

Year A  
4th Sunday in Lent  
15th March 2026  
Liturgical Colour: Purple



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



This week, we hear the story of the man born blind, who was born into a society where the belief of the day was that physical afflictions were signs of sinfulness. Jesus challenges this notion by stating that the man or his family has done nothing to cause this. The real cause of the blindness here is not physical, but spiritual, blindness. John's gospel suggests we must deeply appreciate our own spiritual blindness to see the light of Christ.

In our second reading, we are named children of the light, that which the blind man cannot see. This theme of darkness and light reminds us that the journey of Lent is an opportunity for self-reflection, strengthening our relationship with God, praying, and paying attention. To see, listen, and respond.

The gospel portrays the journey to new life, growing in faith, understanding and wisdom. The light of Christ in the world encourages us to live the gospel, in our life, words, and actions. Jesus shows that recognising God in ourselves and others is challenging.

The story of the blind man gives us courage to see with the eyes of our hearts. This connects to an idea that is central to the St. Andrew's community. Our vision and commitment is to integrate faith and life, through our words and actions in the spirit of St. Benedict, who invites us to '**Attend with a Listening Heart**'.

Daily, students at St. Andrew's rise to the challenge of listening with the ear of their heart, as they navigate academic, social, and emotional encounters with other students, their families, and staff. Like the blind man, members of our community are invited to journey inwards this Lent and are called to reflect on any spiritual blindness. John asks us to wash away the blindness, a calling to enter a deeper faith with Jesus, where we are reminded that God offers us grace in every situation, even the darkest ones.

As we continue our journey through Lent, may our listening lead us into deepening our faith, giving us renewed sight to reveal God's plan for us.

With every blessing for the week ahead,

**Amanda Steer**

*Principal, St. Andrew's 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

16th March-21st March

**Grovelly St William's**  
 Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass  
*St. Joseph*  
 7:00pm Reconciliation

Friday: 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass

9:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

6:30pm Taizé Adoration and Prayer Service

**Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours**

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass  
*St. Patrick*

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass  
*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

Saturday: 4:00pm Mass

Sunday: 10:00am Mass

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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  
*RCIA 3rd Rite of Healing and Strengthening*

## FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Thursday, 26th March  
 Chrism Mass  
*Cathedral of St. Stephen*

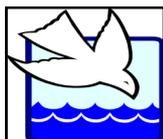
### This Week's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
 Ephesians 5:8-14  
 John 8:12

### Next Week's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
 Romans 8:8-11  
 John 11:1-45

## GROVELLY



### Baptism

We joyfully announce the Baptism of **Sebastian Joyce**, and warmly welcome him into our faith community!

### 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.



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm  
 St. William's

## MITCHELTON

### Reconciliation

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



### 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

## SAMFORD

### Samford Rosary Circle

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



## COMBINED COMMUNITIES

### Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4.30-5.30pm, Mondays, Daley Centre

*This Week:  
 Reconciliation and the Prodigal Son*

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



### Chrism Mass

*Thursday, 26th March  
 Time: 7.30pm  
 Cathedral of St. Stephen*

### EVERGREENS

Members are reminded of the pizza evening in the Daley Centre on Friday, 20th March, at 5.30pm. Bookings essential.

### Bookings and info:

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



### Adoration and Prayer Service

This service offers time in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by meditative music from Taizé that will speak to your heart. The service also offers an opportunity to experience the Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing.

**St. William's Grovelly, 6.30pm,  
 Sunday, 22nd March**



### Reconciliation

**Thursday, 19th March, 7.00pm**  
 St. William's Church  
*All Welcome!*



## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Lachlan Fitzsimmon, Raymond Kishaba, Doug Dobsa, and Patricia Ormond

**Anniversary:**



## We pray for the Sick

**We pray for:** Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, Ellen Girgenti, Mary Murphy, Christine Bunn, 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



**Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent and, by tradition, is called Laetare Sunday.** This Sunday is regarded as the mid-point of Lent. The middle of Lent was actually last Thursday and this was when it was observed in an earlier time. Because the day was intended to be one of joy and encouragement for the people who had faithfully tried to alter their relationship with God in preparation for the resurrection of Jesus after His death for us, it was moved to the Sunday to allow such celebrations to take place.

### So what is different today?

- Rose-coloured investments instead of purple.
- Flowers on the altar.
- The use of the organ.

Today's liturgical atmosphere is quite different from the other Sundays of Lent. Enjoy it.

Each one of us knows how successful we have been in the preceding days of Lent in actually carrying out what we intended to do during this time. Some have been exemplary, but maybe the majority of us could have done a bit better. So many things come out of left field at the last moment, and this could have thrown us off course occasionally. Nevertheless, we have given it a good shot and that is what we celebrate today. Tomorrow we will jump back into our preparation for Christ's death and resurrection.

**There is a similar day in the period of Advent** – that other period near the end of the year when we prepare for the birth of Jesus. That Sunday, called **Gaudete Sunday**, is held on the third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete is another Latin word for *rejoice*.

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

## COMBINED COMMUNITIES

### A Parish Moment



This week, we pause.  
Lent is not only about what we give — but about what God is doing within us.  
As we reflect on the stories from Lliquiça, we are invited to ask:

**Where is God calling me to deeper trust?  
Where is God calling me to walk more closely with others?**

May this be a week of listening, silence, and renewal.

### God of communion and mission,

You have formed us into one Church, many communities, yet one Body in Christ. We thank you for the gift of our sister-parish relationship with St. John de Brito in Lliquiça, and for the friendship that has grown across years of shared faith.

In this middle of Lent, help us to see our partnership not as a project, but as a living relationship — rooted in prayer, trust, and mutual care.

Bless the priests, religious, and lay leaders of Lliquiça strengthen the Parish Pastoral Council, catechists, teachers, and all who quietly serve their communities each day. Bless also our own parish community, that we may grow in generosity, humility, and joy in giving.

Amen.

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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) BSB 064786 AN 100023532 or, for Tax Deductibility, directly to Innocents Relief at <https://innocentsrelief.org.au/donate> (donate with your name and Lliquica as reference) and email [innocentsrelief@outlook.com](mailto:innocentsrelief@outlook.com) to receive a tax receipt.

### Sacramental News

The journey to Confirmation is underway! Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who attended the parent information sessions this week.

Enrolments are online and open until 20th March, with one final parent information session being on Thursday, 19th March at 7.00pm at St. William's. Please see our website for details and enrolments.

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

With a joyful heart, we pray for your family on the journey to Confirmation!

### 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.



<https://triplegrovelly.au>

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

An Archdiocesan Youth Event  
27.03.26  
**RECO RALLY**  
6:00-8:30PM RECONCILIATION, LOURDES HILL COLLEGE SPEAKER, GAMES, PRAISE AND WORSHIP

## GSM Parishes 16th March-21st 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 Church	Christian Meditation
Wednesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Mothers Prayers
	10:00am	Sacred Heart	Samford Rosary Circle
	11:00am	Daley Centre	Evergreens Exercise
Friday	5:30pm	Daley Centre	Evergreens Pizza Night



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

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

### Seeing with New Eyes

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A brings us stories about seeing in a new way. God helps us look beyond what is on the outside. These readings remind us that God sees people differently than we do. He looks deeper and knows what really matters.

In the first reading, David is chosen to be king, even though he is the youngest and smallest. Everyone thought his older brothers would be picked. But God shows that he sees things others miss. The Gospel also tells about seeing—Jesus heals a man born blind. This healing helps him believe in Jesus.

These readings fit well with Lent. Lent is a time to grow closer to God and let go of things that keep us in the dark. On the Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A, we are invited to open our eyes and trust God to lead us. His ways are full of mercy and light.

### You are invited to **Salubong**

A traditional Filipino Easter Dawn Celebration

*An Encounter of the Risen Lord with Mary, His Mother*

**Easter Sunday, 4.30am, St. Flannan's Church, 194 Handford Road, Zillmere**

Contact: Jima 0432 374 239

### Verse for Vinnies

Now in March we've a show,  
where you really should go,  
**Maria Forde's** internationally known:  
and you'll really rejoice  
at Maria's great voice,  
she's both Irish and Aussie home-grown.  
She is really no alien  
but Irish-Australian,  
and will sing of her pride of both lands.  
With her voice and her song  
she will take you along,  
you'll become one of her greatest fans.  
Eric Bogle, you know, sang with her in a show,  
and the Furies use songs that she wrote;  
And, if you come along, you will hear  
just which song,  
that the Furies did choose to promote.  
And Noel, whom you know, will be part  
of the show,  
as his Father O'Brien you'll hear.  
It's a one-thirty start,  
Come along and take part;  
Help the battlers enjoy needed cheer.



**Sunday, 29th March, 1.30pm**  
**67 Dawson Parade, Grovely**  
**\$15 - includes afternoon tea**  
**Cash only**  
**Book seats using**  
[noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)

### A Vocation View

If we cannot see where we are going, we will never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls, and brings light to a darkened world.



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## LAUDATO SI'

Fr. Tom Ehlich notes in Liturgy Publications' Book for Readers, *Break Open The Word 2026*, "Last week WATER, This week, LIGHT, Next week, LIFE". The readings have characteristic earthy grounding but presage the immanent Easter mystery of the two 'natures' of Christ. With oil carried in a ram's horn, Samuel anoints the young David (who is "out looking after sheep") as king. Psalm 22 gives us the Shepherd's crook and staff image for comfort in "fresh and green pastures", banishing fear and despair when in valleys of darkness (like now?). Paul tells the Ephesians they are now in the light of the Lord and John lays out the miracle of healing with clay and spittle the eyes of the man born blind. Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* prayed for pastors to have the smell of sheep and a church which is a 'field' hospital. Both he and Pope Leo XIV link the care for earth and the cry of those ravaged by war: "Our mission to care for creation, to foster peace and reconciliation, is Jesus' own mission".

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-11/six-months-with-pope-leo-xiv-a-united-and-open-church.html>

## EASTER PREP

**Palm Sunday** is a day of dynamic participation by the congregation and internationally Christians have various customs to celebrate this splendid welcome. At St. William's over the past few years the symbol of the palm has taken on the tradition brought to us from many places.

- **Palms for PALM SUNDAY at St. William's:** We will appreciate **large palms** (for decorating), **small palm-like branches**, and **small sprigs of pine branch** delivered to the Parish Office before 1.00pm either on Wednesday or Thursday, 25th/26th March.

- Everyone is invited to make a folded cross to bring to mass on Palm Sunday for it to be blessed and taken home.

**Extra crosses** for others would be appreciated. Find instructions on YouTube (Palm Cross Tutorial) or <https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-fold-a-palm-cross-in-10-easy-steps/>

Extras can be delivered to the Office before 1.00pm on Friday or the Church from 8.30 to 10.30am.

- **FOR HOLY THURSDAY:** Fresh palm fronds for the altar of repose can be delivered to the Parish Office either Wednesday, 1st April before 1.00pm or before 9.00am on Thursday, 2nd April.

- **Rosemary for GOOD FRIDAY:** On Good Friday, our parish has a tradition of placing rosemary for remembrance at the foot of the cross. We would appreciate **sprigs of rosemary** being delivered to the Parish Office from **Wednesday, 1st April**.

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