

Year A  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
28th June  
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Choosing the Cross



The woman welcomes Elisha to rest at her home with no expectation or reward. But Elisha, acknowledging her generous, caring spirit, wants to give her what she most needs. Hearing she has an elderly husband but no children, he promises a son. Rather than leave her abandoned and vulnerable, Elisha offers the woman a future where she will have security and a roof over her head. She will be cared and provided for as she cared and provided for him. This is the prophet's reward.

Life has its rewards and its sorrows. We all experience troubles and carry burdens others can't see. Disappointment and disillusionment are part of life and can be felt as a heavy load, though not one we'd consciously choose. We try to travel lighter. We want to let go the bitter weight of disappointment. To shed the 'baggage' of past mistakes. How then do we respond to Jesus' call to take up the cross and follow him? To carry a cross is to take up our sin and our shame and our pain and walk the journey with it and with Jesus. Perhaps choosing the cross is an act of responsibility and remembrance. Perhaps a humble cross-burdened state is what allows us to accept the hospitality of strangers with an open heart. Perhaps, knowing that life can be painful in this way is what allows us to *extend* hospitality with sincerity, compassion, and grace. The cross invites us to be more loving, more forgiving, more patient, less hurried.

The cross reminds us to acknowledge the crucifixion (death) yet to look beyond that in anticipation of the resurrection (life). To have the grace to expect pain and endings while trusting that we will meet healing and new beginnings.

Choosing to walk with Jesus who carries the cross is to witness to the paradox of God who offers the totality of love from a state of humiliation and rejection. The cross is not beautiful but something beautiful comes from it.

So what do we do with the burdens we want to leave behind? How do we take the reality of heartache, sorrow, and death on the journey? It seems that Jesus is asking us to have the strength to be weak, the patience to move slowly while also moving forward with the burden of what we carry. But are we alone? Sometimes it feels like it. But we have each other. We have the hospitality and generosity offered and received. And we have God, crucified and risen, walking with us.

Spirit of God, breath courage into our hearts – help us to take up the cross.

**Clare Locke**

*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

29th June to 5th July

**Grovely**

**St William's**

Monday: 9:00am Fr. Nigel 15-year Celebration Mass  
Sts. Peter & Paul

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass **cancelled**

10:00am **Anointing 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

Sunday, 9:00am Mass  
12th July: *incl. Children's Liturgy*

Sunday, 9:00am Family Mass  
19th July



**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:  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Next Week's Readings:  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

## GROVELY

### Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of



**Aorife Hasaam,  
Georgia Moyes, and  
Lachlan Sheriff.**

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

### Faith Circle

The group is in recess for school holiday, and will reconvene on Monday, 17th July, at 9:30am in the Daley Centre.

### Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome to join us at every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Church.



### 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](mailto:katenicoleb@gmail.com)



### 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.

## Mass of Anointing



Thursday, 2nd July, 9.00am

St. William's  
All are welcome

**Please note: This Mass will take place during the school holidays so there will be plenty of parking available.**

### Working Bee Appreciation – Daley Centre

A big thank you to the 'Working Bee Team' - Luke Brouckaert, Assad Jarjees, Brendan and Patrick McGillion, Reto Jenatsch, Paul Bowden, Peter Scanlan, David Mort, George and Patty Andrews, James Baxter, Lester and Jan Whiteway - for their outstanding effort at the recent working bee beneath the Daley Centre.

Their dedication and hard work have transformed the storage space into a far more functional and accessible area. Thanks to their efforts, our shared resources are now easier to access, maintain, and use safely—an improvement that will benefit the whole parish community.

This is a wonderful example of how practical service can strengthen and support our parish in meaningful ways. Contributions like these often happen quietly behind the scenes, yet they have a significant impact on parish life.

We are deeply grateful for their generosity, time, and willingness to lend a hand.

Please join us in thanking the 'Working Bee Team' for their great work and community spirit.

**Fr Nigel Sequeira, Parish Priest**

## SAMFORD

### Samford Rosary Circle

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

Come and pray with us.

### First Friday Coffee and Chat

Ladies, let's meet for First Friday Coffee and Chat, on Friday, 3rd July, on the verandah of Samford Church from 9:30am.

*Please bring a small plate of goodies to share as we chat.*



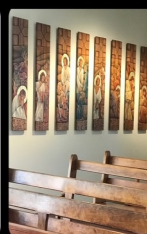
Contact - Cathy  
0409 871 209.

## '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





## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Valerie Little, John Whitehart, Barbara Flynn, Bill Twigg, and Deb Lewis

**Anniversary:** Felicitas Manangan



## We pray for the Sick

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

**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.

### Thank You

*A very heartfelt thank you to the parishioners who attended John's Funeral Mass, and gave my family and me such loving and prayerful support.*

*May God bless you.*

*Nola Whitehart*

### School Donation



The St. William's St Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to thank St. William's Primary School for the generous donation of 23 baskets of non-perishable food, which will be included in food hampers delivered by Conference members to needy people in the local area.

### 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



## FAITH MATTERS - GS



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

In Jesus' time women faced incredible discrimination in Jewish society. Fr. P. Ribes S.J. dealt with this topic, among others, in his book *To be like Jesus*. Here are some acts of discrimination from his book as well as some instances as to how Jesus dealt with women in his male-dominated patriarchal society. No wonder he faced such opposition and was then executed later on.

### Discrimination against women:

The woman who dared to go out with her face uncovered could be divorced by the man at once. **Unlike their brothers, girls never had the right of succession.** Women could not preach or teach in the Synagogue. **In the temple women were not allowed to enter even the court of the gentiles.** In case of divorce the children were always given to the father. **A woman who committed adultery had to be stoned to death, not a man. Plus many more.**

### How Jesus broke all the laws with regard to how women were to be accepted in Jewish society:

"Brushed aside sex prejudices and gave women their dignity and rightful role in society. **Treated women with sensitivity, dignity, and equality.** They support Him financially, shelter Him and feed Him. **He breaks the barriers of pharisaic rules that forbade rabbis from talking to women in public.** He breaks the Sabbath law to heal women. **He does not respect the Law of Moses about stoning the adulteress.** He sets them free from not only personal sin but also from unjust social taboos, restrictions and laws. **He praises their faith."**

**No wonder Jesus got up the noses of the religious and political leaders.**



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### Community Consultation

The Community Consultation session for the Major Building Project that was held in the Church last Monday, 22nd June, was well attended.

Representatives from the Archdiocese Building and Property Division attended and Fr. Nigel, Renee Dunn (Architect) and Peter Collins gave presentations on the project background and financial implications. Renee Dunn spoke to the proposed drawings and schematic designs for the various stages of the project and are available for viewing on the display boards at the back of the Church.

### EVERGREENS

#### Upcoming Events

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

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

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jobrod@bigpond.net.au)

### Sacramental News

Thank you to all of our wonderful families journeying with their children to the Eucharist. Your child's prayer partner is praying for them, as are all of our parishioners. In turn, you can pray for your child's prayer partner too! Our next large gathering together is for our Encounter Kids Workshop on Sunday, 19th July, at St. William's at 9:00am. May the Lord watch over you and guide you. Have a safe and happy holiday break!

### Prayer Partners

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who are committed to praying for the children journeying to their First Holy Communion. The inter-generational connection shared is a privilege and responsibility. We know that a lot of you are the past shoulders we stand on, and the present Church with whom we sojourney. To have you pray for the present and the future of our Church is truly meaningful. This is not just what we do as the Church, it is who we are. You are appreciated and you are prayed for!

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

Scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/womensR26](http://tinyurl.com/womensR26) for more info or to register.

## GS Parish 29th June-3rd July

Monday	7:00pm	SVDP	Daley Centre
Tuesday	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	7:00pm	Baptism Preparation	St. William's Church
Friday	9:30am	Evergreens RACQ Presentation	Daley Centre

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**



### Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4:30-5:30pm, Mondays,  
Resuming on 17th July

**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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## LAUDATO SI'

The Laudato Si' Action Platform Project at Samford's Sacred Heart Church was a professional design response from the jump. It was named an 'Integral Site Ecology Project' developed through various iterations of Sketch Designs by Place Design Group Pty Ltd, which were design responses to a community-led and developed Project Brief. The Brief was how to have a model of Living Laudato Si' – made tangible. The tangible issues were Stormwater Management, Native Biodiversity Conservation and Enhancement and ease of whole-of-site accessibility for all levels of mobility. The intangibles were people and plant and even Radio Frequency Tower 'ecologies', deeply investigating them (e.g. what and where were the underground electric and fibre optic services on the site). Laudato Si' promotes this word and work of integrated systems-thinking and doing. Place developed the Overall Landscape Plan along with Fulton Trotter Architects and MRP Hydraulic Engineers, John Gaskell Townplanners, and AK Surveyors, Kumbartcho Native Nursery and TTW Civil Engineers. Additionally, hundreds - if not thousands—of hours of volunteer administrating and supervising and digging and planting were given. Stage 1 is practically complete. Samford hopes for a Stage 2.

A night of music to inspire your imagination to bring peace, unity and resilience.

# DARE DREAMT

7pm Saturday 29 August 2026

MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE, 67 DAWSON PARADE, GROVELY

Proceeds of Concert to support Parish Social Actions Projects including weekly Friendship Breakfast, Christmas Lunch, Emergency Assistance.

TICKETS  
**\$50**  
SCAN QR CODE OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Pre Show Drinks & Snack Food available from Café Il Sogno (Café of Dreams) from 5.30pm

### FEATURING ARTISTS

Julie Kelemete Monica Haworth Lindsay Gaffney Jane Massingham

Combined voices from Samford, Mitchelton and Grovely choirs  
The voices of young people from Mt Maria Secondary College & the Primary Schools of St Williams, St Andrews & Our Lady of Dolours.

A live band of musicians led by Fiona Sorbello

FOR TICKET ENQUIRIES AND FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON (07) 3355 3690

Save the Date

### 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.*

### 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.

## Happy Holidays!

Wishing all students and school staff a happy and safe break

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