Year A
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th February
Liturgical Colour: Green

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON

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PLEASE TAKE YOUR NEWSLETTER WITH YOU, DON'T PUT IT BACK!

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "You are the salt of the earth… You are the light of the world". Salt preserves what is good; light reveals what is true. These are not passive images. Jesus is saying: "Your faith must make a difference". Your life—your voice—must season the world with compassion and bring light to injustice with love.

The first step toward caring for the marginalised is learning to *see* them. Not in a vague, generalised way—'the poor', 'the forgotten'— but seeing real people, with real faces, real hopes, and real wounds.

Jesus always *saw* people: honouring the poor widow's offering, the woman with the haemorrhage, touching the untouchable leper, dining with the tax collectors, welcoming the outcasts to the banquet. Before He healed, He noticed. Before He restored, He stopped.

In our own lives, who do we tend to look past?

The disabled person with communication difficulties? The lonely elderly parishioner? The newcomer at Mass who is unsure where to sit? The homeless person whose presence makes us uncomfortable? The migrants and refugees seeking safety and dignity?

Salt and light begin with recognition. Salt preserves because it *touches* what is decaying. Light illuminates because it *enters* the darkness. Our faith cannot remain distant, floating in good intentions or waiting to see what happens by chance or impulse. We need to have a conscious, intentional path to allow ourselves to be drawn into the reality of another's suffering.

What could this look like?

- Choosing to listen to the stories of those who feel invisible.
- Advocating when someone is spoken about unjustly at work or in the community.
- Supporting outreach ministries, not only with donations but with your presence.
- Being willing to be inconvenienced—because love, at its core, is inconvenient.

Are our actions Christlike?

Christlike actions centre on embodying love, humility, and service, mirroring the character of Jesus through compassion, forgiveness, and selflessness.

And He tells us today:

"Just, so, your light **must** shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and give glorify your heavenly Father".

A Church that cares for the marginalised is a Church that looks like Jesus. A Christian who stands with the vulnerable—deliberately, consistently, humbly—is a living homily the world cannot ignore. When we become salt, life tastes different for someone else. When we become light, someone else's darkness is less overwhelming. And, in these simple but intentional actions, the Kingdom of God breaks into the world—quietly, steadily, beautifully.

Fr. Nigel Sequiera PP 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

9th February—14th February

Grovely	**St William's**
Wednesday:	7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday:	9:00am St William's School Opening Mass
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 *St. Scholastica*
Wednesday:	8:30am Mass *Our Lady of Lourdes*
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
Next Weekend:	
Sunday:	8:00am Mass

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Friday 13th Feb:	9:00am St Andrew's School Opening Mass *St Andrew's School*
Sunday 15th Feb:	9:00am Family Mass *St William's Church*
Wednesday 18th Feb:	Ash Wednesday 8:30am *Our Lady of Dolours* 9am & 7pm *St William's*
Thursday 19th Feb:	10:00am Centenary of Monastery Celebration Irish Room, Oxford Park
Friday 6th March:	10:00am World Day of Prayer for Nigeria *Arana Hills Church of Christ*

This Week's Readings:
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Next Week's Readings:
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 11:25

GROVELY

Faith Circle

We meet on Monday 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 and see what we are 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

Anointing and Communion Service

This service will take place on Tuesday, 10th February at `10.30am at Bellevue Aged Care, Ferny Hills.

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,

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm
St William's

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

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!

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 ourladysnurses.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.

MITCHELTON

Reconciliation

Saturday, 9.30am -10.15am,
Our Lady of Dolours

All Welcome!

Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Joan Tennison will take place in Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Caloundra, on Tuesday 10th February at 11.00am. The burial will be at Pinnaroo Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday, 11th February at 11.00am.

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

SAMFORD

Samford Rosary Circle

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

Anointing and Communion Service

This service will take place on Tuesday, 10th February at 4.30pm at Samford Grove Aged Care.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

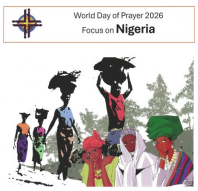
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

An invitation has been received from the *Arana Hills Ecumenical Church of Christ.*

You are invited to join our local Christian communities at this annual day of prayer.

An ecumenical service of hope and friendship, followed by morning tea.

World Day of Prayer
Ecumenical Service
10.00am, Friday, 6th March



Further information
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Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Tony Hooper, Barry Crawford, Nicole Stratford, Kathleen Johnston (Peter Grealy's sister), Marie Therese Los, Madge Beaverson, and Joan Tennison

Anniversary: Margaret Ryan, Flavio Uldarbe

We pray for the Sick

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

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.

Thank you from our Sister Parish in Liquica, Timor Leste.

We have received many expressions of gratitude from our sister parish in Liquica. Funds raised from our Lenten Appeal last year have made a significant difference to the challenges faced by the parish.

Sr Jincy's Pontifical Missionary Works Program received $2196, which helped support youth activities within the parish, providing valuable opportunities for young people to grow in faith, community, and service. The PAR Sisters received $4085, which helped to pay school fees in 2025 for the primary and secondary girls boarding in their hostel. The Dom Gabriel Manek Orphanage also received $4085, which will be used this year to help cover the educational, medical, and living expenses of the 29 girls who call the orphanage home. St John de Brito Primary School received $4495, which was used to install glass louvres in four classrooms and to repair two classrooms. In a letter we received from the Principal, he wrote:

> *Your support and contributions have been a tremendous source of motivation for all of us to continue striving in our learning and school development. This support is not only material in nature but also opens the door to hope. Your kindness and solidarity have brought about a significant transformation—from a place of hardship to a brighter path forward. May God continue to pour out His grace and strengthen the spirit of collaboration and solidarity in the future.*

Thank you for supporting the Parish Appeal and providing hope for a better future for the people of Liquica.

Luke Matthews

FAITH MATTERS - GSM

www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

The Archdiocesan 2026 Lenten program, called *The Journey Home*, can benefit two groups of parishioners.

1) Those who wish to do the program being run by the Faith Matters team in the Daley Centre, commencing Tuesday 24th February, and continuing for another five consecutive Tuesdays and then using the books at home for every other day of Lent: and

2) Those who wish to use the booklets each day of Lent, either individually at home, or in a small group of friends who can meet in any agreed place.

This is possible because the booklets contain both the readings for the six Sundays of Lent **and** a reflection for every other day of Lent as well. The author of the booklet this year is Archbishop Emeritus, Mark Coleridge.

For those in group 1) above, the dates of the Tuesday evening meetings are **24th February, and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st March, starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm.** A cuppa is available for those who can stay for a while at the end of the session.

Those wishing to come on a Tuesday night need to register. A sheet is near the entrance to the three churches to enable you to do this. You also need to buy a booklet prior to the first night. This can be done after the weekend Masses in the church shop at Grovely or Mitchelton and near the entrance to the church at Samford. The cost of a booklet is $5 – unchanged over a number of years. However, this year the booklet contains something for each day of Lent as well and is a great bargain.

Please register for the Tuesday evening sessions this weekend or the next.

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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

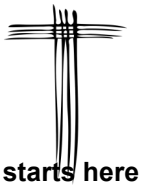
Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

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!

Ash Wednesday Liturgy Times

Wednesday 18th February

Our Lady of Dolours
Wednesday 8.30am
Grovely
St. William's
Wednesday 9.00am
7.00pm

Powerhouse of Prayer

Fr Paul Chandler O. Carm.

An invitation to learn and practise Lectio Divina, is open to individuals and groups. The day will be guided by Fr. Paul Chandler O. Carm., a Carmelite priest and highly experienced spiritual director and teacher with a strong background in formation, theology, and international Carmelite ministry.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, 21st March
Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm
Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)
Cost: $55 Information & Registration

GSM Parishes 9th February—14th February			
Monday	9:00am	Daley Centre	SVDP Mitchelton
	9:30am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
	4:30pm	Daley Centre	Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel
	7:00pm	Daley Centre	SVDP Grovely
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
	10:30am	Bellevue Aged Care	Anointing & Communion
	11:00am	Daley Centre	Evergreens Exercise
	4:30pm	Samford Grove	Anointing & Communion

Let Your Light Shine Bright

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that faith is not something we keep hidden. Jesus tells us to be like salt and light. These are simple images, but they help us understand what it means to live as His followers.

This Sunday's readings talk about helping others, being kind, and trusting in God. Isaiah tells us to care for the poor. The Psalm praises those who are generous and steady. Paul points us to Jesus, not fancy words. And Jesus calls us to live in a way that points others to God.

Each reading gives us a clear message. Faith must show in our actions. When we serve others, we reflect God's love. When we do good, we help others see the way to God.

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

Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

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Centenary of Monastery

The St Vincent's Oxford Park *Centenary of the Monastery* celebration will be held at 10.00am on Thursday, 19th February, in the Irish Room. Parishioners are all welcome.

LAUDATO SI'

Saint John of the Cross taught that all the goodness present in the realities and experiences of this world "is present in God eminently and infinitely, or more properly, in each of these sublime realities is God" (LS 234). Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God (LS 84). Inspired by biblical wisdom and the best of church tradition and teaching we look to the most ordinary as most awesome, eg. the black cockatoos and Gould's goannas in our remnant forest native trees (https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/plants/ecosystems/remnant-vegetation).
Exploring the ancient teachings of our faith in the light of today's ecological crisis, Laudato Si' teaches us that "everything is connected" (LS 91). As our relationship with our divine Creator has been neglected, human relationships have faltered, and our world has grown hotter, less stable, more lifeless. As a result, we all suffer, and the poorest and most vulnerable suffer above all. We face a "complex crisis that is both social and environmental" (LS139). There is hope as we actualise "loving awareness" of this home we share to act on the values we hold dear. (LS 220).

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