

Year A
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st June
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

The phrase “**Do not be afraid**” (or words to that effect) appears in the Bible numerous times. The actual phrase, according to most sources, depending on the translation, appears more than 70 times, and phrases with a similar message occur significantly more often. The liturgy today is certainly based on this theme.



Do not be afraid

Both the reading from Jeremiah and the Responsorial Psalm start with the situation of one feeling that everything is against one but towards the end there is praise and thanks that the Lord has remedied the situation and removed one's fear. As is often the case, the second reading is about something else – something which was done for us by Jesus, the Christ, and which gave us Grace, “an abundant free gift”.

Just imagine the scene in the Gospel. These twelve men were so captivated by this man, Jesus, that they became His followers. Up until now they had witnessed Him on mission – teaching via parables to which the people seemed to respond because they could understand what he was saying, doing such marvellous things, especially for people on the margins, taking on the religious leaders, etc. Up until now it was Jesus doing it all but now he wanted to send them out to the nearby areas to speak to the people. I reckon they were petrified.

What about us? We are often confronted with situations in our lives where the outcome is so uncertain and we find ourselves confused and worried about what the future may bring. Perhaps our parents are getting older and we need to make decisions, perhaps we are starting a new job or have just been promoted and we are unsure as to how it will work out. Maybe we have a health issue which could mean a change in our life or the need to alter the way we have lived in the past. Someone close to us has gone back to God and life will never be the same. There are a multitude of situations we confront, so often with trepidation and worry.

We are told that God is always with us and, as in today's Gospel, God will always look after us, but so often we find that we still have that sick feeling in the stomach. The image of God knowing the number of hairs on our head as a sign of how He will bring us through it all is comforting for some time but the worries often continue.

This is what faith and hope in God is all about. So often we are like the doubting Thomas who would not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he had experienced it. Thomas had to get to work on his faith. And so it is with us. We have to ask God to increase our Faith and to strengthen our Hope in Him as we navigate these troublesome times in our lives. Above all, we need to thank God for the fact that we have our Faith at all. It is sheer gift. Most of us were given the gift when we were very, very young, others received it later in life. Many others do not have the Faith we have been given. God looks after all of them as well but we have our Christian Faith to help us get through the sometimes deep valleys of our lives. “**Do not be afraid.**”

Pat Condon - Faith Matters

We, the parishioners of the Catholic Parishes of Grovely and Samford, 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

22nd June to 28th June

Grovely St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am St. William's School Feast Day Mass
St. William of Vercelli

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, 9:30am Fr. Nigel 15-year
29th June Celebration Mass

Thursday, 10:00am Mass of
2nd July Anointing of the Sick
St. William's Church

GROVELY

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.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated at the 9.00am Mass on 12th July, 2nd August, and 6th September. Volunteers are sought to present the sessions; please email Kate Craig katenicoleb@gmail.com



SAMFORD

Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of



**James Hawkins,
Charlotte Hawkins,
Aria McMahon,
Tyler Wilson,
Carter Wilson, and
Beau Wilson**

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

Bring A Plate

Every fourth Sunday of the month Sacred Heart Church enjoys having a morning tea after the 8am Mass. Please join us for morning tea and if you can, bring a plate to share.

All are welcome!

'Where Wonder Dwells'

An exhibition of Hope and Renewal
Every Saturday and Sunday through June

ARTIST TALKS ON

Sunday 14th, 21st and 28th June: 2:30pm - 3pm
Sacred Heart Church, 2 Camp Mountain Road, Samford

Samford Rosary Circle

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

Come and pray with us.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Notice of Community Consultation for Major Building Works Program

Parishioners would be aware of the recent Expression of Interest to form a Steering Committee for a proposed major building works program, which has raised a great deal of interest and questions from both church communities.

Fr. Nigel therefore wishes to have a parish consultation meeting to further inform and respond to questions around the project. The meeting will take place on –

**Monday, 22nd June 2026, at 6:00 pm
St. William's Church, Grovely.**

Fr. Nigel will present the background to this major building program and outline the strategic direction for the future of the parish, in line with the *Community Building* pillar of the Parish Mission Statement.

We strongly suggest you come along to the meeting to fully understand the building concepts and future strategy for our parish communities.

The buildings included in the proposed project are the presbytery, parish administration offices, library, and Daley Centre, with the development of an under-cover precinct adjoining Lourigan Place with pathways and gardens.

We welcome your attendance at the meeting where there will be a presentation of plans and draft drawings of the works program.

Parish Concert

Date Claimer—Dare to Dream

**Saturday, 29th August, 7:00pm,
Mary MacKillop Centre**

Details will be available shortly

Going Home

CD from our very own Lindsay Gaffney Available in the Parish Office, \$20 cash

Whether a Requiem Mass or Memorial service, hymns and reflective songs bring a sense of holiness, reverence and comfort to the occasion.

Relic of St Carlo Acutis
Coming to Kedron

We are blessed to welcome a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to Little Flower Church, Kedron

80 Turner Road, Kedron | Saturday, 4th July 2026 | Starting at 10:00am

Join us for a special time of prayer and reflection as we honour this modern-day witness of holiness.

PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- Veneration of the Relic
- Talk on the Life of Carlo Acutis
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Confession available

Blessed Carlo reminds us that *"the Eucharist is the highway to Heaven."*

Come and deepen your faith through this beautiful opportunity of grace.

ALL ARE WARMLY INVITED—bring your family and friends.

This Week's Readings: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Next Week's Readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Bob Finch, Nestor Ramos, Valerie Little, John Whitehart, Barbara Flynn, Bill Twigg, Deb Lewis and Zenaida Mantas

Anniversary: Graham Rampton



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, William Lane, Bernadette Tierney, Marcella Tierney and Fr. Denis Scanlan

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.



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@svdpqld.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.

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Events

Friday, 25th June: 10am Men's cuppa at Arana Leagues Club.

Sunday, 28th June: Cuppa and future planning meeting in the Daley Centre after 9:00am Mass.

Friday, 3rd July, 9:30am in the Daley Centre: The RACQ will present a Safe Driving Information morning. Bookings required.

Friday, 17th July, 10.00am in the Daley Centre: Luke Reed, will speak on his life experiences. Many will remember Luke and his time here in the Parish as pastoral Assistant in the late 1980s. Luke is still serving our community well with the care of our youth as Principal of Mt. Maria College.

Bookings : John & Joan 0455 503 713
jobrod@bigpond.net.au



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

The theme of the 2026 Autumn edition of *The Madonna Magazine* was **Humility**, in which Fr. Chris Gleeson, in his editorial, made the following statement: "Humility should be appreciated as a strength, rather than an act of self-rejection". This highlights the difference between the true meaning of the word rather than the way many people perceive it to be.

He believes that over the years many of us have looked on this virtue as some form of self-rejection, as putting ourselves down, rather than appreciating it as a strength to be cultivated. Each of us has been gifted by God with certain abilities which we develop in life and perform very well, thus leading others to praise us for having done things so well. How we respond in this situation is often a denial or diluting the effect of what we have done. Perhaps we tend to downplay our obvious achievements, thinking that is humility. Not so.

The word humility comes from the Latin, 'humus' which means 'earth' or 'ground'. So humility is the art of being grounded. One might also say that 'humility is truth'. God has given each of us a specific set of skills and encourages us to develop these during our lives. When we do and others become aware of our efforts, the response should be to acknowledge that our efforts are real but are also the result of God helping us to use the gifts He originally gave us. Our response should not be some form of rejection of what we have achieved but an honest acknowledgment of our actual achievements and a feeling of gratitude to God who was with us all the way as we developed His gifts in our lives.



<https://triplegrovelly.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

4:30-5:30pm, Mondays, Daley Centre



This Week: Angels

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

Fr. Nigel Sequeira

Fifteen Years of Priesthood

It's a joyful moment for our parish as Fr. Nigel marks fifteen years since his ordination to the priesthood, and we'd love for you to join us in giving thanks and celebrating with him.

Over these years, Fr. Nigel has been a great blessing to our community—through his engaging homilies, his care for families and the sick, and his joyful presence among our youth and school communities. His commitment to outreach and his willingness to journey alongside people in both the happy and the difficult moments of life have touched many hearts.

We are truly grateful for his faithful and generous ministry among us.

Mass: 9:30am, Monday, 29th June
St. William's Church

Please bring a plate to share
RSVP: Parish Office, ph.3355 3690

Sacramental News

Welcome to the *Our Father* Mass weekend! When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, it was a beautiful moment. And because of that we are gifted a prayer that captures everything for our faith and enraptures our hearts. Note Jesus didn't say, "my Father", rather he said, "our Father." And he didn't say "forgive my trespasses", he said, "forgive our trespasses." We are one. God is Father of all. May the words from our mouths and hearts reach our eternal Father with awe and love.

Prayer Partners

Thank you for keeping our children journeying to their First Holy Communion in your prayers and on your rosaries. If you wish to participate as a Prayer Partner for an individual child, after Mass parishioners willing to be Prayer Partners will be asked to put their hand up and smile to receive a Prayer Partner letter. The children will choose a person to pray for them on their road to the Eucharist. If you would like to give your Prayer Partner child a letter, please give it to the Parish Office prior to 1st August. Thank you for committing to pray for these wonderful children and their families.

Women's retreat
FACETS OF GRACE
31 JULY TO 2 AUGUST 2026

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/womensR26 for more info or to register.

GS Parish 22nd June-26th June

Monday	9:00am	Mt. Maria House Mass	Our Lady of Dolours Church
	9:30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	4:30pm	Faith Vibes	Daley Centre
Tuesday	6:00pm	Community Consultation	St. William's Church
	7:00pm	RCIA	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
Friday	11:00am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre
	10:00am	Evergreens Men's Cuppa	Arana Leagues Club

Spirit-filled Conversations across Generations about

The CHOSEN

Come and see what is on offer for next semester on Sunday nights at our

Come and See Evening

Sunday 28th June, 6:00pm in the Daley Centre.

We will watch an episode of from the series *The Chosen* and talk about our plan for four sessions on a Sunday night at 6:00pm next semester, then share a meal.

Then on 2nd August, 6th September, 11th October, and 8th November, we will gather again at 6:00pm. We will reflect on an episode of *The Chosen* that we have watched in our homes over the previous month. We will have dinner together and aim to finish by 7:00pm to go home and get ready for the week.

Families, particularly those with tweens and teens, are most welcome, and we will facilitate different conversation groups for adults and children/young people. **RSVP via QR.**



Do Not Be Afraid

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches us to trust God in hard times. Jeremiah feels fear and rejection, yet he says that God is with him. The psalm shows that God listens to those who suffer. Paul explains that sin entered the world through Adam, but Jesus brings grace and new life.

Jesus tells His followers not to be afraid. God cares for each person and knows every need. If we stand with Jesus, He will stand with us. This day invites us to live with courage and to trust that God will guide and protect us.

World Cup 2026 St. William's Socceroo Connection

Bob O'Neill, our sacristan is at the World Cup watching his grandson Aiden O'Neill play for the Socceros. I did tell him that I prayed for them both and for Aiden before the game. Aiden said thank you. Lets keep praying for our team.

Fr Nigel

"Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Oi! Oi! Oi!"

Go the Maroons too



LAUDATO SI'

Laudato Si' Movement suggested one action, e.g. "caring for a local ecosystem" see: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/save-the-date-for-laudato-si-week-2026/>) which Samford Parish has been doing explicitly since 2020. Nature artist/iconographer Dianne Minnaar serendipitously has her very St. Francis-inspired Samford Art Trail exhibition on concurrently at the church <https://creativesamford.com/product/dianne-minnaar-2/>. Plantings have been with parishioners and others, their children, and some grandchildren. Plants have been selected primarily with attention to the church's main Regional Ecosystem being 12.12.12, noting that we are blessed with a massive high-value remnant species, the glorious Flooded Bluegum (*E. tereticornis*), Narrow-lead Ironbark (*E. crebra*), Moreton Bay Ash (*Corymbia tessellaris*) and have added species typical of 12.12.12 being Broad-leaved Paperbark (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*) and Swamp Box (*Lophostemon suaveolens*), Holly-leaved fuchsia (*Graptophyllum ilicifolia*). Other adjoining ecosystems are 12.3.16 (Complex Notophyll to Microphyll Vine Forest) and with remnants from that RE we have added River She Oak (*Casuarina cunninghamiana*), Hoop 'pines' (not pines of course but most ancient members (like the Wollemi) of the family *Araucariaceae*), *Araucaria cunninghamii*. Also, Swamp Box (*Lophostemon confertus*). From the other RE, 12.3.11, species added are Mat Rush (*Lomandra hystrix*) and Brown Pines (*Podocarpus elatus*). More will follow.

Archdiocese of Brisbane

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Walking Together in Christ:
A Celebration of Faith and Culture

Sunday 5 July 2026

9:45am at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Marking 40 years of Pope St John Paul II's visit and 50 years of NAIDOC

catholic encounter KIDS

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

JUNE / JULY

With 5 locations available, Register your children for a day of fun faith, friends, crafts and games.

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Archdiocesan MINISTRIES

Mt Maria College
Mitchelton
Strong Mind - Compassionate Heart

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Lavalla House Mass

MONDAY 22 JUNE
Mass begins at 9.00am

at Our Lady of Dolours Church
PARENTS, FAMILY & PARISHIONERS
ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US

Pope's Prayer Intention for June For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.