

Year A  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
3rd 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!

**"I am the way, and the  
truth, and the life"  
(John 14:6)**



In today's Gospel from John (14:1–12), Jesus speaks words of deep reassurance to his disciples: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled"*. He reminds them and us that they are not alone, that God is faithful, and that, in knowing Christ, we come to know the Father. At the heart of this passage are Jesus' powerful words: *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life"*.

For our school and parish community, this Gospel invites us to reflect on how we live out these words each day, particularly in the lives of our children.

To say that Jesus is the way is to recognise that our faith is not simply something we learn, but something we live. In our school, we try to show students 'the Way' through our actions by creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, by teaching them how to treat others with kindness and respect, and by guiding them to make choices that reflect compassion, justice and love. Every interaction, whether in the classroom, playground, or parish community, becomes an opportunity to walk in the way of Christ.

When Jesus speaks of being the truth, he reminds us that truth is found not only in words, but in integrity and authenticity. As educators and as a faith community, we teach children to seek truth, to be honest, to stand up for what is right, and to recognise the dignity of every person. We also model truth by admitting when we make mistakes, by listening to one another, and by grounding our teaching in Gospel values.

Jesus, as the life, calls us to reflect on how faith brings hope and joy. In a busy and often uncertain world, our school strives to be a place where students feel safe and valued. Through prayer, liturgy, service, and everyday relationships, we help children discover that life in Christ is life-giving and that it offers purpose and meaning.

Importantly, Jesus tells his disciples that they will continue his work. In our school, we do this together as staff, families, and parish by living the Gospel visibly. When children see faith in action, they come to understand that we don't follow a list of rules, we follow a person. Members of the early church were called 'Followers of the Way' because they followed the example He set for them.

There is a 'Way' to a joy-filled, happy and meaningful life; His name is Jesus!

**Tricia Howard**

*Principal, Our Lady of Dolours 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

4th May to 8th May

Grovely	St William's
Tuesday:	10:00am Funeral Service <i>Barry Guthrie</i>
Wednesday:	1:00pm Funeral Mass <i>Margaret Nixon</i> 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday:	9:00am St. William's School Mothers Day Mass
<b>Next Weekend Masses:</b>	
Saturday:	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass <i>incl Children's Liturgy</i> 5:00pm Mass
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	6:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Next Weekend:</b>	
Sunday:	8:00am Mass

## FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Monday, 11th May	9:00am Mt. Maria House Mass, <i>Our Lady of Dolours Church</i>
	3:00pm Moonah Park Anointing and Communion
Tuesday, 12th May	10:30am Bellevue Aged Care Anointing and Communion
	4:30pm Samford Grove Anointing and Communion
Friday, 15th May	9:00am St. Andrew's School Mass, Yr. 6, <i>St. Andrew's School</i>
Saturday, 16th May	5:00pm Volunteers' Mass and Supper
Sunday, 17th May	9:00am St. William's Parish Family Mass
Monday, 18th May	10:30am Regis Ferny Grove Mass
Thursday, 21st May	9:30am WHS Presentation <i>Daley Centre</i>

### This Week's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

### Next Week's Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

## 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.

### 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

### May for Mary

This week we enter May, the month Catholics dedicate to Mary! It 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.*"

## SAMFORD

### Samford Rosary Circle

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

Come and pray with us.



## 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: 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](mailto:grovely@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Refreshments:** Served following the session

## EVERGREENS

The ladies from Evergreens will be celebrating **Mothers Day** at Gaythorne RSL on Friday, 8th May at 9:30am

Please book via Bernadette Madden at [bmmadden\\_56@hotmail.com](mailto:bmmadden_56@hotmail.com)

All other enquiries - John & Joan 0455 503 713 or [jobrod@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jobrod@bigpond.net.au)



## Faithful Departed

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



## We pray for the Sick

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

**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 Sacramental families journeying towards Confirmation. You are doing a wonderful job stewarding your children! We pray your family is supported and encouraged in faith for all of your days. We thank the Lord for your faith journey and ask blessings upon all of our children receiving Confirmation. You remain in our prayers and on our rosaries.



## 7 Date Nights to Strengthen Your Relationship

The Marriage Course

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



## FAITH MATTERS - GS



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

Of the four Gospels, those of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the Synoptic Gospels, but the Gospel of John is quite different, both in style and content. The synoptic Gospels have many of the same stories and parables, and are more a narrative style, often in a similar sequence or sometimes identical wording.

**John's Gospel, as the historical theologian John A. Dick notes, does not contain many of the stories of the other three Gospels – the temptations of Jesus in the desert, His Transfiguration, the institution of the Lord's Supper, the sermon on the mount and the Lord's prayer. As one reads John's Gospel one is very aware of how different it is.**

The three Synoptic Gospels are read over a three-year cycle during the period we call Ordinary Time. However, on special occasions during these three years, we find that the Gospel of John is the Gospel of the day. It is important to remember that this Gospel was written well after the other three Gospels.

In his lengthy article on John's Gospel John A. Dick says the following.

"Scholars, such as the American priest and biblical scholar Raymond E. Brown (1928 – 1998), believed that the original author of an oral tradition, that evolved into the Gospel of John, was a companion of Jesus, the "Beloved Disciple", who formed a community, most probably in Ephesus. An oral tradition of eye-witness recollections of the "Beloved Disciple" evolved and began being written down around 90CE. **The final redaction occurred ten to twenty years later, giving us a textual composition date of between 90 and 110CE.**"

He also goes on to say, "We do not know who the 'Beloved Disciple' was". This would come as quite a surprise to those of us who may not have pursued recent scriptural studies. We think of John, one of the twelve Apostles, as being this "beloved Disciple".

**This writing on John's Gospel by John A. Dick is now on the Faith Matters website at the top of the home page under the tag Topical Articles. It is an interesting read, calculated to make one think. It is probably best to have some available time and a cup of coffee before you sit down to read it.**

## 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.

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

**When:** Saturday, 23rd May

For further enquires please contact Margaret, ph.3351 0956

## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

### Cultural Immersion to Yarun (Bribie Island) - Thursday, 7th May



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**RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN**

Includes cultural guided bus and island tour. Morning Tea and lunch are provided. \$100 per head. Register [here](#).



## 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 4th May—8th May

Monday	7:00pm	SVDP St William's	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
Friday	9:30am	Evergreens Mothers Day Celebration	Gaythorne RSL

### 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

### 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](mailto:timorlestecompanions@outlook.com)

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A** focuses on faith, service, and the role of Jesus in our lives. The readings show how the early Church grew, how believers are called to be living stones, and how Jesus is the way to the Father.

- **Faith in Jesus:** Jesus tells His disciples to trust in Him. He shows them that He is the way to God, and faith in Him leads to eternal life.
- **Serving Others:** The first reading shows the apostles choosing helpers to care for those in need. The Church must serve others and make sure no one is forgotten.
- **Jesus as the Cornerstone:** The second reading calls Jesus the cornerstone of God's house. Those who follow Him become part of this spiritual building.
- **God's Chosen People:** Believers are called a holy people in the second reading. They are chosen to share God's light with the world.
- **Following the Way:** Jesus says He is the way, the truth, and the life. He leads people to the Father, and no one can go to God except through Him.
- **Works of Faith:** Jesus says His followers will do great works in His name. Faith leads to action, and believers must continue His mission on earth.

Jesus calls His followers to trust in Him, serve others, and live as God's chosen people. The Church must continue His mission with faith and love.

### A Vocation View

The institution of the Diaconate is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational, or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.



### 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.

## LAUDATO SI'

"Hope would have us recognise that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems." (LS61). We are invited in May during Laudato Si' Week 2026 to "Pray deeply, reflect honestly, and act concretely".

<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/save-the-date-for-laudato-si-week-2026/>  
 Our church in the Samford Valley has been working for years on a Laudato Si'-inspired Integrated Site Ecology project. This has required thinking and acting about air (and in particular birds nesting in remnant trees and on our high artificial tree – a radio frequency transmission tower), water (running over concrete pavement), and in and amongst the soil chemistry and fungi. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-019-1128-0>). Cyprian Consiglio O.S.B. Cam is a Camaldolese monk and they are connected to Australia's most ubiquitous Eucalyptus camaldulensis (River Redgum). He composes and sings like wind in trees on wood in guitar, about the urgency to think, sing, and act out of the resurrection promise of hope. His songs are calm but urgent prayers for Christic peace, e.g. "Lead me from death unto life" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2tDAb45FiM&t=18s>) That is like a pilgrimage across cultures and mountains (<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/pilgrimage-the-road-through-the-alps/series/1/video/ZW4696A001S00>)



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