

Year A
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th July
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Parable of the Sower scattering seeds across his fields is a simple one - the seeds that fall along the path get eaten by birds; the seeds that fall on the rocky earth become scorched by the sun; the seeds that fall beneath the thorns get choked in the thickets; and finally, some seeds fall on rich soil and produce "a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold".

This is one of the few stories where Jesus explains line by line.

The Path - Jesus says, "The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart" (Mt 13:19).

The Rocky Ground - Next, Jesus says, "The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word" (Mt 13:20-21).

The Thorns - Jesus said, "The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit" (Mt 13:22).

The Fertile Soil - Finally, we arrive at Jesus' final explanation, "But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold" (Mt 13:23).

It's easy to think we fall into one of these categories – and likely naively default to *The Fertile Soil*, but thank God, we're not sorted once and done like the Harry Potter Sorting Hat! We are soil under cultivation.

We are all of these at different times.

A field isn't four fixed plots, it's one plot whose condition changes with season, weather, neglect, and care. Paths get moved, Thorns get cleared. Rocky ground get's enriched. Even fertile soil, left untended, goes hard over time.

The line separating good and evil passes not through labels and categories of people, but right through every human heart – and through all human hearts. (Solzhenitsyn)

The useful question for us today isn't "am I Fertile Soil?" - it's "what's choking my field this week, and what am I going to do about it?"

Paul O'Donovan

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

13th July to 19th July

Grovely

St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Family 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, 1:30pm Verse for Vinnies
26th July *Mary MacKillop Centre*

Thursday, 30th July
9:00am St. William's School Mass
(Catholic Education Week & Grandparents' Mass)
6:00pm 2nd Rite Penance for First Eucharist children
St. William's

Friday, 31st July
St. Andrew's School Mass
(Catholic Education Week)
St. Andrew's School

Sunday, 2nd August
9:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy,
St. William's

Monday, 3rd August
3:00pm Anointing & Communion Service
Moonah Park Aged Care

Thursday, 6th August
9:00am St. William's School Mass, Year 5 & 3S

Saturday, 8th August
5:00pm First Communion Celebrations, *St. William's*

Sunday, 9th August
8:00am First Communion Celebrations,
Sacred Heart
9:00am & 5:00pm First Communion Celebrations, *St. William's*

**This Week's Readings:
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

**Next Week's Readings:
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-30

GROVELY

Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of



**Indigo Chipperfield,
Maya Chipperfield,
Daphne Field, and
Tommy Gordon.**

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

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.

Anointing and Communion Service

Tuesday, 14th July, 10:30am,
Bellevue Aged Care,
53 Linkwood Drive, Ferny Hills
All are welcome.



St. William's Church Shop

New stock has arrived, including First Communion gifts. You are very welcome to come in and browse. We are open after every weekend Mass. All proceeds help people in our area and we thank you for your support.

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



Family Mass—Sunday, 19th July

We meet before Mass at 8:00am to practise, all are welcome! Please join us for 9:00am Mass at St. William's followed by hospitality afterwards. If able, bring a plate to share!

SAMFORD

Anointing and Communion Service

Tuesday, 14th July, 4:30pm,
at Samford Grove Retirement Community,
18 Camp Mountain Road,
Samford Village.
All are welcome.



Samford Rosary Circle

When: Wednesday at 10:00am
Where: Sacred Heart Church
Come and pray with us.



COMBINED COMMUNITIES

**THE CARMELITE SISTERS
invite you to celebrate with them**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

SUNDAY 19 JULY

10.00 am Mass

Celebrant: Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

Stay for a picnic lunch - tea, coffee, sandwiches on sale.
Piety stall, Sisters' craft works on sale. Spend time in quiet prayer.

2.00 pm Evening Prayer - Benediction - Scapular enrolments

Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St Ormiston 4160
www.carmeliteormiston.com





Faithful Departed

Anniversary: Robertus Mardiyono



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, William Lane, Fr. Denis Scanlan, Edwyn Jones, Maree Peters, and Grace Campbell

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.



<https://triplegrovelly.au>

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

Verse for Vinnies

Now it's Margy McArdle whose coming as our Feature Performer in verse. It's her first time at our Verse for Vinnies and her repertoire's very diverse. You'll get humour and pathos and classics.

You'll get poems you've not heard before.

And you'll hear what won Stan Coster's Trophy,

at the end you'll be asking for more. She's a versatile, flexible lady, whose grandmother recited to her.

And when Margy heard teacher reciting,

then a love for bush verse did occur.

While from Gladstone, she's Champ there in Rocky, and runs workshops for children in school.

She's renown as The "Marvellous Margy"

and the kids think she's trendy and cool.

But you have to be with us to hear her and July 26 is the date.

Help the battlers to battle their hardships,

and our Margy is bound to be great.

Sunday July 26 1:30pm
St. Mary MacKillop Centre,
Dawson Parade, Grovelly
\$15 - includes afternoon tea
Cash only
Book seats using
noel@noelstallard.com



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Carlo Acutis, a young Italian teenager, died suddenly at the age of fifteen in 2006. Between then and now he was beatified and then canonised later on by the Vatican. He is the first Millennial to be declared a saint this century. (Millennials are those born between 1981 and 1996). A major pilgrim relic of Carlo has just concluded in Brisbane as part of a pilgrimage of his relic across the world.

The relic was set up in eight churches in Brisbane across the last week. One of the most impressive of these events took place at the church in Kedron last Saturday. Not only was the relic available for people but they were able to view the Eucharistic Miracles exhibition. This was designed by Carlo, using his computer skills. The internet was in its infancy when he was ten years old and he used it skilfully to create this material in the exhibition. He had an intense devotion to the Eucharist.

He was someone with whom younger people can easily identify, as he was so typical of youngsters at that young age – he wore sneakers, loved watching VHS tapes, dressing up as Spiderman, trading Pokemon cards, and playing on his computer and PlayStation. There is a petition going around, asking the Vatican to make him 'Patron of the Internet'. You can do this on the Carlo Acutis website.



Here are two ways of following up on the brief outline above.

- [Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition](#): This is the official website and has so much information.
- Buy the updated edition of *A Saint in Sneakers* by Courtney Mares – a well-respected journalist in Rome who has published more than 1600 articles on the Vatican, the global Catholic Church, and international religious freedom.

Sacramental News

Thank you to all of our wonderful families journeying with their children to the Eucharist. Our Encounter Kids Workshop day is on Sunday, 19th July at St. William's at 9:00am. Please check your emails for the schedule and what to bring next week! May the Lord watch over you and guide you in all you do!

Pope's Prayer Intention for July For Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

A Vocation View

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, and sometimes it lacks depth. But other times, it is nourished by loving and caring friends.



EVERGREENS

On Friday 17th July at 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 Associate Pastor in the late 1980s. Luke is still serving our community well with the care of our youth as Principal of Mount Maria College. Morning tea will follow. All parishioners invited.

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

Living Stones

Copies of *Living Stones*, a history of the first 50 years of St. William's parish, are available in the Grovelly church shop from this weekend. The price is just \$5. Such a good price for an interesting book that details, so well, the growth of the parish from the date of the first Mass on 20th February 1960 by Fr. Daley to its 50 years anniversary.

Prayer Partners

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who are committed to praying for the children journeying to their First Holy Communion. If you would like to write a letter and perhaps purchase a small gift for your prayer partner, please label it and hand it in at the Parish office by 1st August. Please know that you are appreciated and you are prayed for!

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MORNINGS
PRAYER



SATURDAY 18 JULY

◀ SCAN TO REGISTER

GS Parish 13th July-17th July			
Monday	9:30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	4:30pm	Faith Vibes	Daley Centre
	7:00pm	SVDP	Daley Centre
Tuesday	9:30am	Playgroup	Daley Centre
	10:30am	Anointing & Communion Service	Bellevue Aged Care
	4:30pm	Anointing & Communion Service	Samford Grove
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 Presentation	Daley Centre


Seeds of God's Promise

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to think about how God's word works in our lives. Each reading uses simple images from the world around us. Rain, seeds, soil, and harvest all show how God's word brings life and hope. These readings remind us that God always works with purpose. In Isaiah, we hear how God's word is like rain that makes the earth fruitful. Paul tells us in Romans that creation itself longs for freedom and shares in our hope. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the sower to teach us that our hearts must be ready to receive God's word. On the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, these passages come together to remind us that God's plan is certain. His word nourishes us, even when life feels dry or hard. With open hearts, we can grow strong in faith and bear much fruit.

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Matthew's parable of the sower is so detailed and powerful. He connects clear agricultural imagery to the conversion of mind and heart, through our very eyes and ears and hands. He implies tools and techniques. He links life-supporting physical food production images with the life-giving word of God and sets the under-standing of seed germination and soil types in the context of a life in Christ. His listeners would have been well familiar with the retention of seeds for future planting, the tending and protecting of the crops, harvesting, threshing (and artefacts like 'thresh' 'holds'), grinding, storing, baking, trading. Matthew and the earliest Christian communities did come to see the living of their 'ordinary' lives and, at best, all of Creation, as signs and symbols and sacraments of the Love of God. As we grow to grasp our own 'ecological conversion' we ever yet need to better understand the import of the Love in which we participate as a species in a niche wherein all creatures from the tiniest are formed from Love. On the peaceful communion between species see the film *Silent Friend* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel
4:30-5:30pm, Mondays
Daly Centre - St William's

 Are you a youth or young adult (aged 15-25) curious about the Christian faith, or thinking about becoming Catholic? Come along.


Dare to Dream Concert
Tickets and Raffle Tickets are now live
 and can be purchased via the QR codes on the flyer at right, or from the Office.
 Raffle prizes are: 1st prize \$1000; 2nd \$750; 3rd \$500—all available in gift cards.

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

DARE

Dream

7pm Saturday 29 August 2026
 MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE, 67 DAWSON PARADE, KEPERRA

 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 William's, St Andrew's & Our Lady of Dolours.
A live band of musicians led by Fiona Sorbello

 CONCERT TICKET

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