th Feb: Start of Year Mass

Friday, 9:00am, St Andrew's School  
13th Feb: Start of Year Mass

Sunday, 9:00am, Family Mass  
15th Feb: *St William's Church*

Friday, 10:00am, World Day of  
6th March: Prayer Ecumenical Service  
Arana Hills Church of Christ

### This Week's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

### Next Week's Readings: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
John 8:12

## GROVELY

### Faith Circle

Faith Circle will resume in the Daley Centre on Monday, 2nd February at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Join us for fun, friendship, and a cup of coffee while we discuss the Sunday gospel. Come along and see what we are all about. All welcome!

### Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome to join us at every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the 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. We have you, your children, and grandchildren covered in prayer. Wednesday, 9.30am, Daley Centre.

### EVERGREENS

Exercise class recommences Wednesday, 4th February, at 11.00am in the Daley Centre.

Contacts: John & Joan Broderick,  
0455 503 713, jobrod@bigpond.net.au



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm  
St William's

### St William's Church Shop

We have a spotlight on Eileen O'Connor in the main glass cabinet. Young Australian Eileen founded Our Lady's Nurses For The Poor (Brown Sisters). You can google Eileen at, [ourladyasnurses.org.au](http://ourladyasnurses.org.au).

Her cause for Sainthood is up to the stage of Beatification. There needs to be evidence of a miracle through the intercession of Eileen, for her to be considered for the next stage.

**The Sisters are asking us for prayers for this to happen.**

There is free information about Eileen in various forms which people are welcome to take.

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated at the 9.00am Mass on 8th February and 8th March. Volunteers are sought to present the sessions; please email Kate Craig [katenicoleb@gmail.com](mailto:katenicoleb@gmail.com)

### Family Mass: Sunday, 15th February



We meet at 8.00am before Mass to practise. All are welcome!

Please join us for Mass and hospitality afterwards. If able, bring a plate to share!

### Timor-Leste Companions

First meeting for the year on Thursday, 5th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Library (under the Grovely Presbytery). New members are always welcome.

### Liturgical Ministers

We are in URGENT need of volunteers to be part of this ministry. If you would like to be a Reader, Commentator, or Eucharistic Minister at St William's, please contact Sue Graham 0407 043 256

[jgraham5@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jgraham5@bigpond.net.au) or the Parish Office, ph. 3355 3690 [grovely@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:grovely@bne.catholic.net.au)

## SAMFORD

### First Friday Coffee and Chat

Ladies, let's meet for First Friday Coffee and Chat, Friday 6th February on the verandah of Samford Church from 9.30am.

*Please bring a small plate of goodies to share as we chat.*

Contact - Cathy  
0409 871 209.



### Liturgy of the Word with Communion

There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. It will resume on 12th February.

### Samford Rosary Circle

**When:** Wednesday, 10.00am  
**Where:** Sacred Heart Church, Samford.  
Come and pray with us.

## MITCHELTON

### Reconciliation

Saturday, 9.30am -10.15am, Our Lady of Dolours. *All Welcome!*

## COMBINED COMMUNITIES

### Anointing & Communion Service

**When:** Monday, 2nd February, 3.00pm  
**Where:** Moonah Park Aged Care, Blaker Road, Mitchelton.

### Teachers & Catechists Commissioning Mass

**Date:** Sunday, 1st February, 9.00am  
**Place:** St William's Church



## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Dorothy Marsh, John Kuhnert, Marian Jenatsch, Bob Malcolm, Tony Hooper, Barry Crawford, Nicole Stratford, Kathleen Johnston (Peter Grealy's sister), Marie Therese Los, and Madge Beaverson

**Anniversary:** Wilma Eggerling, Betty Feldman, Len McDonald, Duncan and Kit Robertson



## We pray for the Sick

**We pray for:** Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Lachlan Fitzsimmon, John Tierney, Bernadette Tierney, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, and Maureen Campbell

**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.



## FAITH MATTERS - GSM



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

In this year's Church Liturgical Year we are now in a period of two weeks (after today), prior to Ash Wednesday on 18th February, the start of Lent. These Sundays are called the Fifth and Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

These Sundays in Ordinary Time, at various stages of the year, seek to present to us the messages from the three teaching years of Jesus. In this way He shows us who God, His Father, is and what the Kingdom of God actually entails. This year the Gospel readings will be from Matthew as it is his turn in the roster (Year A). Year B is Mark and Year C is Luke. We had Luke last year.

So Ash Wednesday is only a few weeks away. As usually occurs, the Archdiocese publishes a Lenten booklet for people to use during Lent as they prepare for Jesus' Resurrection on 5th April. The booklet is suitable for use by individual families, by a group of people in a friend's house, or over coffee somewhere or by a group organised at the Church.

The title of the Brisbane Archdiocesan Lenten booklet for this year is *The Journey Home*. As well as the usual six sessions format, the booklet also contains information to help with small group sessions, as well as a format to be used on Ash Wednesday itself. There is a Gospel reflection for every day of Lent including the Triduum.

The Faith Matters group will run the sessions at night, on Tuesdays in the Daley Centre, beginning at 7.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm. These dates are 24th February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st March. These night sessions may be of benefit to parishioners who are working, particularly since the program will finish at 8.30pm. We usually finish with a cuppa for those who can stay awhile.

We do need parishioners to register for the program, and this can be done on a sheet outside the entrance door to the three churches. All we need is your name, your phone number, and email address. The booklet can be purchased at the three churches for \$5 – the same as the last few years. On the first night we will have some copies there in case you find it difficult to buy one at the churches on a Sunday.

## COMBINED COMMUNITIES



# Celebrating 75 Years

*Let Us Live, Love, and Learn in Christ*

Our Lady of Dolours celebrates 75 Years

We invite all past staff, students, and families of Our Lady of Dolours School to join us for a special celebration marking 75 Years of Living, Loving, and Learning in Christ.

**Friday, 6th February 2026**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Dolours Church followed by a celebration at the school

**The Celebration Will Include:**

- Tour of the School
- Morning Tea
- Past Photos Presentation
- Opportunities to Share Memories
- School Choir Performance
- Student Artwork Display



Bring along your memorabilia and old photos and please pass on details of this celebration to your contacts.

RSVP by telephone or email (below) by Monday, 19th January 2026

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Mitchelton Qld 4053

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[www.ourladyofdolours.qld.edu.au](http://www.ourladyofdolours.qld.edu.au)



Happy Birthday, Fr. Nigel!  
May God bless you with grace, and may your birthday bring you good health and much happiness.

### Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

**You're Invited!**

Are you a youth or young adult (15-25) curious about the Christian faith, or thinking about becoming Catholic? Join us for an engaging study series where we explore what it means to follow Christ and live as a Catholic today. This is a welcoming space for questions, discussion, and discovering the beauty of faith together. Whether you're seeking answers, deepening your understanding, or discerning the next step in your journey, you're most welcome!

**When:** 4.30-5.30pm, Mondays  
from 9th February

**Where:** Daley Centre,  
St William's, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra

**Come and see — your journey starts here!**



### Sacramental News

Are your children in Year 3 or above and need to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation? Check out our website for full details and enrolments at <https://gsmparishes.com.au/confirmation/>

Our Confirmation program commences early March 2026. With a heart of gladness we welcome you and your family!

**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 0431 666 712; or  
Judy 0408 559 328

**GSM Parishes 2nd February—7th February**

Monday	3:00pm	Moonah Park	Anointing & Communion
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
	12:30pm	Gathering Space	Treble M
	7:00pm	St William's	Christian Meditation
Wednesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Mothers Prayers
	10:00am	Sacred Heart	Samford Rosary Circle
	11:00am	Daley Centre	Evergreens Exercise
Thursday	7:00pm	St William's Library	Timor-Leste Companions
Saturday	10:00am	Keperra Sanctuary	Ecumenical Service

**Blessings for the Lowly Ones**

The fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A shows us how God sees things differently than we do. In each reading, we hear about people the world may overlook—those who are weak, poor, or humble. But God lifts them up. He sees their faith and their trust.

The Gospel reading gives us the Beatitudes. Jesus tells us who is truly blessed. It's not the rich or powerful. It's those who are gentle, those who show mercy, and those who suffer for doing what is right. These words are simple, but they show us how to live as followers of Christ.

The other readings also remind us to stay humble. God saves a small group of people in Zephaniah. Paul tells the Corinthians that God chooses the weak on purpose. The psalm praises God for helping the poor and the needy. These are all reminders that God is close to the lowly.

The message of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is clear. If we want to follow Jesus, we must be small in the eyes of the world. That is where God does great things.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for February**

**For children with incurable diseases:** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**A Vocation View**

We are called to be happy in all seasons and share it with others. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?



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**Lenten Reflection Books**

Published by Archdiocesan Ministries and written by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge, these books are available at our three churches at \$5 each

**Word of God Sunday**

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is dedicated to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday)

**RI Teachers needed!**

Is it on your heart to teach the awesome love of God to children? RI Teachers are needed to teach the children of our local State Schools about the Lord. All training and lesson planning is provided. Please email Dorothy at [dorothydent173@gmail.com](mailto:dorothydent173@gmail.com)

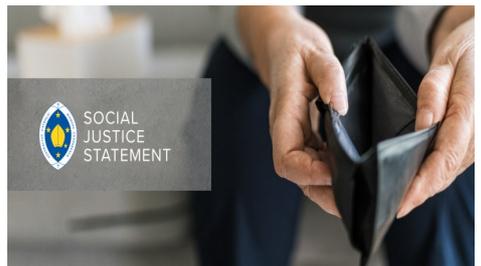
**LAUDATO SI'**

Astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg 2026 said of her looking to the sky as a child in awe, "That imperative to look to the sky in wonder, to innovate and explore, is an ancient one on this continent. Looking up to 'sky country' has always been part of who we are". She went on to talk about the "overview" experience - looking back over the whole earth, the new perspective this engenders reinforcing the comparative place of people and life on the blue planet against the backdrop of the cosmos. St. Paul says today, "The human race has nothing to boast about to God" (Cor1:26-31). Like in Job, however, we have plenty to wonder about, good and bad and confounding like why can't we all get along in the 'kin-dom' of earth. Laudato Si' encourages wise imagination in theology, philosophy, and economics. It has a systematic 'method' (Greek for 'following a path') - the lens of ecology - "our common home". The film *Imagine* by Jack Manning Bancroft and Tyson Yankaporta is an example of contemporary, co-created, systems-thinking made accessible: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-01-26/imagine-movie-jack-manning-bancroft-aime-indigenous-mentoring/106256658>



<https://tripleygrovelly.au>

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**CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO**

Brisbane launch of the **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2026 Social Justice Statement**. Launched by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay with a reflection from Trish McMahon, State President for St Vincent de Paul Society.



THE COST OF OUR LIVING: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

10 FEB | 7PM | ST JAMES PARISH HALL  
92 Kirkland Avenue Coorparoo (Off-street parking available)



Register your seat or connection through this link.



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**2025 GSM Catholic Parishes Family Retreat**



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