

Year A
Sixth Sunday of Easter
10th May 2026
Liturgical Colour: White

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ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Liturgy of the Easter Period edges closely towards Pentecost - two weeks away. The occasion recalls the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, in the form of tongues of fire, so igniting them into mission in the name of Jesus Risen.

Today's first Scripture Reading (*Acts 8:5-8,14-17*) recalls the Holy Spirit being received by the Samaritan converts, after their baptism, when Apostles Peter and John laid hands upon them. Rejoicing accompanied this divine outreach. In a particular way the Sacrament of Confirmation draws its origin from this experience.

Over 100 young Catholics from this Parish are preparing to be Confirmed at Pentecost. This second Sacrament seals their Initiation begun in Baptism and readies them for Eucharist, the repeatable Sacrament of Initiation. In the Eucharist, in Holy Communion, faith finds its regular nourishment.

Last Sunday, along with their families, the children entered into a phase of prayer, understanding, and appreciation of these divine movements in their lives. The attendance at 9:00am Mass squeezed the accommodation of the Church. All present felt uplifted in spirit at the goodwill on display. When the Sacrament is administered, a deep joy will enter all who join in the Liturgy.

Prayer ranges across all aspects of life, underpinning the various endeavours. Jesus promised that his disciples would not be left as orphans, after his return to the Father, by the gift of the Holy Spirit. In daily life at some point, when both parents are deceased, every person becomes an orphan, strange though it might seem to someone in advancing years.

This weekend mothers, the bearers of life and love, are honoured in society and in families. Mothers are cherished in both life and death as pillars, who nurture the human spirit, as their sacred vocation nurtures the divine. God's Commandment urges parents be ever respected, as graced co-operators of the Divine Plan for humanity. May each of us ever be grateful to have been so blessed. We only have one mother. Lest we forget.

Monsignor John Grace

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

11th May to 17th May

Grovely St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Masses
St. Matthias

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Family Mass
5:00pm Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

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

Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

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



Montagne and Pelletier House Mass
Monday, 11th May, 9:00am

Our Lady of Dolours Church

Parents, Families, and parishioners are most welcome to join us.

Dare to imagine a life shaped by grace!
2026 Annual Marian Lecture



Parishioners are warmly invite to register for the Annual Marian Lecture, to be live-streamed 6:00-7:30pm on Tuesday, 12th May. This year's address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Sarah Bachelard, theologian, author and leader in contemplative practice. Dr. Bachelard will invite us to reflect on how grace shapes our seeing, relating and responding. Facilitated by Geraldine Doogue A.O, the evening will include a reflective conversation with Dr. Bachelard.

To register to receive the link, visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-marian-lecture>

This Week's Readings:
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Next Week's Readings:
The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

GROVELY

Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of



David Alvarez, Violet Betros, Aria Betros, and Zara McClelland, and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

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.

May for Mary

May is the perfect time to ask for Mother Mary's intercession. When we grow closer to Mary, we indeed grow closer to Jesus. Here are some ideas for you during May:

- Pray the Rosary together
- Pray the Novena to Mary, Undoer of Knots
- Create a tealight and flower rosary at home for your family, or for your prayer group
- Pray the Magnificat, the Morning Consecration to Mary, and the Memorare.

As St. Francis de Sales wrote: *"Let us run to Mary and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence"*.

Family Mass Term 2 Date Claimers

Sundays 17th May, 21st June

We meet before Mass at 8:00am to practise, all are welcome! Please join us for 9:00am Mass at St. William's followed by hospitality afterwards. If able, bring a plate to share!



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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm
St. William's

SAMFORD

Samford Rosary Circle

When: Wednesday at 10:00am

Where: Sacred Heart Church
Come and pray with us.



COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Anointing and Communion Services

Anointing and Communion Services will take place as follows in the coming week:

- Monday, 11th May, 3:00pm, Moonah Park Aged Care, Blaker Road, Mitchelton
- Tuesday, 12th May, 10:30am, Bellevue Aged Care, 53 Linkwood Drive, Ferny Hills
- Tuesday, 12th May, 4:30pm, Samford Grove Retirement Village, 18 Camp Mountain Road, Samford

All are welcome.



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 – FOR A SHORT TIME.



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, 21st May, 2026 **Time:** 9:30-11:30am

Venue: Daley 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: Barbara Kroll, Barry Guthrie, and Margaret Nixon

Anniversary: Bruce Ford



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, William Lane, Tess Wagner, and Maree Peters

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

Thank you to our wonderful families for being enthusiastic and prayerful on our workshop day. It is a blessing to see your families journey through the Sacraments together. Next weekend is our Creed Mass weekend, with Confirmation candidates receiving the Creed prayer card at all Masses save 7:00am at St. William's.

Thank you to all of our prayerful parishioners for keeping our Confirmation cohort in your prayers and on your rosaries.

EVERGREENS

On Friday, 22nd May, the Evergreens are having a sausage sizzle in George Willmore Park at 10.00am. BYO thermos, mug, and, if possible, folding chair.

Please book with John and Joan, 0455 503 713 jobrod@bigpond.net.au

**Welcome back,
Fr. Nigel!**

We trust you had a restful break.



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Do you remember the Australian Plenary Council which had its last final assembly in July 2022? Then in November 2022 the Australian bishops formally approved the acts and decrees of the Council and sent them to the Apostolic See in Rome for review. This review, including approval, would then become law in the Catholic Church in Australia. Many of you made a contribution to the Council by way of submissions regarding your thoughts about how the Church here could more effectively carry out the mission of Jesus in the 21st century.

There were about three or more years of planning for the Council, so we are looking at around 2018 when this project started to make the news. The article on the Faith Matters website (the top article under the tag *Topical Articles* on the home page) was written by John Warhurst, a Director of the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) and a member of the fifth Plenary Council of Australia.

He wrote this article to highlight the delay in Rome approving what was sent in November 2022. As he says, "That review, including approval, is known by the Latin word 'recognito'. Six months after 'recognito' those acts and decrees would then become the law of the Catholic Church in Australia." **We are still waiting.**

His article is not long and worth reading. Of course this is not to say that some Dioceses across Australia have not been forging ahead with processes to establish a more synodal approach within the Diocese. Parramatta Diocese in Sydney would be one of the models in this regard. Obviously the acceptance by Rome of the acts and decrees of our Fifth Plenary Council would be a catalyst for further progress in our attempts to introduce synodality within parishes.

John Warhurst's final paragraph in his article is as follows. "The final report on the implementation of the Plenary Council outcomes has been promised for 2027. Without Vatican recognition, followed by official promulgation of the decrees in Australia six months later, it will be a hollow document, if indeed it ever appears."

Pat Condon

Nationwide Rosary to honour Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia

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

In our Parish this will be held at:

Where: St. William's Church, Grovely,
Time: 2:00-4:00pm

When: Saturday, 23rd May

*For further enquires please contact
Margaret, ph.3351 0956*



<https://triplegrovely.au>

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Meditation, Scripture,
Mass over the airways,
music that matters, and more!
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Marriage Encounter - The Vow Mini Retreat

All couples welcome.

Date and Time: Saturday, 30th May,
9:00-12:30pm

Venue: St. Oliver Plunkett Church Hall,
21 Beauvardia Street, Cannon Hill

RSVP to Cathy and Vince Agius
vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com

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 11th May—15th May

Monday	9:30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	3:00pm	Anointing/Communion	Moonah Park Aged Care
	7:00pm	RCIA	Daley Centre
Tuesday	4:30pm	Faith Vibes	Daley Centre
	9:30am	Playgroup	Daley Centre
Wednesday	7:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's Church
	9:30am	Mothers Prayers	Daley Centre
	10:00am	Samford Rosary Circle	Sacred Heart
	10:30am	Anointing/Communion	Bellevue Aged Care
	11:00am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre
	4:30pm	Anointing/Communion	Samford Grove Aged Care

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

Timor-Leste Parish Immersion – Expressions of Interest

Our sister parish, **St. John De Brito in Liquica**, has warmly invited members of our community to visit, share, and walk alongside them in Timor-Leste.

We are planning a parish trip from **24th September to 3rd October, 2026**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for young people, adults, and families to:

- Experience the culture and daily life of Timor-Leste
- Spend time with parishioners and visit local homes
- Assist with installing computers in local schools
- Explore Dili and surrounding areas



Expressions of Interest and More Information

If you're interested in being part of this experience — or would simply like to learn more — please get in touch by 15th May via email: timorlestecompanions@outlook.com

Verse for Vinnies Gary Fogarty



Verse for Vinnies next show sees this bloke have a go, been on stage for beyond thirty years. He's run caravan shows, even runs rodeos, and can move you to laughter and tears. He's a Millmerran bloke, who can tell a good joke, and a genuine, bush dinky-di. Come and hear poetry, from this bloke Fogarty, you will laugh, you'll reflect, maybe cry. We would love you to come to this Sunday of fun, and it's all Aussie verse that you'll get. And the dough from the show, will all go, as you know, to those battlers we're prone to forget.

Sunday, 31st May, 1:30pm
\$15 - Cash only
St. William's School Hall,
Dawson Parade, Grovely.
Book seats noel@noelstallard.com

Living in the Promise

The Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A reminds us that God's love is active and present in our lives. The readings show how faith spreads, how praise lifts our hearts, and how the Holy Spirit gives us strength. They encourage us to trust that God is with us in every moment.

In Acts, we see the Gospel reaching new people and the Spirit moving among them. The psalm invites everyone to praise God for His mighty works. Peter calls us to speak of our hope with gentleness. In the Gospel, Jesus promises the Spirit will be with us forever.

These passages are full of hope and promise. The Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A points us to a God who draws close to His people. It shows us how faith grows when we live in love, speak with courage, and keep our eyes fixed on the Lord.

A Vocation View



That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

LAUDATO SI'

At Easter, John has us focus on God-with-us in visceral form from walking-with and eating-with and showing Thomas his wounds. His greeting is, "Peace", and this Living God promises to send the Holy Spirit. Theologian Elizabeth A. Johnson says, "Come have breakfast' (Jn 21:12). These three simple words followed by generous action open a portal into an ecological image of the living God who is active with cordial hospitality toward all creatures, nurturing their lives, desiring that all should be fed" (*Come have Breakfast. 2024 Orbis.*) Pope Leo has dedicated his Prayer for the month of May to be that everyone might have food (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a60VaSe3tY>). Food and agriculture, fertiliser, war, and fossil fuels are intimately connected. Food, water, and energy sovereignty were discussed at the Conference in Santa Marta in Columbia recently <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/conference-in-santa-marta-calls-for-a-just-transition-beyond-fossil-fuels/> Laudato Si' Week marks the anniversary of the publication of the encyclical Laudato Si' and asks that parishes make one action commitment. For Sacred Heart Samford that will be enhancing the local Regional Ecosystem (12.12.12) with new native tubestock plantings. <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/save-the-date-for-laudato-si-week-2026/> The theme of Laudato Si' Week 17th—24th May is **From Hope to Action!**

Pope's Prayer Intention for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

