

Year A
Third Sunday of Easter
19th April 2026
Liturgical Colour: White



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Clergy:

Fr. Nigel Sequeira PP
Phone: 3355 3690

Secretary:

Christine Gomes (Tues-Fri)
grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Pastoral Associate (Position Vacant):

grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Coordinator:

Laura McGillion (Tues-Thurs)
sc.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Newsletter Items to:

bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au
Camilla Horn (Wed-Thurs)
(Wednesday 12.00pm deadline)

Administration Assistant:

Sandra Henry (Mon)

Admin Asst. Liturgy/Bulletin:

Amelia Crawfoot (Tues-Fri)
aa.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Blue Card/Safeguarding (Tues):

Wendy Brouckaert/ Jeanette Chew
bluecard.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Finance:

finance.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Leadership Team:

grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Safeguarding Local Representatives:

St William's - Amelia Crawfoot
Sacred Heart Church - Jeanette Chew

PARISH OFFICE

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054
Ph 3355 3690

Email: grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Website: www.gsmparishes.com.au

Hours: Monday - Friday 9-00am-1.00pm

CHURCHES

St. William's Grovely/ Presbytery

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra
Ph 3355 3690

Sacred Heart Church

2-8 Camp Mountain Road, Samford Village
Ph 3355 3690

SCHOOLS

St. William's School

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054
Ph 3355 5122 Fax 3354 3330

St. Andrew's School

Cnr. Hogarth & Upper Kedron Roads
Ferry Grove 4055
Ph 33516886 Fax 3851 1054

Mt. Maria College

54 Prospect Road, Mitchelton 4053
Ph 3550 3400

TRIPLE Y GROVELY

Ph 0466 964 664

Email: tripleygrovely@gmail.com

Website: tripleygrovely.au

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

The Warm of God

A parent shares a story from the early childhood of their daughter. One evening, they were moving through the familiar nighttime ritual: bath, bed, and stories. Tucked in beneath the blankets, they finished with their simple 'God bless list' — "God bless Nana and Pop, God bless friends at kindly ..."

In the middle of the prayer, the child paused and asked a question that would not be unexpected for a pre-schooler.

"Where's God?"

"God's everywhere", the parent replied.

"How can God be everywhere?"

"Well ... God's in everyone's heart."

"How can God be in your heart?"

Searching for words, the parent tried again. "You know when Mum and Dad tell you that we love you?"

"Yes."

"And then when you tell us back that you love us too?"

"Yes."

"And you know that feeling you get inside?"

The child smiled and said, "Oh yes — **the warm of God.**"



Out of the mouth of babes! A whole theological course in 'religious experience' in a single phrase. The warmth of being loved, wanted, and belonging — no matter what — lies at the very heart of Christian faith experience.

Today's Easter season Gospel tells of two disciples walking the road to Emmaus. They are weighed down by disappointment and loss, trying to make sense of shattered hopes. The risen Jesus mysteriously walks beside them, listens patiently, and opens the Scriptures to them — yet they do not recognise him. Only later do they realise that something had already been happening within them: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the road?"

Recognition, on this occasion, dawns not first through sight, but through warmth.

So it is with the Eucharist. Each week, the community gathers carrying ordinary lives — joys and sorrows, faith and doubt, gratitude and grief. The Word is proclaimed, often heard through the lens of personal experience, just as it was on the road to Emmaus. Then, at the table, bread is taken, blessed, broken, and shared.

It is there, in that simple and sacred action, that Christ makes himself known.

Often this recognition is quiet. There may be no dramatic moment, no sudden clarity. Instead, there is warmth: the deep reassurance of being accompanied, forgiven, fed, and loved. The Eucharist does not remove life's struggles, but it places them within a larger story — a story of resurrection, hope, and abiding presence.

Strengthened by this warmth of God, the disciples returned at once to Jerusalem to share the good news. So too, nourished at the table, our community is sent back into the world. Having received the warmth of God, we are called to carry it into homes, workplaces, neighbourhoods, and relationships — not only proclaiming the good news, but becoming it for others; the 'warm of God'!

Luke Reed

Principal, Mt. Maria College

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

20th April-24th April

Grovely St William's

Wednesday: 10:00am Funeral Mass
Margaret Timms

7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 9:00am **Anzac Day Mass**

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass

9:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

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

Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Thursday, 30th April 9:00am St. William's School Mothers' Day Mass

Thursday, 7th May 9:00am St. William's School Mothers' Day Mass

Monday, 11th May 3:00pm Moonah Park Anointing and Communion

Thursday, 14th May 9:00am St William's School Year 2 Mass

Sunday, 17th May 9:00am St William's Parish Family Mass

Sunday, 24th May Confirmation Celebrations for the Sacramental Program across the Parish

Sunday, 24th May 9:00am Combined St William's and St Andrew's School Mass

**This Week's Readings:
Third Sunday of Easter**

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

**Next Week's Readings:
Good Shepherd Sunday**

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

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

School's Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our students, & staff who will commence Term 2 school for 2026



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



Amelia Lane, William Lane, and Amelia O'Brien

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.



Bring a Plate

Every fourth Sunday of the month the Sacred Heart Church community enjoys having a morning tea after the 8.00am Mass. Please join us on Sunday, 26th April after the 8.00am Mass and, if you can, bring a plate to share.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Holy Water from Easter Vigil



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

Anzac Day Mass

Saturday 25th April

**St. William's Grovely
9:00am**



Easter Blessings

To our dear Parishioners,
The Parish Team would like to say a big thank-you to all who have contributed their time, multiple gifts and skills, and the bounty of their gardens to make the celebration of our Easter Story so meaningful this year.

It is hard to imagine our ceremonies having the impact they do without your generosity and giftedness.

Fr Nigel

**Work Health and Safety (WHS)
Information Session**

The Parish of St William's warmly invites all parishioners to an information session on Work Health and Safety (WHS), presented by Mr Peter Vann, Work Health and Safety Advisor for the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Session Details

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Venue: Daly Centre, St William's Grovely

RSVP by: Monday, 18th May 2026 grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Refreshments: Served following the session



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Felicitas Manangan and Margaret Timms

Anniversaries: Baby Marnie, Kevin Branch, Leo Power



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, 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.

EVERGREENS

Sunday 26th April. Retired parishioners will gather for a Cuppa after 9.00am Mass in the Daley Centre.

If you are a senior in the Parish, you are very welcome to join us.

More info: John & Joan 0455 503 713 or jobrod@bigpond.net.au

Nationwide Rosary to honour OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Patroness of Australia

On the 23rd May, people across Australia are gathering to pray the Rosary in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, who's Feast Day falls on the 24th of May.

In our Parish this will be held at:

Where: St. William's Church Grovely,
Time: 2-4pm

When: Saturday 23rd May

For further enquires please contact Margaret PH: 33510956



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

In his booklet "Surprise –The Battler's God Dwells Within", Br. John Venard (Marist Brother) penned a piece called "A Relationship with God". In it he makes the following statement.

"Prayer is not an end in itself. It is a means to an end, the end being a relationship with God. We don't say a rosary for the sake of saying a rosary, we don't go to Mass to have the recording angel give us a tick, we don't help somebody just to feel good. NO. We do these things to get closer to God ourselves and this is the single test we apply to our prayer life – **Is it bringing me closer to God?**"

Is the answer for each of us "yes" or "no". If the answer is "yes" – keep doing what you are doing. But if the answer is "no", it is time to stop and assess what you are doing and take another approach.

There are many ways of praying. We can use the words in one of our structured prayers. This is good. But perhaps using our own words in a quiet time, speaking about personal things with a personal God can also develop a closer relationship with God. Just sensing that we are in the presence of God, no words needed, is another approach. Maybe this was the way many of the Saints lived their lives.

John Venard finishes his reflection with the following words. "Recently I saw the film 'Tuesdays with Morrie' and one comment from the dying professor struck a chord – **'Death is the end of a life but not the end of a relationship'**. This is great news I thought; we are able to have the best of both worlds."

Life is all about relationships – with God especially and with others.

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4.30-5.30pm, Mondays, Daley Centre



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

Invitation to an Anointing Mass

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly **Anointing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 1st May 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Fr. Anthony Odionyenfe, PP, The Gap Parish, will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass.

For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

Hospitality & Welcome Group Expressions of Interest

St William's Parish is forming a Hospitality Group to assist with welcoming parishioners, enhancing the flow of worship, and fostering a sense of community & hospitality.

The group will be responsible for arranging hospitality for morning tea after Masses, as well as for parish religious and social events, helping to strengthen fellowship and connection within our community.

If this would be of interest, please contact the Parish Office: grovely@bne.catholic.net.au 3355 3690 for further information.

Every blessing
Margaret Vider,
Leadership Chair

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)

Fr Nigel

GS Parish 20th April-24th April			
Monday	9.30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	4.00pm	Faith Vibes	Daley Centre
	7.00pm	SVDP	Daley Centre
Tuesday	9.30am	Playgroup	Daley Centre
	7:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's Church
Wednesday	9:30am	Mothers Prayers	Daley Centre
	10:00am	Samford Rosary Circle	Sacred Heart
	11:00am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre

Walking with the Risen Lord

The Third Sunday of Easter Year A reminds us that Jesus is alive and walks with us. The readings show how His followers came to believe in the resurrection. They also call us to live with hope and trust in His promise.

In the first reading, Peter tells the crowd that Jesus' death and resurrection were part of God's plan. He speaks with courage, showing that the Holy Spirit gives strength to share the Good News.

The Gospel tells the story of the road to Emmaus. Two disciples walk with a stranger who explains the Scriptures to them. They finally recognise Him when He breaks bread. This moment shows how Jesus is present with us in Word and Sacrament.

The Third Sunday of Easter Year A encourages us to look for Jesus in our daily lives. He is with us in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the people we meet. When we open our hearts to Him, our faith grows stronger.



<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!

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



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

Eucharistic Procession

Sunday, 7th June, 2.00pm

Departing from and returning to the Cathedral of St. Stephen

A Vocation View

We can hear the Lord's call in the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"



LAUDATO SI'

The appearance of the Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus sheds ultimate light on **reconciliation** of matters personal, political and environmental. Laudato Si' says, "Everything is connected" and this insight applies on the ground, like the road underfoot the disciples between Jerusalem and ultimately across the world and overhead, as seen from space and connected to the mystery of the **presence** of the 'Cosmic Christ'. For a bigger 'understanding of the word "God" and relations between us and creatures and the cosmos, read Elizabeth A. Johnson's, *Come, Have Breakfast*. (Orbis 2024). She studies the post resurrection appearance of Christ recorded in Jn 21:12. Robert J. Schreiter C.P.P.S. in his 2008 book, *The Ministry of Reconciliation, Spirituality and Strategies* (p. 53) says, "It is most important to Jesus to convey the **experience** of peace" after his torture and death – by **healing** that **absence**. Ivan Efreaim A. Gozum connects peace and **ecology** as a path to reconciliation:

<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/peace-with-the-earth-peace-with-each-other-ecology-as-a-path-to-reconciliation/>.

Pope Francis and Pope Leo call us to a culture of renewed encounter and dialogue.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260411-rosario-pace.html>

see how conflict affects our planet physically:

<https://www.un.org/en/peace-and-security/how-conflict-impacts-our-environment>

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/infaihtprayer for more information and to register before 20 April 2026.



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.