

Year A
Divine Mercy Sunday
12th April 2026
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!

Peace be with you.



In the days of the resurrection, so much must have been stirring in the hearts and minds of Jesus' friends, family, and followers. Peace was *not* with them. Wrestling with shock and grief, with failure, with uncertainty. Who or what were they to believe about what had come to pass? How on earth could they trust and have courage in the face of what was to come? Thomas, on touching Jesus, moves from doubt to belief, but the doubts of others may well have remained unresolved. Perhaps the fear of rejection and reprisal turned them away from hope after Jesus' death. It is hard to imagine a community forming out of this trouble and tension, and yet somehow it did.

Today, with the world in crisis and turmoil, peace and hope seem distant. We see war persisting in the Middle East; the cost of living crisis; a growing global gap between the rich and the poor... we see so much injustice, heartlessness and greed, yet we can look at today's readings and see a glimmer of hope. The disciples were also a living in a time of crisis yet they found a way to support each other and their growing community. Food was distributed to those who needed it and no one went without. The energy and zeal with which they worked caused awe and wonder in the eyes of others. Luke, writing in Acts, makes clear what the early community of the church was like in their ritual, rhythms, and care for one another and the wider community. They did the simple things well: praying together, breaking bread together, sharing their lives together. The possibility of peace rippling out drew on the emerging community's belief in the risen Jesus and in his message of peace. For, in a world riven by violence on so many fronts, and even after being put to a violent, shameful death, the risen Jesus still preached peace. *Peace be with you.*

How difficult it is to be people of peace when retaliation, fear, and hatred are such tempting human responses. How difficult it is to turn the other cheek, to walk the path of non-violence. Peace was a radical choice for the early Christians and remains so today. Our world still desperately needs to hear this message. As Christians—as Easter people—we need to hear it and remember it as a centrepiece of who Jesus is and the message he shares with the world. Christ, the alpha and omega, IS peace. When faced with turmoil in our lives and in the world, may we find a way to be people of peace, to care for each other, and to do the simple things well.

Clare and Stephen 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

13th April-17th April

Grovelly St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass *cancelled*

10:00am *Anointing 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 *cancelled*

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass *cancelled*

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

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

Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

Mitchelton Roof Restoration

Work is being done to repair the roof after hail damage, so weekday Masses are cancelled until further notice. Please check the newsletter for updates.

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, 22nd April, 10:00am Funeral Mass for *Margaret Timms*

Saturday, 25th April, 9.00am Anzac Day Mass *St. William's*

This Week's Readings: Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:29

Next Week's Readings: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:32

GROVELLY



Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Rose Brown, Dotti Evans, Lucas Romano, Thomas Romano, William Romano, and Alexander Striegl,

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

St William's Church Shop

We have a range of Confirmation gifts available as well as children's books, bibles, Baptism candles, and much more.

You are very welcome to come in and browse. We accept cash or EFTs.

The shop is open after these Masses: 5.00pm Saturdays 7.00am, and 9.00am Sundays. We thank you for your support.

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

SAMFORD

Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Alice Bright and Millie Bright,

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

Samford Rosary Circle

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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Anointing and Communion Service



When: Tuesday, 14th April at 10.30am
Where: Bellevue Aged Care, 53 Linkwood Drive, Ferny Hills
All are welcome.

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

Faith Vibes is currently in recess, to resume on Monday, 20th April.



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

MITCHELTON

Transition Prayer

Loving and Faithful God, You have guided this parish through many seasons of grace. As we enter this time of transition, we place our trust in You. Calm every anxious heart, quiet every fear, and fill us with the peace that comes from Your Spirit alone.

Bless our parish community with unity of mind and heart. Help us to honour the past with gratitude, to live the present with faith, and to embrace the future with hope.

Pour out Your wisdom upon those entrusted with leadership and decision-making. Strengthen our parish leaders with patience, compassion, and courage. Bless those who are completing their service among us with Your joy and peace. Make this transition a moment of renewal—a time when we grow deeper in prayer, stronger in fellowship, and more generous in mission.

May Christ be our constant guide, the Holy Spirit our strength of harmony, and Your love the bond that holds us together. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lady of Dolours Weekend Mass Times: April / May

The Vigil Mass will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. For your easy reference, the dates are as follows:

Saturday, 25th April, 4.00pm

Saturday, 9th May, 4.00pm

Saturday, 23rd May, 4.00pm

There is **no change** to the Sunday 10.00am Mass time.

Reconciliation

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

All Welcome!



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Rosemary Ingram, Felicitas Manangan, and Margaret Timms

Anniversary: Vince Arthur and Dennis McMahon



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, Christine Bunn, Bernadette Tierney, John Tierney, Deacon Peter McDade, and William Lane

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



Having some knowledge of the Church's Liturgical Year enables us to participate more fully at each Sunday Mass. Easter Sunday is also regarded as the First Sunday of Easter and it is followed by the next five Sundays up to the Sixth Sunday after Easter on 10th May. Since the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday is the climax of the liturgical year we celebrate joyously during this Easter season and we sing "Alleluia" many times over the next five weeks.

In an earlier time we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus 40 days after he rose from the dead. We called this day *Ascension Thursday* and it was a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning one had to go to Mass as happens on a Sunday. Vatican 2 changed all this and the Ascension is now celebrated on the following Sunday and the Thursday is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation. This year we celebrate the Ascension on Sunday, 17th May, followed by Pentecost Sunday the next Sunday on 24th May.

Pentecost Sunday is followed by two very important Sundays – *The Most Holy Trinity* (31st May) and *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ* (7th June), which is also known as *Corpus Christi*, Latin for *The Body of Christ*. Then the Season of Ordinary Time commences again (from earlier in the year) with the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (14th June) right up to the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (15th November) with the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year called *The Feast of Christ the King* (22nd November).

During this long time of 'Sundays in Ordinary Time', the Gospel most Sundays comes from Matthew, as this is the year for Matthew's Gospel. These Gospels aim to teach us some of the lessons which Jesus communicated during His three years of preaching. After the feast of Christ the King, we reflect that the year has gone and we start it all again with the season of Advent.

Pat Condon

www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

COMBINED COMMUNITIES



We welcome **Kasey Broderick, Carlos Poles, and Marc Pickersgill** into full reception in the Catholic Church. Please also pray for **Molly Conroy and Matt Conroy** as they continue their journey to full reception .

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

Holy Water from Easter Vigil



Containers are available at the font at St. William's to take holy water home.



<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!



The Alpha Marriage Course is a practical, seven-session series designed to help couples strengthen and invest in their relationship, offering couples practical tools to build deeper connection, navigate challenges, and nurture a thriving, lifelong partnership.

Every Thursday night online, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, for 7 weeks

STARTING THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026



Scan the QR code for more info or visit tinyurl.com/amc7nights to register before 5 May 2026



BIBLE GIFT-GIVING DRIVE

As part of our commitment to nurturing the faith of our young parishioners, we are delighted to announce a Bible Gift-Giving Drive for children enrolled in our Sacramental Program. A Bible is a treasured gift—one that helps children come to know Jesus more deeply, grow in prayer, and discover God's love through Sacred Scripture.

We are inviting parishioners and families to support this initiative by donating a Catholic Bible. These Bibles will be prayerfully presented to children preparing for the Sacraments, helping them build a lifelong relationship with God and the Word of God. Each Bible costs \$30.

If you would like to participate, donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase the Bibles. You can donate through an envelope 'Bible gift', website, via the QR code, or bank transfer to BSB 064786, a/c 100012681.

Your generosity will make a lasting difference in the spiritual lives of our children and their families. Thank you for your continued support, prayer, and care for the young members of our parish community.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105)



GSM Parishes 13th April-17th April

Tuesday	10:30am	Bellevue Aged Care	Anointing & Communion
	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

The Second Sunday of Easter, also called Divine Mercy Sunday, reminds us that God's mercy never ends. The readings show how faith brings peace, hope, and joy. The first Christians lived with kindness, prayer, and sharing. They remind us that real faith changes how we live and how we treat others.

The Gospel tells how Jesus appeared to His disciples and to Thomas. Thomas believed when he saw Jesus' wounds. Jesus said that those who believe without seeing are blessed. This Sunday calls us to trust in God's mercy, forgive others, and live with faith even in times of doubt. It is a day to find peace and joy in the risen Lord.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

A Vocation View

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.



TREBLE M CHOIR
presents
A PLACE IN THE CHOIR
a Fundraising Concert
for Mitchelton SVDP
SUNDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1.30PM
Our Lady of Dolours Church
Cost: \$15 (cash payment only)
includes afternoon tea
Bring a friend!
Further information
Contact Shirley 0417 752 365



Mass of Anointing



Thursday, 16th April, 10.00am
St. William's

Please bring a plate to share.
Parishioners of Mitchelton, Grovely, and Samford are all welcome.

The Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated during Mass.

Some ask, "How sick have you to be to qualify?" This is a Sacrament of healing for all who yearn for fullness of health, whether that be in body, mind, or spirit.

Please note: This Mass will take place during the school holidays so there will be plenty of parking available.

LAUDATO SI'

Pope Leo XIV finds himself at a time in history with similarities to that of his namesake Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) author of *Rerum Novarum* ('of new things'). Pope Francis' famous encyclical is *Laudato Si'* (Literally, 'Praised Be ... to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs'. LS 1). The key concept of LS is 'integral ecology' which Enzo Del Rocco CP, president of Catholic Theological Union (training ground of Robert Prevost) describes in his PhD thesis: "The defense of the dignity and inviolability of human life has always gained prominence in the doctrine of the Catholic Church. With Pope Francis' vision of integral ecology, global bio-ethics, and solidarity emphasizes the inter-connectedness of all things and the importance of caring for one another and the planet." (<https://dsc.duq.edu/etd/2330>). Leo XIV says, "The power with which Christ rose is entirely non-violent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat." <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/urbi/documents/20260405-urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html>

Together for our Common Home Interfaith Prayer Vigil

Tuesday 21 April | 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Free event including a light supper
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre,
196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City

Join Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and people of many faiths in prayer for our planet and for communities affected by rising sea levels and extreme weather.

- Prayers will be led by various faith leaders.
- A guest speaker will share their personal experience of rising sea levels.



Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/intfaithprayer for more information and to register before 20 April 2026.



CARE FOR KIDS



Kids will be
RESPECTED AND PROTECTED



It is never OK for someone to hurt you.



We want you to feel safe.



We want you to be safe.



We will always listen to you.



We will help you with your problems.

Corpus Christi Exposition and Adoration Cathedral of St. Stephen

Beginning after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, 6th June, and concluding before 8.00am Mass on Sunday, 7th June

Eucharist Procession
Sunday, 7th June, 2.00pm
Departing from and returning to the Cathedral of St. Stephen