

Year A
Fourth Sunday of Easter
26th April 2026
Liturgical Colour: White



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



Today on Good Shepherd Sunday, we are invited to encounter Jesus as our Good Shepherd. Jesus is imploring people to comprehend that He is the gate to abundant life, and we are His sheep.

We know that sheep are completely dependent on the

shepherd, relying on their shepherd for absolutely everything; he directs their path, he protects them from predators, he leads them to clean water to drink and nourishing food to eat. Everything the sheep need is provided by the shepherd, in a loving and caring manner. So in understanding the nature of sheep, we can see we are called sheep because God loves us, and we depend on Him for all things. God is our shepherd, providing for our needs, guiding us to the best water, nurturing us with His supreme and supernatural food, the Eucharist. We can follow Him and trust in Him. He is our shepherd who loves us enough to give us himself as the gate to eternal life.

Today's Gospel enables us to reflect on Catholic leadership, highlighting that we can trust our leaders known by their faithfulness to Jesus, and we are co-dependent on each other. Sheep are dependent on one another. Sheep become distraught if they separate from the flock. They need each other. And we need each other too. Trying to get through this sojourn alone simply does not work. Society tells us we need to be strong and independent, but that is a falsehood. Dependency is one of the bases of our faith. We need God, we are dependent on Him in every way like the sheep to their shepherd.

Psalm 23 tells us, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." Psalm 23 is one of the paramount Scriptures of the Bible because it contains everything we need. When we reflect on it and pray on it, we can see the Sacraments are illuminated in it, our lives are set in it, and our souls are salvaged in it.

As Isaiah 40:11 beautifully expresses, "He tends to his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young." Oh how blessed it is to be a sheep!

Further on in the Gospel of Matthew, we have the story of the lost sheep where the shepherd rejoices over finding his one lost sheep. That is what God does for us. At the times in life when we walk away from the flock, when we wander from the path the shepherd has set for us, He goes in pursuit of us, with vigour. He finds us. And he rejoices in finding us and returning us to the flock. Because we are worth the time and effort to find. We bring Jesus joy in returning to Him! And I dare say, we receive so much happiness and contentment in being back in the flock, under the tender care of our Divine Shepherd, leading us to eternity with Him.

May we all seek refuge in the trustful words of Jesus, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved..."

Laura McGillion

Sacramental Coordinator

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

27th April-1st May

Grovely St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am St. William's School Mass (Year 4) St. Pius V

Next Weekend Masses:

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

Monday, 9:00am Mt Maria House Mass, held at *Our Lady of Dolours Church*
11th May

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

Tuesday, 10:00am Bellevue Aged Care, Anointing and Communion
12th May

Tuesday, 4:30pm Samford Grove Anointing and Communion
12th May

Thursday, 9:30am WHS Presentation Daley Centre
14th May

Friday, 9:00am St Andrew's School Mass, Yr 6, held at St Andrew's
15th May

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

Monday, 10:30am Regis Ferny Grove Mass
18th May

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

This Week's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Next Week's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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!

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

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

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 1st May 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

Date Claimer: May Census

During the month of May the Archdiocese has requested that we do a Mass count at the weekend Masses.

Holy Water from Easter Vigil



Containers are available at the font at St. William's. Please help yourself to the Holy Water.

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, 5pm Saturdays, 7am and 9am Sundays.

We thank you for your support.



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

THANK YOU from ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY GROVELY

The St William's SVDP Conference is very grateful for the generous donations of toiletries and cleaning products (via the basket at the back of the church).

These are much appreciated by local families in need.

The Conference appreciates the many ways parishioners offer support, which enables our volunteer members to provide meaningful assistance to those who are struggling in our community.

We couldn't do it without you!





Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Felicitas Manangan and Margaret Timms

Anniversaries: Gordon Fahey, Brian Piercey



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.

Sacramental News

This weekend the children journeying to Confirmation pray **Our Lord's prayer** together with our congregation.

Next weekend the Confirmation cohort gather together for our **Encounter Kids Workshop Day on 3 May, at 9am St William's.**

The day commences with Mass, followed by morning tea.

From there the children learn more about Confirmation, the Holy Spirit, gifts of the Holy Spirit and deepen their relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to our devoted parishioners who continue to pray for the children and their families journeying to Confirmation.

You are a blessing!

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? Come along.



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

I forgot to mention last week that Br. John Venard, the author of the "Battler God" books, died some years ago. He wrote for the Catholic Leader in the years after his retirement from running Catholic high Schools, but his initial skills in writing in a common sense and practical manner about the Christian life were honed in the pieces he wrote in school newsletters.

It was parents at the school in those years who suggested he put his writings in print and the rest is history – at least 6 booklets in the series. Below is a piece by Helen Mallicoat which John used in his writing called "Living with God in the Ever Present". It highlights a theme which often appeared in his writings.

"I was regretting the past and fearing the future.
Suddenly my lord was speaking: 'My name is I AM.'
He paused. I waited. He continued.
'When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets,
It is hard. I am not there. My name is not I WAS.
When you live in the future with its problems and fears,
It is hard. I am not there. My name is not I WILL BE.
When you live in this moment,
It is not hard. I am here. My name is I AM.' "

What a consoling thought for the coming week.

Hospitality Team – Expressions of Interest

St William's Parish is forming a Hospitality Group to assist with morning teas and similar parish gatherings.

We are seeking volunteers to help with setting up, serving, and packing away hospitality for morning teas after Masses and for other parish events.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact the Parish Office:
Email: grovely@bne.catholic.net.au **Phone:** 3355 3690

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*

EVERGREENS

Date Claimer: On Sunday 31st May after the 9.00am Mass, Frances Harding, the author of *The Accidental Publican* and *The Accidental Australians* will be a guest speaker. Frances will tell of her interesting life and the life of Poppa Coronas, a Greek immigrant and the Coronas Hotel in Charleville.

All interested parishioners invited.

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

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](http://www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au), 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 27th April-1st May

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| Monday | 9.30am | Faith Circle | Daley Centre |
| | 4.00pm | Faith Vibes | Daley Centre |
| | 7.00pm | RCIA | 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 |

Thank You for Your Generous Support

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all parishioners for your generous contributions to our Parish Lenten Appeal in support of our companions at St John de Brito Parish.

We are pleased to share that the final collection totalled an incredible **\$13,402** — with **\$10,102** received through collection envelopes and the parish TLC bank account, and a further **\$3,300** donated through Innocents Relief website.

These funds will be directed towards supporting children in Liquica, helping to provide essential resources and opportunities for their education and wellbeing, as outlined in the appeal envelope. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated and will have a meaningful and lasting impact on our Sister Parish community and beyond.

Your financial support throughout Lent was very welcome via printed envelopes 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 Liquica as reference) and email innocentsrelief@outlook.com to receive a tax receipt.



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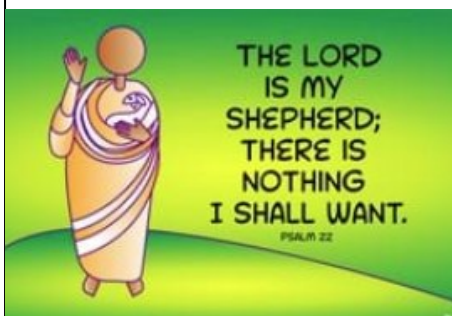
With prime positioning within a typical biblical agricultural contextualization, albeit for the GODHEAD, this week we have John, Peter and the Psalmist referring to the Lord as the "Good Shepherd". Catholics have taken this sacramental symbol very seriously well before Laudato Si' but with new vigour after the encyclical came out in 2015. Religious of the Good Shepherd and Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand take seriously the practical 'pastoral' and social justice evolution in their institutions of the biblical moniker. See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2RQuIEKx24&t=12s>. Many Parish communities around the world named Good Shepherd have actively organized themselves with commitments arising from Laudato Si' (<https://www.gs-cc.org/ministry/creation/>). Scripture Scholar N.T. Wright shines an erudite light on the Post Resurrection appearances of Jesus the Christ as the "New Creation" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkkpQvBtiuc>. We have many towering theologians and biblical scholars who are also aware of modern cosmology, like Joseph Ratzinger in his book, "In the Beginning ... A Catholic Understanding of the Creation and the Fall" reviewed by Fr James Kurzynski of the Vatican Observatory. See: <https://www.vaticanobservatory.org/general/ode-to-an-intellectual-father-reflects-on-benedict-xvis-theology-of-creation-part-two/>. They point out a cosmic Christ come to earth in Jesus.

The Shepherd Who Guides Us

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. On this day, we hear readings that remind us how Jesus leads, protects, and cares for His people. The image of the shepherd is one of the most comforting pictures in the Bible. It shows the closeness and love between God and His people.

The first reading tells how the early followers of Jesus grew in faith and number. They listened to Peter, turned away from sin, and were baptised. The psalm speaks of God as our shepherd who guides us to peace and safety. These words bring hope and assurance to all who trust in Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus says He is the gate for the sheep. He is the way to life, joy, and safety. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A, we are reminded to listen for His voice and follow where He leads. His care brings life in its fullness.



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

WALK WITH JESUS



2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

Procession starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns, benediction and the Migrant Jubilee Cross, with proceedings led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay.



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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



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.