

Year A
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th July
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



There is a quiet wisdom in the acclaimed ABC series *Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds*. What begins as a social experiment unfolds into something deeply human: older adults— some carrying loneliness, grief, or declining health— are brought into daily life with young children. And something remarkable happens. The children's openness—free from judgment, unguarded, and curious—awakens something long dormant. Laughter returns. Movement increases. Faces soften. What seemed like distance becomes connection; what felt like heaviness becomes joy.

It is striking how much this reflects the heart of the Gospel. Jesus tells us that the deepest truths are not grasped through cleverness or control, but revealed to those who are like 'little ones'—those willing to receive with trust and openness. The children in the program offer no answers, no solutions. They simply show up as they are. And, somehow, that is enough to heal.

Many of us carry burdens quietly—pressures of responsibility, worry for loved ones, the fatigue of daily life, or a sense of isolation even amid busyness. Over time, we learn to bear these alone. Yet Christ offers a different path: "*Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest... for I am gentle and humble in heart*". This is not just a promise of relief, but an invitation into relationship—with our God who meets us not in strength, but in humility and tenderness.

The transformation seen on screen reminds us that we are made for connection—with one another, and with God. And perhaps the way forward is not to strive harder, but to become a little more open, more trusting, more willing to receive.

And, in that gentle turning of the heart, we may discover again that even our heaviest burdens can be lightened by love, and that, in God, rest is always possible.

Luke Reed

Principal, Mt. Maria College

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

6th July to 12th July

Grovely

St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
Sts. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass

9:00am Mass
Incl. Children's Liturgy

5:00pm Mass

Samford

Sacred Heart

Thursday: 6:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Anointing & Communion Services:
Tuesday, 14th July 10:30am Bellevue Aged Care
4:30pm Samford Grove

Sunday, 19th July 9:00am Family Mass
First Eucharist Encounter
Kids Workshop

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

GROVELY

Faith Circle

We are in recess for the school holiday, to reconvene on Monday, 13th 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.

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

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.

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

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



Samford Rosary Circle

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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Major Building Project Progress Report

Further to the Building Project Community Consultation session, a number of enquiries were around how the Steering Committee would provide ongoing community updates, as the project progresses. It has been determined that, on the first weekend of the month, a *Building Project Progress Report* will be included in the Parish Bulletin.

Building Project Progress Report #1 – July 2026

- Formation of the Steering Committee – initial meeting scheduled for 14th July.
- Review of feedback forms has been undertaken and, where applicable, responses have been provided.
- Communication with the Building and Property Departments of the Arch-diocese is ongoing to ensure they are fully informed of progress.
- The Architect's Concept Plans will be available for viewing at the back of the church for the month of July – please peruse if you are interested, and any queries can be directed to the Steering Committee via the Parish Office.
- Contact for the Steering Committee is via the Parish Office.

Peter Collins & Aileen Carrol, Building Project Co-ordinators



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Barbara Flynn, Bill Twigg, and Deb Lewis

Anniversary: Ron Needham



We pray for the Sick

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

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 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!

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Events

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 Associate Pastor 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
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FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

The well-known historical theologian, John A. Dick, wrote an article entitled **Apostles: More than 12 and not all guys**. In it he notes that the actual customs in that part of the world were so different when Jesus lived there. One way to stress the point is to take Leonardo da Vinci's portrait, *The Last Supper*, painted in the late fifteenth century, which is possibly the way many people in our times think of this event. What follows are some of his thoughts in his article.

This portrait has twelve older, bearded men seated at a table, not a woman amongst them. They were all younger men, (probably eighteen years or younger), one at least was married (Peter), and they were not at a table but reclining on mats (the custom at the time).

Take the word *apostle*. It comes from the Greek and means *one who is sent*. **The Christian Scriptures describe other people as apostles - not just the twelve. At other times the word disciple is used.** The writer gives the example of when Jesus sent out the disciples on mission. The role of these people indicates that they were also apostles. In those times the word *apostle* was a much broader term and included more people than just the twelve apostles.

He also notes that women appear prominently in accounts of Jesus' crucifixion, in reporting that Jesus had been raised from the dead and at Pentecost. Texts in Mark (15:41), Matthew (27:55), and Luke (33:49) all attest that Jesus' women disciples followed Him all the way from Galilee.

This statement in his article is interesting. "Jesus' disciples were young, zealous and energetic men and women". And this one: **"How do we recapture and passion, the energy and enthusiasm of those early church men and women?"**

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!

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

When we follow the Lord, His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. Seek Jesus and the fullness of His call, that you might find rest for your soul.



<https://triplegroveland.au>

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RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

NAIDOC Prayer



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RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

God of All Generations,

As we honour NAIDOC Week, we give thanks for the enduring legacy of culture, faith, and tradition carried through the lives of Elders past—storytellers, trail-blazers, and wisdom-keepers.

We pray with gratitude too for Elders present, who continue to lead with courage and compassion, guiding us on the path of truth-telling and reconciliation, nurturing the next generation with strength and grace.

And we lift our eyes in hope to the promise of Elders emerging—visionaries of a future yet to be shaped, a future of justice, unity, and healing. A future where the next generation walks forward in strength, with purpose and pride.

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 6th July-10th July

Monday	3:00pm	Anointing & Communion Service	Moonah Park Aged Care
	7:00pm	RCIA	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	Faith Matters	Daley Centre

Rest in God's Gentle Care

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A shows us how God works in quiet and simple ways. The readings remind us that God does not always show strength in power or force. Instead, he shows his love through peace, mercy, and care for those who are weak or tired.

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah speaks of a king who comes riding on a donkey. This king is humble and brings peace, not war. The psalm continues this message, praising God for lifting up those who fall and giving help to those in need.

Paul's letter to the Romans explains that life in Christ is guided by the Spirit. It is the Spirit who gives true life and freedom. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus calls the weary to himself. He promises rest to all who trust in him and take on his gentle way.

On the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are invited to see that God's care is close and simple. He is faithful and merciful, leading us not with heavy burdens but with kindness. This is the peace that Christ offers to every heart.

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel



4:30-5:30pm, Mondays
Resuming on 13th July



July 5, 3pm

Join us this July for an evening of breathtaking music with Johann Vexo, Titulaire of the grand Cavallé-Coll organ of the Cathedral in Nancy and long-time organist at Notre-Dame de Paris.



<https://www.trybooking.com/DMLYW>

LAUDATO SI'

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) is a peak Advisory Body to the Australian Catholic Bishops. This NAIDOC week is 40 years since St. Pope John Paul II spoke in Alice Springs. Reflecting on today's readings we have the words of NATSICC about John Paul's words, "The silence of the bush taught you a quietness of soul that put you in touch with another world, the world of God's spirit. Your careful attention to the details of kinship spoke of your reverence for birth, life and human generation. You knew that children needed to be loved, to be full of joy. They need a time to grow in the laughter and to play, secure in the knowledge that they belong to their people".

<https://www.natsicc.org.au/resources-data/pope-john-ii-40th-anniversary>

What if Christians can emulate the vision from the Prophet Zechariah in the first reading walking beside, in the bush and in the towns – not ahead or behind – First Nations peoples, with humility and openness to their lives as they are to ours? Australia would be a beacon of hope and light for all the world to see.

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

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

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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