

Year A
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd August
Liturgical Colour: Green



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



The Gospel, this week, gives us the beautiful and familiar account of Jesus feeding the five thousand. After hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus withdraws to a deserted place. Yet, when the crowds follow him, he does not turn them away. Instead, he is moved with compassion, heals the sick, and then feeds the hungry with five loaves and two fish. What begins as a small and seemingly inadequate offering becomes, in the hands of Jesus, more than enough for all.

This Gospel is especially fitting as we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Queensland. This year's theme, ***Share your light, inspire others***, invites us to recognise the gifts God has placed within each person and to share them with our community. In the Gospel, the disciples look at the hungry crowd and see a problem too large to solve. Jesus, however, asks them to bring forward what they have. Their five loaves and two fish may not seem like much but, offered in faith, they become part of something far greater.

This is a powerful message for Catholic education. At St. William's, we are called to help students discover their gifts, grow in confidence, and use those gifts in the service of others. Catholic education is not only about academic learning; it is also about forming young people of faith, compassion, and hope. Each day, we see students sharing their light through simple acts of kindness, encouragement, inclusion, and service. We also see staff, parents, carers, and parishioners giving generously of their time, talents, and care to support the life of our school community.

The miracle of the loaves and fish reminds us that God can work through what we offer, even when it feels small. A kind word, a helping hand, a prayer, a moment of patience, or an invitation to include someone can make a real difference. When offered with love, these small gifts can nourish others and help build a stronger community.

As we mark Catholic Education Week, may we give thanks for the gift of Catholic schooling and for the partnership between parish, school, and families. May this Sunday's Gospel encourage us to bring forward our gifts generously and trust that Christ can multiply them for the good of others. Together, may we continue to share our light, inspire others, and build a community of compassion, hospitality, and faith.

Duncan Maitland
Principal, St. William's School

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

3rd August to 8th August

Grovely	St. William's
Wednesday:	7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday:	9:00am St. William's School Mass—Yr 5 & 3S Transfiguration
Next Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	5:00pm Vigil Mass <i>First Eucharist Celebration</i>
Sunday:	7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass <i>First Eucharist Celebration</i> 5:00pm Mass <i>First Eucharist Celebration</i>
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	6:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Next Weekend:	
Sunday:	8:00am Mass <i>First Eucharist Celebration</i>

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, 11th August	10:30am Anointing & Communion Service <i>Bellevue Aged Care</i>
Thursday, 13th August	St. William's School Mass—2B, 2S & 5W <i>St. William's</i>
Saturday, 15th August	8:00am Mass—Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>St. William's</i>
Sunday, 16th August	8:00am Family Mass <i>St. William's</i>
Monday, 17th August	10:30am Anointing & Communion Service <i>Regis, Ferny Grove</i>
Thursday, 20th August	St. William's School Mass—5S & 3W <i>St. William's</i>

This Week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Next Week's Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

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.
Please note that there will be no gathering on Tuesday, 22nd September.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

St. William's Church Shop God's Word 2027 Books

If you would like to order the above book, please add your name and phone number to the list in the shop.



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.



SAMFORD

Samford Rosary Circle

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



COMBINED COMMUNITIES

ST WILLIAMS BUILDING PROJECT PARISH COMMUNITY UPDATE 1st & 2nd August 2026

- The inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Tuesday, 14 July 2026.
- Committee comprises of:
 - * Peter Collins – Project Co-ordinator
 - * Aileen Carrol – Project Co-ordinator
 - * Renee Dunn – Architect
 - * Dominic Guinea – Accountant
 - * Zahee Girjes – Project Management
- Community Consultation Session feedback forms have been responded to via email or telephone, as requested.
- Relocation of Activity Groups from Daley Centre are being investigated.
- Ongoing liaison with Mark Burroughs and David Friend from Archdiocesan Property and Building Division.
- Archdiocesan letter has been forwarded and awaiting meeting with Archbishop.
- The estimated cost of the building project is \$3.5M - \$4M.
 - * Based on current financial figures and our income remaining steady, it is anticipated that approx. 65% of the costs will be funded by our cash at bank reserves;
 - * The other 35% will be funded by a loan through the Archdiocesan Development Fund. However, should our income increase, as it has done consistently in past months, we may be able to reduce the amount of the loan accordingly.
- Ongoing communication with Insurer regarding repairs to Church's roofing and solar panels. This work is being undertaken in first quarter of 2027.
- Architect is liaising with Mark Burroughs regarding the preparation of the DA documentation and building contractor engagement.
- Samples of roofing for the Lourigan Place have been ordered by the Architect and will be available for community viewing in the coming weeks.



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
8:00am, St. William's**



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Paul Sheehan and Maurice Costello



We pray for the Sick

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

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://triplegrovelo.au>

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for August

For evangelisation in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

EVERGREENS

The revised date for Luke Reed's presentation is **Friday, 7th August**, commencing at 10:00am. Please arrive by 9:45. If you wish to attend, please email or phone John and Joan.

Thursday, 13th August: Tour of Kingston Butter Factory.

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FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

A set of notes in a study of the Bible some years ago tried to show the pattern in the four Gospels of both the parables and miracles of Jesus. In addition, it showed which parables appeared in each of the Gospels. We are aware of the difference between the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke (the narrative Gospels), compared to that of John. The following deals only with the parables.

The list contained 65 parables and the figures were sorted out columns headed Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. This list showed which parables appeared in which Gospel. For example – The Mustard Seed is found in all three narrative Gospels while the splinter and plank in one's eye appears only in Matthew and Luke. The Good Samaritan appears only in Luke.

Number of parables found in each Gospel: Mark - 14; Matthew - 34; Luke - 41; John - 3.

The pattern shows how different John's Gospel is from the other three. Quite a marked difference. John's Gospel was written a number of years after the other three and is a more reflective rather than a narrative style.

The pattern also shows some difference between Mark and the other two narrative-style Gospels. Mark wrote the first Gospel and he tends to be quite succinct – a get-on-with-it sort of guy. He leaves out any of the life of Jesus prior to the start of His mission. The other two narrative Gospels follow the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem and along the way He teaches the people via parables related to their everyday life.

To which parable do you relate to the best, and why?

Sacramental News

Thank you to our families for attending our Penance evening. It was meaningful, showcasing God's love and mercy for us all. Next weekend we have our First Holy Communion celebrations! Please ensure you know which group you are in.

Celebrations of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Group A: Saturday, 8th August at 4:00pm, Our Lady of Dolours Church, Mitchelton.

B: Saturday, 8th August at 5:00pm, St. William's Church, Grovely.

C: Sunday, 9th August at 9:00am, St. William's Church, Grovely.

D: Sunday, 9th August at 5:00pm, St. William's Church, Grovely.

E: Sunday, 9th August at 10:00am, Our Lady of Dolours Church, Mitchelton.

F: Sunday, 9th August at 8:00am, Sacred Heart, Samford.

It is going to be a heartwarming and beautiful weekend together! Please keep each other in your prayers and on your rosaries.

A Vocation View

When we give the Lord what we have, no matter how meagre, He will multiply it beyond belief. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, how might you offer the bread and fish of your life for Jesus to transform and multiply?



Prayer Partners

Thank you to 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 have it to the Parish Office or box near the entrance of St. William's by 5th August.** Many thanks for your prayers and support of our young people.

GS Parish 3rd August-7th August

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
Thursday	7:00pm	Baptism Preparation	St. William's Church
Friday	10:00am	Evergreens Guest Speaker	Daley Centre

God's Love Feeds the Hungry

On the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings remind us that God gives freely and cares for his people. In Isaiah, God invites everyone to come and receive food and drink without cost. His covenant is one of love and mercy, offered to all who seek him with open hearts.



The psalm continues this theme by praising God's kindness and care. He satisfies the needs of every creature and is close to those who call on him. His goodness shows that his kingdom is built on compassion and justice, not on power or wealth.

Paul's letter to the Romans assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Not hardship, fear, or even death can break this bond. The Gospel then shows Jesus feeding thousands with a small offering, a sign of God's generous care for the hungry.

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings together a message of trust and hope. God's love is constant, generous, and always near. We are invited to receive his gifts and to share them with others. In every reading, the focus is on God's abundance and his promise to give life.

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4:30-5:30pm, Mondays,

This Week: Suffering



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

TRANSFIGURATION

Praying for Vocations into the Future

THURSDAY
6 AUGUST 2026

5:30PM START

CATHEDRAL
OF ST STEPHEN



- Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay
- Vocations Expo and Light Refreshments afterwards in Hanly Room
- Music from Holy Spirit Seminary, St Laurence's College, Stuartholme, Lourdes Hill College and Villanova College



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



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 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

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HOPE WITHIN

14th-16th of August

The Y, Warrawee

