

Year A
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th July
Liturgical Colour: Green



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Growing Together in God's Garden

In this week's Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43), Jesus tells the Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat. A farmer sows good seed in his field, but while everyone is asleep, an enemy sows weeds among the wheat. When the plants begin to grow, the servants notice the weeds and ask if they should pull them out. The farmer wisely responds, "No, because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest."

This parable reminds us that growth takes time and that God sees each person's potential. In our school community, we are privileged to witness this every day. Children arrive with different gifts, strengths, challenges and experiences. Like the wheat growing in the field, each child develops at their own pace. While it can sometimes be tempting to focus on mistakes, shortcomings or behaviours that need improvement, Jesus calls us to look deeper to recognise the goodness that God has planted within every person.

As educators and parents, we are entrusted with nurturing this growth through patience, encouragement and compassion. We understand that learning, character development and faith formation are lifelong journeys. Children flourish when they know they are valued, supported and given opportunities to learn from their mistakes.

The Gospel also challenges us to resist judging others too quickly. Instead, we are invited to create communities where kindness, forgiveness and understanding allow people to grow into the person God is calling them to be. In our school, this means fostering an environment where every child feels safe, welcomed and loved, just as they are.

As we commence this term, may we remember that God is constantly at work in each member of our community. May we have the wisdom of the farmer, the patience to nurture growth, and the faith to trust that God's goodness will continue to flourish in the hearts of our children.

Warm regards,

Tricia Howard
Our Lady of Dolours School Principal

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

20th July to 26th July

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

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

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

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

Saturday 15th August
8:00am Feast of the Assumption of the BVM
St William's

This Week's Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Next Week's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

GROVELY

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.



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.

Please note that there will be no gathering on Tuesday, 23rd September.

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

SAMFORD

Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of



**Brooks Bartlett,
Freddy Hooper,
Scott Hooper,
Rome Hooper-Mijatovic,
& Frankie Ring.**

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

Bring a Plate

Every fourth Sunday of the month the Sacred Heart Church community enjoys having a morning tea after the 8.00am Mass. Please join us on Sunday, 26th July after the 8.00am Mass and, if you can, bring a plate to share.

Samford Rosary Circle

When: Wednesday at 10.00am
Where: Sacred Heart Church, Samford.

Come and pray with us.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4:30-5:30pm, Mondays,

This Week:

The Fruits of the Spirit

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



Volunteers Needed – Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Our parish is seeking volunteers to serve as **Special Ministers of Holy Communion**, bringing the Eucharist to those in nursing homes and parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age. This rewarding ministry offers prayer, comfort, and connection to those who may feel isolated.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Fr Nigel on 3356 3690.

*"I was sick
and you visited me."
(Matthew 25:36)*

The Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne is a day to celebrate our grandparents and the elderly in our parish.



Please join us for Mass with a special blessing for all grandparents and the elderly on the **weekend of 26 July.**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Please join us for Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Saturday 15th August
8am St William's**



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Paul Sheehan

Anniversary: Frida Armanelli and Norm Singleton.



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.

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Dates:

- Sunday 26th: Cuppa in the Daley Centre after 9.00am Mass.
- Friday 31st: Men's cuppa at Arana Leagues club at 10.00am. All available men of the Parish welcome.

All enquiries: John & Joan Broderick
0455 503 713 jobrod@bigpond.net.au

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, Grovely
\$15 - includes afternoon tea
Cash only
Book seats using
noel@noelstallard.com



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Following on from a recent Faith Matters' article about Jesus' respect for women in His male dominated patriarchal society, we have a well-known example of His respect with His conversation with a Samaritan woman at the well. His apostles were so surprised to see Him talking with the woman when they returned after purchasing some food for the group.

Jews did not interact with Samaritans in those days, yet here was Jesus in conversation with a Samaritan woman and revealing he knew about some of her private affairs. They thought it exceptionally strange for a number of reasons.

- Jesus was acting in a totally opposite manner to Jewish customs in that he was talking publicly with a woman.
- This woman was a Samaritan – unheard of at that time.
- He was talking to her about spiritual and private matters and wanted her to pass his message on to the people in the town.
- He treated her with respect and did not condemn her lifestyle.
- In the above ways He exhibited His concern and sensitivity for the woman.

Given that a group of women followed and supported Him as He journeyed to Jerusalem, that a woman was the first one to know about His Resurrection, that a number of women were so important in the early days of the Church, does it not seem strange that only now, are women being allocated some roles in the global church? Thankfully, Pope Francis was a catalyst in this change and it seems Pope Leo will follow in his footsteps.

Living Stones

Copies of *Living Stones*, a history of the first 50 years of St. William's parish, are available in the Grovely 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.

Sacramental News

Thank you to all of our wonderful families for attending our **Encounter Kids Workshop** day this weekend.

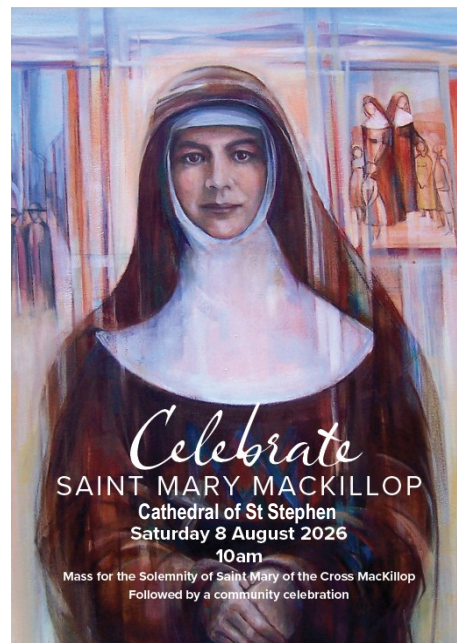
Please note next weekend 25/26 July is our **Creed Mass** where the children learn the Creed is a statement of our faith and saying it every week reminds us of who we are – daughters and sons of God the Father Almighty. Please attend any Mass save the 7am St William's.

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 or Prayer Partner box at the back of St William's by 1 August.

Please know that you are appreciated and you are prayed for!



<https://tripleygrovely.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!

GS Parish 20th July-24th July

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

Patience and the Kingdom

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to think about God's patience and care. The readings show us that God is powerful, but He is also gentle. He rules with justice, yet He gives time for change and forgiveness. This balance of strength and mercy is a theme throughout the readings.

In the first reading, we see how God's might is joined with kindness. In the psalm, we hear about His mercy and faithfulness. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit helps us when we cannot find the right words to pray. Each passage points to a God who listens, forgives, and guides.

The Gospel brings these ideas together with parables about seeds, weeds, and yeast. The kingdom of God may look small at first, but it grows in hidden ways. The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches us to trust in this growth and wait with hope.

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, 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

FEATURING ARTISTS

Julie Kelemete Monica Haworth Lindsay Gaffney Jane Massingham



RAFFLE TICKET

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**



CONCERT TICKET

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

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With Matthew's continuing agricultural allusions (Mt 13:24-43) and parables of working towards the coming Kingdom, we look to the present state of our planet. In Australia, Storytelling is also an ancient way of being. Being on the ground (on 'country') with the waters (e.g. 'Saltwater People') and under southern star constellations and galactic dust 'dark shapes' like the 'Emu in the sky' (<https://pursuit.unimelb.edu.au/individuals/associate-professor-duane-hamacher>) we have a common home. All around us, if we have St Matthew's eyes, we can see God's sanctuary in the wild (see as an example *Sanctuary of the Wild* at Seven Hills in Brisbane [About Us | Sanctuary of the Wild](#)). Pope Leo recently hosted a sit-down lunch at **Borgo (Village) Laudato Si'** at Castel Gandolfo for 200 guests in the shade of an avenue of Holm Oaks. These are unique European, evergreen oaks and there are some famous ancient ones both there and at places associated with St Francis in Siena <https://www.laudatosi.va/en/alberi-del-borgo/holm-oak/>. He blessed the food and "all those who are in difficulty or suffering" and prayed that everyone build communities of reconciliation, peace and forgiveness.



A Vocation View

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth or prevent us from hearing God's voice clearly.



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.