

Year A  
The Ascension of the Lord  
17th May 2026  
Liturgical Colour: White



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

As a school community at St. William's, we often speak about helping our students grow—not only in learning, but in faith, confidence, and a sense of purpose. In celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, the Gospel this weekend speaks directly into that mission.



In Matthew 28:16–20, Jesus gathers his disciples and gives them a clear and challenging call:

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...  
and remember, I am with you always.”***

This is not just a message for the apostles—it is a message for each of us, including our young people.

At first glance, this Gospel might sound like it is about going far away—to other countries or new places. But, ‘going’ begins much closer to home.

At school for our students, ‘going’ looks like:

- showing kindness on the playground;
- including someone who feels left out;
- standing up for what is right;
- trying their best, even when learning is challenging

Each of these small actions is a way of living out Jesus’ call. Our students become witnesses to the Gospel not through big speeches, but through everyday choices.

Jesus asks his followers to “make disciples”. For us, it is about living our faith in a way that others can see and experience.

In our classrooms, we aim to create environments where respect and dignity are shown to every person; forgiveness is practised when mistakes are made; and gratitude and compassion are part of daily life. When students and adults live like this, they are already proclaiming the Good News and making Jesus real in the experience of the everyday.

Perhaps the most powerful part of this Gospel is Jesus’ promise:

***“I am with you always.”***

This is a message of reassurance. Life can be busy and, at times, challenging—friendships change, learning can feel difficult, and confidence can waver. In all of this, we remind our students that they are never alone.

This connects deeply with our school motto, ***In God's Hands***. We trust that our students are held, guided, and strengthened by God each day—at school, at home, and in all they do.

Jesus walks with them in the classroom, as they learn and grow; in the playground, as they build friendships; and in moments of success and in times of struggle.

In doing so, we continue to build a community where faith is not only taught—but truly lived.

**Duncan Maitland, Principal, St. William's School**

*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

18th May to 24th May

### Grovely

### St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass  
*St. Christopher Magallanes & companions*

#### Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
*Confirmation celebration*

Sunday: 7:00am Mass  
9:00am Mass  
*Confirmation celebration St. William's/St. Andrew's Combined Schools Mass*  
5:00pm Mass  
*Confirmation celebration*

### Samford

### Sacred Heart

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

#### Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass  
*Confirmation celebration*

## FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, 10:00am Evergreens  
31st May Cuppa and Guest Speaker, Daley Centre

1:30pm Verse for Vinnies  
*Mary Mackillop Centre*

Monday, 3:00pm Anointing &  
1st June Communion Service,  
*Moonah Park Aged Care*

Tuesday, 10:30am Anointing &  
9th June Communion Service,  
*Bellevue Aged Care*

Sunday, 9:00am Children's Liturgy,  
14th June *St. William's Church*

Sunday, 9:00am Family Mass,  
21st June *St. William's Church*

### Staff Training

The parish office will be closed on Thursday 21st from 9:30am -11:30am due to Work Health and Safety Training.

### This Week's Readings: The Ascension of the Lord

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

### Next Week's Readings: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

## 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.

### 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*".

### 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

### Anointing and Communion

#### Regis Ferny Grove

**Date:** Monday, 18th May

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** 39 Lanita Road, Ferny Grove

## Celebration of Pentecost next Sunday

To celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we will gather for morning tea after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 24th May. If able, please bring a plate to share.



## SAMFORD

### Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

**Maggie Good,  
Evelyn Moxham,  
Emily Scott, and  
Jack Scott,**

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!



### Samford Rosary Circle

**When:** Wednesday at 10:00am  
**Where:** Sacred Heart Church

Come and pray with us.



## COMBINED COMMUNITIES

### St. William's Church Shop

Our shop opens after the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and the 7:00am, 9:00am, and 5:00pm Sunday Masses.

We have a good selection of goods, including Confirmation gifts. You are welcome to come and browse.

All proceeds go to those in need. 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 [grovely@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:grovely@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Refreshments:** Served following the session



## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Barbara Kroll, Barry Guthrie, Margaret Nixon, and Noel Lieschke

**Anniversary:** Mary Lieschke



## 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 all of our families gathering for the Creed Mass this weekend.

Next weekend is our Pentecost celebration of the birthday of the Church, and our celebrations of Confirmation! We have 101 young members of our Church being Confirmed.

The Sacraments are a remedy for all our needs. May we venerate them and be grateful to God and His holy Church! As always, thank you dear Parishioners for keeping our children journeying to Confirmation in your prayers & on your rosaries.

## Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4.30-5.30pm, Mondays, Daley Centre



### This Week: Adoration

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

## 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



## FAITH MATTERS - GS



[www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au](http://www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au)

**Each one of us has a perspective about God, of which is really important for us to be aware, for it is the way we relate to God, how we communicate with Him in prayer, and how we live our lives.**

Some people see God as a vindictive and authoritarian being. Perhaps this is a result of being influenced by certain parts of the Old Testament or it was part of our earlier education. Certainly those who were exposed to Jesus during His life on earth saw Him as understanding God as His loving Father. Others, at that time, who were the recipients of His good works and healing, probably developed a similar view of God as time passed.

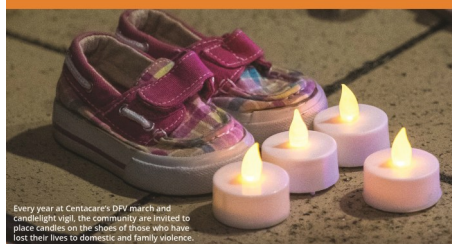
However, that view was not the one that prevailed as the centuries rolled on. John Dick, historical theologian, recalls Anslem (Archbishop of Canterbury – eleventh century) who portrayed God as “a harsh judge and taskmaster”. He was a massive influence in the Church at that time. His view saw God as one who was only appeased when His own Son repaid the debt owed to Him by sinful people.

When Vatican 2 came along (1962-65), there were still people who held this terrible view of God and, although this Vatican 2 changed this perspective of God, a significant group opposed the roll-out of the great decisions of the Council, and to this day some still do.

But today, most Christians, including us, see God as our loving Father, who is merciful, loving, forgiving, and one who walks with us as we journey back to God in this life. John Dick puts it very well when he says, “For me, God is my travelling companion on the great journey”. And so it is for all of us – we came from God at birth, we journey with Him during life, and we finish back with Him at the end of the journey.

Pat Condon

## Together we can prevent domestic and family violence



Every year at Centacare's DV march and candlelight vigil, the community are invited to place candles on the shoes of those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

The Archdiocese and its agencies reaffirm a united commitment to standing with victim-survivors calling out injustice, and working together as a community of faith to prevent domestic and family violence.



Find more information, tips to support and ways to donate.



<https://triplegrovelo.au>

Use the link above to tune in for Meditation, Scripture, Mass over the airways, music that matters, and more!  
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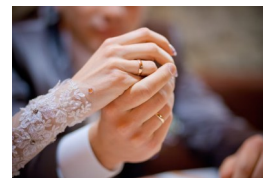


## Marriage Encounter - The Vow Mini Retreat

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](mailto:vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com)



## EVERGREENS

### Upcoming Dates

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May,** 10:00am Sausage Sizzle at George Willmore park.

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Please book with John and Joan, 0455 503 713 [jobrod@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jobrod@bigpond.net.au)

## PRAYER VIGIL for DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

PRESIDER: SHANE MACKINLAY, CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

In collaboration with Juliana Mantilla (Challenge DV), Diana Lopes (Honorary Consul of Portugal in QLD), Brian Sullivan (Sicura), Carole Danby (Queensland Churches Together), Carolyn Robinson (BeyondDV), Centacare, Liturgy Brisbane and the Romero Centre.

**Tuesday 2 June 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN**  
49 Elizabeth St Brisbane City

Followed by light supper in the Hanly Room

Join us in prayer and reflection for all impacted by domestic and family violence – victims, families, communities, those who have caused harm, and everyone working across the system. Together, we honour stories, raise awareness, and hold space for healing and hope.



## GS Parish 18th May—22nd May

Monday	9:30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	10:30am	Mass	Regis Ferny Grove
	4:30pm	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
Thursday	9:30am	WHS Info Session	Daley Centre
Friday	10:00am	Evergreens Sausage Sizzle	George Willmore Park

### 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](mailto:grovely@bne.catholic.net.au) **Phone:** 3355 3690



### 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](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)

### Risen Lord and Ruling King

The Ascension of the Lord Year A celebrates the moment when Jesus returned to the Father. It is a joyful reminder that his mission on earth was complete, but his care for us continues. The disciples saw him lifted up into heaven, yet his promise to be with them always gave them courage.

This feast reminds us that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He reigns as King over all the earth. His authority is above every power and ruler. Even though we cannot see him, He is still guiding his Church and giving us strength through the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension of the Lord Year A also calls us to action. Jesus gave his followers a mission to go into the whole world. We are sent to share his message, to baptise, and to teach others to follow him. His words are for us today just as they were for the first disciples.

### A Vocation View

Through His death, resurrection, and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that He will hear your prayers.



### Faith Development

Join us to explore **The Gospel of John**

Cost \$10 (For the Study Guide)

**Wednesdays commencing 10 June 9.30-10.30am in The Mollison Centre**

**8 WEEK COURSE! 10 JUNE TO 29 AUGUST**

Please contact All Saints Parish Office if you would like to join us!

If this time doesn't suit but you are interested in the Gospel of John please contact the Parish Office.

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## LAUDATO SI'

In this 2026 Laudato Si' Week (celebrating the publication of the encyclical LS May 2015) the theme is *From Hope to Action*. Some philosophers and theologians talk of an "ethic of gift" (e.g. *The Foundations of Nature – Metaphysics of Gift for an Integral Ecological Ethic*, Dominic Taylor. Veritas 2020). Today's readings tell of the 'already-but-not-yet' time we are still living - between God's gift of the incarnation and resurrection and our work. We have been given inestimable **hope** in the Spirit-with-us "till the end of time". Prayerfully observing where we are on that road metaphysically and physically and celebrating the gift by participatory **action** can be as real and elemental and hopeful as planting trees and 'caring for country' right **here**. This hope involves participation in awe at and with God's creation. Pope Leo XIV, talking to The Vatican Observatory Board last week, said, "We bear a solemn responsibility for the stewardship of our planet.... the hunger to understand Creation more fully is nothing less than a reflection of that restless longing for God, which lies at the heart of every human soul."

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/may/documents/20260511-vof.html>

### 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.

## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

# WALK WITH JESUS

Procession begins at

**2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026**

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