Year A
2nd Sunday in Lent
1st March 2026
Liturgical Colour: Purple

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON

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

"This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen to Him"

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are invited up the mountain with Jesus, Peter, James, and John to witness the profound moment of the Transfiguration. On that mountaintop, the disciples glimpse Jesus in His glory—radiant, transformed, and unmistakably united with God's presence. For a brief moment, their ordinary world is interrupted by something extraordinary.

As a school community, this Gospel speaks deeply to our daily lives. Much like the disciples, we often journey through routines, responsibilities, and challenges. Yet God continues to reveal moments of light—small transfigurations—if we pause long enough to notice them. They may come through a child's kindness in the playground, a breakthrough in learning, a word of encouragement from a colleague, or a shared prayer that draws us together.

Peter's response, "Lord, it is good for us to be here", captures something true for us as well. It *is* good for us to be here: in this parish, in this community, in our shared mission of forming young hearts and minds in faith and love. But the Gospel also reminds us that discipleship is not just about staying on the mountaintop. The vision fades, and Jesus leads the disciples back down into the valley, back into the world where healing, teaching, and witnessing are needed.

As we continue through the school term, may we be attentive to God's presence in the ordinary and courageous in following Jesus into the places where hope and compassion are most needed. And may we listen to the Father's words spoken over Jesus, "This is my Son, the Beloved … listen to Him"—as an invitation to shape our actions, our decisions, and our relationships each day.

Let us pray that our community remains a place where Christ's light is seen, shared, and celebrated.

Tricia Howard
Principal, Our Lady of Dolours School

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 March-7th March

Grovely	**St William's**
Wednesday:	7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday:	9:00am Mass
Friday:	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Next Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:00am Mass
	9:00am Mass *Incl. Children's Liturgy*
	5:00pm Mass
Mitchelton	**Our Lady of Dolours**
Monday:	9:00am Mt Maria College House Mass
Tuesday:	8:30am Mass
Wednesday:	8:30am Mass *Cancelled*
Next Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	9:30am Reconciliation
	4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	10:00am Mass *RCIA 1st Rite of Healing and Strengthening*
Samford	**Sacred Heart**
Thursday:	6:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Next Weekend:	
Sunday:	8:00am Mass

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, 10th March	10:30am Anointing Mass *Bellevue Aged Care*
Sunday, 15th March	9:00am Family Mass RCIA Rite of Healing and Strengthening *St William's*
Sunday, 22nd March	8:00am *RCIA Rite of Healing and Strengthening Sacred Heart*

This Week's Readings: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week's Readings: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

GROVELY

Lent with Faith Circle

Are you wondering how to pray more during Lent? Join our small group at Faith Circle. We are in the Daley Centre from 9.30am Monday for a 10.00am start. Bring your Lenten booklet *The Journey Home*, available at each church for $5. Everyone is 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.

Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Peter Hamill, and **John Hamill**.

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm
St William's

Family Mass

Sunday, 15th March

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!

MITCHELTON

Reconciliation

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

All Welcome!

Anointing and Communion Service

This service will take place on Monday, 2nd March, at 3.00pm at Moonah Park Aged Care, Blaker Road, Mitchelton.

Mass—Wednesday 4th March

Please note that there will be **no 8.30am Mass** on Wednesday.

SAMFORD

Samford Rosary Circle

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

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.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Safeguarding Refresher Training

Our parish has arranged for Jim O'Brien, Senior Safeguarding Advisor from the Archdiocese Office of Safeguarding Services to present the Safeguarding training.

When: Thursday, 5 March 2026
Time: 10am – 12pm
Where: Daley Centre

Please note the staff from the Parish office will be in training as well.

EVERGREENS

Friday 20th March: Evergreens will be having a pizza night in the Daley Centre from 5.30pm. Bookings essential.

Please note that our end-of-month cuppa in March is cancelled. It is Palm Sunday when RCIA candidates will be preparing for the Easter ceremonies in the Daley Centre.

Bookings and info:
John & Joan: 0455 503 713
jobrod@bigpond.net.au

Powerhouse of Prayer—Fr Paul Chandler O. Carm.

An invitation to learn and practise Lectio Divina, is open to individuals and groups. **Date:** Saturday, 21st March **Time:** 9.00am – 3.00pm **RSVP**: Friday, 13th March **Location:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)

Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Caterina Beninca, Lachlan Fitzsimmon, and Raymond Kishaba

Anniversary: Robert DeMello

We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, Ellen Girgenti, Mary Murphy, and Cathy Ballam

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.

Stations of the Cross

St William's Church
7.00pm
Fridays during Lent
(except Good Friday)

FAITH MATTERS - GSM

God wishes to form a deeper relationship with each of us.

There is a strong viewpoint that every aspect of our life, our prayer, our very concept of God, could be one of constant gratitude to a God who gives us everything in our journey through life - from our first breath at birth to our last breath in death. Usually we don't see this clearly and often enough, as we pass through the various stages of life. However, at critical moments in our life, this truth can impact us.

This was a lesson that Jesus was keen to teach us when He walked the earth. One such example was with the ten who He cleansed of leprosy when He said, "where are the other nine?" The Old Testament psalms abound with such sentiments of gratitude. Perhaps one of the changes we can make in our life, as we move through Lent and then come to the Lord's Resurrection, is to be a more thankful person, especially to God, but also to others.

The trouble is that life is so busy. It is difficult to establish a habit of being thankful to God. True, we can offer all our thoughts, words, and actions of the day with such a prayer at the beginning of the day but then life takes over and we might remember to think of God occasionally during the rest of the day, if at all. It is possible, though, to establish a habit at certain times of the day when we think of God with thanksgiving before throwing ourselves back into the trappings of life.

Some Religious Orders have practices at various times of the day when a person quickly turns to God in a short prayer and then moves on with the rest of the day's activities. Often this is an aspiration or short prayer at some definite times of the day. Done often enough, this action becomes a habit.

Just a thought. Perhaps we could try to become people of frequent gratitude to God during this Lent period. Maybe we can try to turn our minds in thanks to a loving God at some definite times during our busy day.

Whatever we do in life we do need to try to turn more often in thanks to a God who gives us EVERYTHING.

www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

A Home For Girls, A Future of Hope

Behind a simple gate in Liquiça is a place of extraordinary love. The Dom Gabriel Manek Orphanage is home to young girls who have lost one or both parents. It is run by the PRR Sisters, whose lives are marked by deep trust in God's providence.

The girls share rooms, meals, laughter, chores, prayers, and dreams. They attend Mass and the local Catholic schools. They sing. They study. They grow — not in comfort, but in belonging.

The sisters rely almost entirely on donations to provide food, medical care, clothing, water, and basic facilities. Every improvement comes through partnership and prayer.

When we support this orphanage, we are not just funding a building — we are helping to build a family.

Your financial support throughout Lent is very welcome via printed envelopes, which you will find on the seats and/or at the back of each church, or to TLC parish account (non tax-deductible) **Name: Timor Leste Group BSB:064786 A/c:100023532.** We confirm that the bank account details listed above and on the envelopes are correct. A parishioner has informed us that they received a warning message when setting up the transfer. We have confirmed with the ADF that the payment will be processed successfully as long as the BSB and account number are entered correctly. For Tax Deductibility directly to Innocents Relief at https://innocentsrelief.org.au/donate (*Donate with Your Name and Liquica as reference*) and email innocentsrelief@outlook.com to receive a tax receipt.

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Lenten Series
Contact Fiona to register:
fiona@renewedwellness@gmail.com

Sacramental News

Come and be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit!

If your children are in Year 3 or above they are eligible to receive Confirmation this year. Please see our website for details and enrolments.

https://gsmparishes.com.au/confirmation/

Our program commences with parent information sessions on 10th, 11th, and 12th March. With a joyful heart we welcome your family into our cohort!

GSM Parishes 2nd March-7th March			
Monday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
	4:30pm	Daley Centre	Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel
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
Friday	10:00am	Church of Christ, Arana Hills	World Day of Prayer

RCIA

A Journey In Faith

Please keep our elect and candidates - **Kasey Broderick**, **Carlos Poles**, and **Marc Pickersgill**—in your prayers as they journey to full reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Our elect and candidates will celebrate the Rites of Healing and Strengthening over the next three weeks. This is the next step in their faith journey, and we continue to offer our prayers and support.

1st Rite of Healing and Strengthening

8th March 10.00am Our Lady of Dolours

2nd Rite of Healing and Strengthening

15th March: 9.00am St William's

3rd Rite of Healing and Strengthening

22nd March: 8.00am Sacred Heart

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this time of prayer and enlightenment of their journey of faith.

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Treble M

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.

Please call or text: Christine 0431 666 712 or Judy 0408 559 328

A Vocation View

The Lord called Abraham to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There is no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

Follow us on so-

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4.30-5.30pm, Mondays, Daley Centre

This Week:
The Lord's Prayer

Are you a youth or young adult curious about the Christian faith, or thinking about becoming Catholic?

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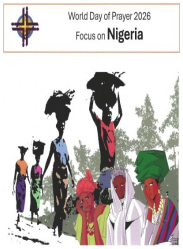
Pope Leo in his 2026 Message for Lent says we, "are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as the to the cry of the poor and of the earth becomes part of community life". https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/13/260213d.html

This week Jesus' transfiguration occurs in nature on a high mountain retreat and he tells Peter and James and John "do not be afraid". It is a striking glimpse of his suffering, death and resurrection. Regional ecosystems (RE's) data can tell of the cry of the earth. RE's have been made poor by land clearing; soils can be made depauperate by exploitation. A look at Queensland's Pre-Clearing percentages of forest types makes this clear. Put your address in to the Qld Govt Environmental Reports website and receive the data mapping of your location. Find your area's native ecosystem species pre-clearing, remnant exotic weeds, poisonous plants etc. Educate yourself in order to conserve and enhance our RE's. Samford Sacred Heart Church is in RE 12.12.12 and values its remnant forest trees as does its bird visitors https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/management/environmental/environmental-reports-online

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

Arana Hills Church of Christ
10.00am, Friday, 6th March

Further information—Laurel Owen laurel.owen@gmail.com 0427 517 001



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in **an international, ecumenical expression.**