

Year A  
Sunday of the Resurrection  
5th April 2026  
Liturgical Colour: White

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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES  
OF GROVELY-SAMFORD AND MITCHELTON  
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GROVELY-SAMFORD and MITCHELTON  
Western Hills Communities from Gaythorne to Mt Glorious

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**Easter is the high point of the Christian calendar.** We celebrate the great proclamation that love is stronger than death. Yet it cannot be separated from the way of the cross that leads to it through Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Resurrection joy never denies suffering but reveals God's answer to it. Easter faith only rings true because it passes through betrayal, pain, and forgiveness. Forgiveness that opens for us the possibility of healing and truly living.

On Holy Thursday, we are drawn into the intimacy of the Last Supper. Here Jesus gives himself to us, offering his body and blood as food for a wounded world. The Eucharist is inseparable from the love of serving one another: the Lord kneels before his disciples - even Judas - and washes their feet. In this great act of humility of our Saviour we glimpse the heart of God, a love that does not dominate or demand, but serves and stays. Holy Thursday reminds us that Christian love is not abstract or sentimental; it is concrete, tangible, and costly. To receive the Eucharist is to recognise and follow Christ in our self-giving, especially toward those who may wound, sadden or disappoint us.

That cost is seen more clearly on Good Friday. The cross confronts us with the full weight of human suffering: injustice, violence, abandonment, and fear. Jesus does not escape this reality or spiritualise it away. Instead, he enters it completely. The cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" echoes the anguish of all who feel overwhelmed by pain or silence. Yet, even here, forgiveness flows. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Forgiveness is grace extracted from agony. It is love that refuses to let hatred have the last word.

Easter does not erase the cross; the risen Christ still bears the wounds in his glorified body. These wounds are not signs of defeat but transformed places of grace. The resurrection tells us that suffering, when united to Christ, is not meaningless. God does not will suffering but, in Christ, God redeems it, opening a future where pain is neither final nor wasted. Forgiveness, too, is vindicated. What seemed fragile and foolish on Good Friday is revealed as the very power of God on Easter Sunday.

Easter calls us to live lives shaped by self-giving and courageous in forgiveness. In a broken world, the risen Lord sends us as witnesses—not people without wounds, but people whose wounds have been touched by mercy.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

***Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!***

**Fr. Nigel Sequeira**

*Nigel Sequeira*

*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

6th April-10th April

**Grovely**

**St William's**

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 7:00pm 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*

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10:00am Mass

**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

Tuesday, 14th April	Eucharist & Anointing Service <i>Bellevue Aged Care</i>
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Thursday, 16th April	10.00am Anointing Mass <i>St. William's</i>
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### This Week's Readings: Sunday of the Resurrection

Acts 10:34, 37-43  
1 Corinthians 5:6-8  
Matthew 28:1-10

### Next Week's Readings: Divine Mercy Sunday

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

## GROVELY

### 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.

### Anointing Service—Moonah Park

Please note that here will be **no Anointing Service at Moonah Park Aged Care on Easter Monday**. The next service will be on Monday, 4th May, at 3.00pm.



### 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



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm  
St. William's

### Keperra Sanctuary Mass

Mass will be celebrated at Keperra Sanctuary Retirement Village at **10.30am on Friday, 10th April**. All are welcome.

## 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

### HOLY WEEK

**Thursday, 2nd April**  
**Thursday of the Lord's Supper**  
St. William's, 7.00pm  
*(Adoration after Mass until 10.00pm)*

### Friday, 3rd April - Good Friday

*Stations of the Cross:*  
Our Lady of Dolours 10.00am  
Sacred Heart 10.00am  
*Liturgy of the Passion:*  
St. William's 3.00pm

### Saturday, 4th April - Holy Saturday

St. William's 7.00pm(Vigil)

### Sunday, 5th April - Easter Sunday

St. William's 7am, 9am & 5pm  
Sacred Heart 8.00am  
Our Lady of Dolours 10.00am

### Good Friday Collection



Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.



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.

## Mass of Anointing



**Thursday, 16th April, 10.00am**  
*St William's*  
*All are welcome*

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

The Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated during Mass.



## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Patrick Maguire, Paul Carter, Rosemary Ingram, and Felicitas Manangan

**Anniversary:** Bob Burnett, Michael Hogan, Marie Jones, and Janet Rutkin



## We pray for the Sick

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



Imagine how devastated the apostles must have been when they saw Jesus killed on the cross. This was the man they had followed for three years and with whom they had had such extraordinary experiences. And now all of this had evaporated.

They would have been scared out of their wits and devoid of any hope in the future. Notice how slow they were to believe that Jesus was actually risen from the dead. It was a woman to whom the message was given that He was risen.

What about us? Every person since the dawn of humanity has been given a body and a soul, an intellect, and a will, an allotted time on this earth, and an existence in a new dimension after death. We are living our life now with all its ups and downs. Are we like the apostles before they really believed He was risen, or like them after they believed He was actually alive?

Today we rejoice. Today we ask for a greater faith in the Risen Christ and above all a strengthened hope that we too will follow Jesus into another incredible life after we pass from this one.

Faith, Hope, and Love – in the final wash-up, these are the only things that matter in this life. It is the resurrected Christ who gives us these three things as sheer gifts, while we live our allotted time on this earth.

*Let us pray that Easter brings a new understanding and hope to our faith.*

Pat Condon

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## COMBINED COMMUNITIES

### Walking Together in Hope

Over Lent, your prayers and generosity have supported children, families, and parish programs, providing homes, education, and hope.

As we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection, may this shared journey inspire us to continue walking together in love, compassion, and hope.

Thank you for your support! For any last donations please return the envelopes or direct to TLC parish account (non tax-deductible) BSB 064786 a/c 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](mailto:innocentsrelief@outlook.com) to receive a tax receipt.



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](http://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](http://website), or via the QR code.

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

### GSM Parishes 6th April-10th April

Tuesday	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	10:30am	Keperra Sanctuary	Mass



### Easter stands at the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year,

celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, a cornerstone of faith promising redemption and eternal life to humanity.

At the heart of this jubilant time is Easter Sunday, a day brimming with the joy of the Risen Lord, which also begins the Easter Octave—eight days of unbroken celebration, each treated as though they are one and the same day. This period invites us into deep reflection and joy over the life-giving mysteries of Christ's triumph over death.

The Octave of Easter is an extended season of joy, underscoring the central truth of Christian faith: Christ's victory over death and sin. Throughout this time, the faithful engage in daily Masses that resonate with Easter's hopeful and renewing message, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday. This special day highlights God's endless mercy and love.

Easter and the ensuing Octave are not just remembrances of a past event but are invitations into a more profound, personal encounter with the Risen Christ today. This season ushers in a time of new beginnings and divine grace, offering a pathway to spiritual renewal and deeper connection with the essence of our faith.



### A Vocation View



You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism to live life to the full.

### 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.

### TREBLE M CHOIR

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### A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

a Fundraising Concert

for Mitchelton SVDP

**SUNDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1.30PM**

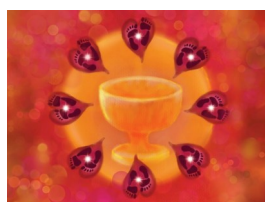
**Our Lady of Dolours Church**

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

### Safeguarding Representatives at GSM Parishes

Local Safeguarding Representatives play a crucial role in creating and maintaining safe environments and activities for parishes, ministries, and faith communities, and are an important part of the wider safeguarding team for the Archdiocese.

Please take the time to look at your local noticeboard and familiarise yourself with your local Safeguarding Representative.

**Our Lady of Dolours:** Mary Murphy

**Sacred Heart:** Jeanette Chew

**St. William's:** Amelia Crawfoot

### LAUDATO SI'

Laudato Si' says, "everything is connected" – powerfully - in the Paschal mystery of Easter. See <https://catholicoutlook.org/embracing-the-passion-of-the-lord-with-joy/> *Break Open the Word 2026* explains (p.70f) that only John has Mary the mother of Jesus and other women standing "by the cross" not "at a distance". The artist Manuel Andreas Durr has painted new stations of the cross for St Peter's Basilica. Particularly poignant are where Durr paints the image of the face of the son of God on Veronica's veil and the compassion of the Pieta station scene of the body of the murdered son of Mary in her arms. They speak deeply of the mystery of God's love becoming human. We too follow Christ's journey sacramentally at Easter and always. The Paschal mystery is often under-represented through women. Theologian Sandra Marie Schneiders says in an article on the *Paschal Imagination* <https://scholarcommons.scu.edu/jst/131/> "It is crucial for the contemporary discussion of ministry in the Church.... (to know) that Mary Magdalene fulfilled all the Pauline and Lukan qualification for apostleship". In what yet-undone work of reconciliation and peace and hope and joy-even-beyond-violence-and-death must we join Jesus this Easter?

### A Morning's Prayer

**Saturday, 18th April**

9.00am—12.00pm

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre  
267 Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$25

Secure your place before Friday,  
10th April.

This event is hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries' Adult Formation team.

For more information, contact  
[formation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:formation@bne.catholic.net.au)



<https://tripleygrovely.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!*

### Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

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

4.30-5.30pm, Mondays, Daley Centre



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