

Year A
Pentecost Sunday
24th May 2026
Liturgical Colour: Red

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ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Jesus promises his disciples and us that he will not leave us 'desolate' or 'orphans'. He will send us his Spirit who will be with us always. His Spirit is with us always, even when we feel as if we are alone and helpless. The Greek word used to describe the Spirit here is parakletos, which can be translated into English in many ways: advocate, helper, counsellor, comforter, teacher. He is the Spirit of Christ, and he continues the work that Jesus did among his disciples. He is the Spirit of Truth, and he leads us to the truth as we try to listen to him and be guided by him.

In prayer it is the Spirit who brings God's word to life and gives us a deeper understanding of the truths of the gospel. The Spirit also guides us in our daily lives, showing us the right actions in the situations we face and strengthening us to carry them out. The Holy Spirit gives us encouragement and consolation in our troubles and fears, and is our advocate when we sin, praying with us when we repent and seek forgiveness.

How do we know that the Holy Spirit is with us? We have to look for the fruit of the spirit. Paul's letter to the Galatians tells us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Whenever we have these fruits in our hearts then we know that the Holy Spirit is within us.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, so let us rejoice that Jesus has sent us this great Helper. It is because of his resurrection and ascension that he can send the Spirit into our hearts, and he never refuses us this gift. Jesus says that he does not leave us orphaned, and he is coming to us. He comes to us every day as we go before him in prayer, read his Word attentively, and receive him in the Eucharist. But the Spirit also encourages us to look forward to the time when he will come again in glory, when his kingdom will be fully revealed and evil will be no more. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with longing for that time and help us pray for it each day.

Let us pray for over 100 children and young people from our parish this week who will receive The Seal of the Holy Spirit: The sacrament of confirmation that leaves an indelible spiritual mark (a "character") on the soul. This signifies that the individual belongs entirely to Christ and is permanently under His protection.

Fr. 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

25th May to 31st May

Grovely	St William's
Wednesday:	7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday:	9:00am Mass
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

Monday, 1st June	3:00pm Anointing & Communion Service, <i>Moonah Park Aged Care</i>
Tuesday, 9th June	10:30am Anointing & Communion Service, <i>Bellevue Aged Care</i>
Thursday, 11th June	9:00am St. William's School Mass (Prep & Yr.6)
Sunday, 14th June	9:00am Children's Liturgy, <i>St. William's Church</i>
Sunday, 21st June	9:00am Family Mass, <i>St. William's Church</i>

An Invitation

An invitation is extended to interested parishioners to hear a guest speaker, 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 in the Daley Centre. Frances will tell of her interesting life and the life of Poppa Coronas, a Greek immigrant and licensee of the Coronas Hotel in Charleville. Morning tea will be provided. Please contact John & Joan 0455 503 713 jobrod@bigpond.net.au to indicate your attendance.

This Week's Readings: Pentecost Sunday

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

Next Week's Readings: Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

GROVELY

Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of



**Isla Kauter,
Samuel Kauter,
Elijah Roberts,
Aiden Roberts, and
Maya Stark,**

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.

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

Baptism

We joyfully announce the Baptism of



Luca Villamil,

and warmly welcome him into our faith community!

Samford Rosary Circle

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

Come and pray with us.



COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Expressions of Interest - Major Building Project Steering Committee

Fr. Nigel has met with Fr. Peter Dillon, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, to provide an overview of a proposal to undertake a major building project at St. William's, with the view to it becoming a future 'parish hub'. The project is expected to be completed within two to three years and will be undertaken in multiple stages.

The Vicar General has provided 'In Principle' agreement for the Parish to request Archdiocesan consideration of the project. This aligns with the Parish Mission Statement under the Pillar of *Community Building*.

The Vicar General's preference is for the project to be parishioner-driven. To proceed to the next phase, a Project Steering Committee is being formed to assist with community consultation and planning discussions.

Expressions of Interest are therefore sought from parishioners who have current professional skills and experience in project management, financial planning and management, building and construction, to be involved on a voluntary basis in the project planning. Tenure for such positions on the Steering Committee may be up to three years and parishioners should be aware of this expectation prior to applying.

Please note that a comprehensive Parish Consultation Process regarding the Major Building Project will be undertaken in the near future.

Please apply in writing by close of business on Friday, 5th June, to St. William's Parish Office, with details of your professional skills and experience.

email: grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

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.





Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Noel Lieschke, Charlie Morton (husband of Anne), and Victor Florida

Anniversary: Barbara Brown



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

Congratulations to all of our children receiving their Confirmation!!

Remember, Mum and Dad, you are the domestic Church. You are the followers of Jesus Christ with whom your children interact most. Keep being good stewards of their souls. Keep up your family faith formation. And keep coming to Mass! You are not in this alone, we are your Church, and we are here for you! We are all just walking each other home.

"In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like the food on the family table and the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places where we encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires what is best for us."

Pope Leo XIV

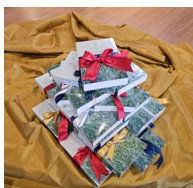
First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 4 and has been Baptised and Confirmed, they are welcome to join our First Holy Communion cohort this year! If your child received their Confirmation with our Parish last year, they are automatically enrolled, and I am elated they are going to receive their Eucharist! Enrolments are via our website. Our parent information sessions are 2nd, 3rd, and 4th June. Check our website for details <https://gsmparishes.com.au/first-holy-communion/>

With a welcoming heart, Laura.

Bible Gifting Program

Thank you! A heartfelt and joyous thank you to all parishioners who have donated to our Bible gifting program. Your generous efforts and care have placed the Word of God into the hands of each one of our Confirmation candidates. Your gift of the Scriptures is truly beyond measure.



Sincere appreciation for your generous spirit and loving hearts. May the Lord bless you!



FAITH MATTERS - GS



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Fr. Richard Rohr (Franciscan) wrote *The Divine Dance*, nominated by many people as his best book of many excellent ones. One of his themes was the concept of relationship as found in the Trinity. He also expressed his belief that the Trinity was M.I.A. (missing in action) in the lives of many Christians. He refers to Karl Rahner's statement (a major theologian at the Vatican Council) – "Christians are, in their practical life, almost monotheists".

In addition, he also believed that the Holy Spirit is the forgotten third person of the Trinity. The Spirit, though portrayed in many different ways, is especially all about relationships. Fr. Rohr makes this statement early in the book:

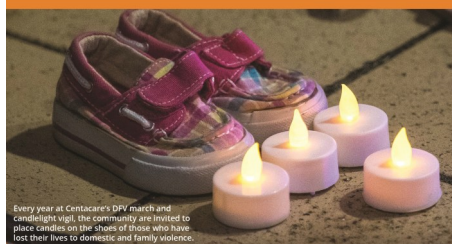
"Remember the Holy Spirit is the love relationship between the Father and the Son. It is this relationship itself that is gratuitously given to us. Or, better, we are included in this love. WOW. This is salvation in one wonderful snapshot."

This love relationship is not only with the Father and the Son, held fast by the Spirit, but it is also a relationship with all living things on earth. A person who tries to live life in this relationship with the Trinity, with others and all living things on earth is actually a contemplative person. You don't have to be a saint as defined by the Church to be a contemplative person.

At Pentecost, amidst all the wind, etc., the Holy Spirit was cementing this relationship in the hearts and minds of the Apostles. From there, despite the ups and downs in their daily lives, they were on the mission given to them by Jesus. And so it is for all of us today – Pentecost Sunday 2026.

Pat Condon

Together we can prevent domestic and family violence

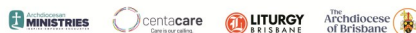


Every year at Centacare's DV march and candlelight vigil, the community are invited to place candles on the shoes of those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

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!
Follow us on FB and Insta!



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

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), Caroyin 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.



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI WALK WITH JESUS



Procession begins at

2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

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GS Parish 25th May—29th May

Monday	9:30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	4:30pm	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

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

Pentecost Year A celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples receive the Spirit with wind and fire. They speak in many languages. People from many places understand the message. This shows that the Good News is for everyone. The Spirit gives new life and brings people together.

The Spirit is still with us today. The readings show the Spirit helping us pray and giving us strength. Jesus sends His followers to forgive and to share peace. Each person has gifts to serve others. Pentecost reminds us to welcome the Spirit, live with courage, and work together as one body in Christ.

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4.30-5.30pm, Mondays, Daley Centre



This Week: 7 cardinal sins & 7 Cardinal virtues

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

A Vocation View

"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active if we utilise them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.



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Belief informs how we choose to act and our action-landscape, our cultural groups, even our human technologies now inform our beliefs. At Pentecost we are reminded of the gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and reverential awe of the Lord of ALL time. Pope Leo recently said to students at La Sapienza (Wisdom) University, "Today, it is precisely the implosion of a possessive and consumerist paradigm that is clearing the way for the new that is already sprouting: study, cultivate, and safeguard justice! Together with me and so many brothers and sisters, be artisans of true peace: a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering, working for harmony among peoples and the care of the Earth." <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/may/documents/20260514-visita-pastorale-sapienza.html> As Archbishop Mackinlay has on our Laudato Si' Week banner, "**Human** Life is grounded in three relationships: with God, with our Neighbour, with the Earth itself"! We hope the new plants from our very own Regional Ecosystems will be blooming soon like our Banksia integrifolias (leaf edge entire) are. How very apt is that name for our **Integral** Ecology Project!



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.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

What can YOU do to help the homeless, and people who are struggling with the cost of living?

You can donate to the St. William's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Winter Appeal, and you can pray for Conference members when they make use of your donation to provide assistance to needy people.

SVDP envelopes are available at the entrance to the church. Bank transfer details are on the envelopes. For cash donations, please put the envelope in the collection baskets. If you want a receipt, please email your name, address, and amount donated to: sw4054@svdppqld.org.au.

You can also donate toiletries, such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, by putting them in the basket at the rear of the church. These are included in distributed hampers.

The Conference greatly appreciates the support of parishioners.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

26 MAY

National Sorry Day

27 MAY - 3 JUNE

National Reconciliation Week