

Year A
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th August
Liturgical Colour: Green

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House Dogs and Children and Scraps from the Table



Jesus' meeting with the woman who begs for her daughter's healing is opening up the question of who he is really coming to save – is it the Jews, the lost sheep of the House of Israel, or maybe, even Gentiles, whose country he is travelling through with his disciples?

The very fact that her daughter is unwell is motivation enough for this mother to try everything possible to make her well: even confronting this Jewish stranger who she has heard is called "Son of David". This is triply shocking in those times: a woman confronting a man, a Gentile confronting a Jew, and an apparent non-believer showing up the disciples with her genuine faith.

For the disciples, it's embarrassing for all these reasons. And maybe they're like the teenagers we remember being, ashamed by our parents' excessive fussing. Just get rid of her, they seem to say.

How do we receive this story? What about Jesus' apparent lack of immediate compassion, as we are used to him displaying? What do you think of the woman's reaction to Jesus' remark about house dogs?

This woman is begging Jesus; first, she shouts out, then she kneels at his feet. She retains her composure in the dialogue with Jesus. Jesus is moved by her faith.

How do you talk to Jesus when you are in great need? What can we learn from her persistence, which is a recurring theme in the Gospels?

To return to the theme of who Jesus is coming to save: Isaiah in the first reading has the Lord saying: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples".

This week's Australian Catholic Bishops statement, *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*, focuses on social cohesion, overcoming polarisation, and fostering a "culture of encounter". The Bishops' statement references Pope Francis: "In today's world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia. What reigns instead is a cool, comfortable and globalised indifference, born of deep disillusionment concealed behind a deceptive illusion: thinking that we are all powerful, while failing to realize we are all in the same boat" (*Fratelli Tutti, Brothers and Sisters All*, number 30).

Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman reminds us of this single human family, the Kingdom.

Christine and Peter Webb

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.

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LITURGY TIMES

17th August to 23rd August

Grovely

St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am St. William's School Mass—5S & 3W St. Bernard

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

Monday, 17th August Mount Maria House Mass, *Our Lady of Dolours*

Sunday, 23rd August 9:00am Family Group Anniversary Mass
RCIA First Rite of Healing and Strengthening

Sunday, 30th August Rite of Enrolment for First Reconciliation children
RCIA Second Rite of Healing and Strengthening

Sunday, 6th September 9:00am Mass, incl. Children's Liturgy
RCIA Third Rite of Healing and Strengthening

Tuesday, 8th September 10:30am Anointing & Communion Service
Bellevue Aged Care

Mass Change—Saturday, 29th August

Please note that there will be no 5.00pm Mass on this date ahead of the *Dare to Dream* Parish Concert.

This Week's Readings: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 4:23

Next Week's Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

GROVELY

Faith Circle

We meet in the Daley Centre 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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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.

Anointing and Communion Service

Monday, 17th August, 10:30am,
Venue: Regis, 39 Lanita Road, Ferny Grove
All are welcome.

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.



Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome to join us at every Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Church.

There will be no meeting on 18th August, and from September the time will change to Fridays at 5:00pm.

Family Group Anniversary Mass

Family Groups have been active in Grovely/Samford since August 1987.

Join with Family Group members at the **9:00am Mass next Sunday, 23rd August**, in celebrating and giving thanks for 39 years of sharing love and life in our parish communities.

Stay for a cuppa under the sails after Mass.



SAMFORD



Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Georgia Pearson, Cooper Pearson, Isla Ross, Harry Schafer, and Zeke Turner,

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

Samford Rosary Circle

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



God's Word 2027 Books

If you would like to order the above book, please see James or Mary Baxter.

Parish Building Plans

These Plans will be available to view at Samford church for the next two weeks. Peter Collins, Project Co-leader, will be at Masses to answer any questions about the Plans.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Spirit-filled Conversations Across Generations about

The CHOSEN

Our Next Conversation will be **Sunday, 6th September**, gathering 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.

You can watch *The Chosen* on: <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>; *The Chosen* app; Angel studios app; Youtube; DVD available for loan

Families, particularly those with tweens and teens, are most welcome, and we will facilitate different conversation groups for adults and children/young people. Please RSVP using this QR Code:





Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Robert Sheehan, Maurice Costello, Liam Green, Joey Pingol, Ramon Tereul, and Edwin Jones

Anniversary: Paul Burnett, William Ketter



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, William Lane, Fr. Denis Scanlan, 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.



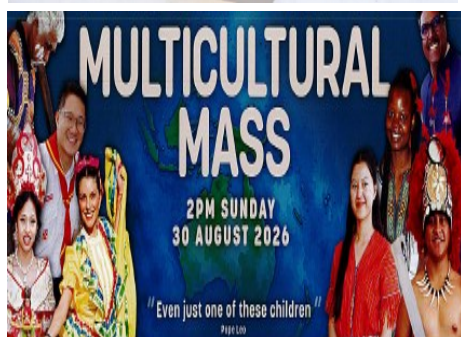
YOU ARE INVITED TO

Samaritan & MacKillop House Mass

MONDAY 17 August

Mass begins at 9.00am

at Our Lady of Dolours Church
PARENTS, FAMILY & PARISHIONERS
ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

In 2013, a book called **Zealot – the Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth** was written by **Reza Aslan** and was the New York Times best seller. The writer is a well-respected author and historian. In the book he reveals the historic Jesus of Nazareth and details the culture and other realities of first century Palestine.

This book is so interesting. We think of Jesus wandering south from Galilee to Jerusalem over three years with a band of followers, doing wonderful deeds, teaching people along the journey about a different way of living, and upsetting the establishment. He certainly did this but in that first century there were many other groups wandering the countryside whose leaders also claimed to be the **messiah**.

The Roman soldiers showed them no mercy when they caught them and usually crucified many of them at the one time – probably this was the situation when Jesus was crucified. The charge was treason and the Scriptures speak of two bandits only, but probably there were many more that day on Calvary.

Jesus took His time on the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem as he had a mission to accomplish, given to Him by His Father, and He wanted to finish it before he entered Jerusalem.

His name was Jesus of Nazareth – that is how people with the same first name were named so as to distinguish them. Usually there were no surnames. **His name is not Jesus Christ**. He is also referred to as **Jesus the Christ** but that is a story for another day. History has next to nothing to say about the historical Jesus of Nazareth. The two evangelists who have something to say about Jesus' early life were Matthew and Luke. Mark and John had nothing.

Paul, who was writing some time before the evangelists, was not interested in the historical Jesus and in only three times does he refer briefly to Jesus' life – the Last Supper (1 Corinthians 11: 23-36), the Crucifixion (1 Cor. 2:2), and the Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:14).

Jesus was God, true, but in every sense he was also a human being.

Sacramental News

Date Claimers for First Reconciliation!

Information Sessions:

Tuesday, 18th August 7:00pm

Wednesday, 19th August, 12:00 noon

Thursday, 20th August, 7:00pm;

all at St. William's Catholic Church, Grovely. Parents must attend one session.

Rite of Enrolment ceremony weekend:

Saturday, 29th August & Sunday, 30th August. Families must attend one Mass.

Encounter Kids workshop half day:

Sunday, 13th September, at 9:00am Mass followed by morning tea and workshops until approx. 12:00 noon, St. William's Catholic Church, Grovely.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

Sunday 11th October 11:00am, St. William's Catholic Church, Grovely.

Reconciliation is about God's boundless mercy, endless love, and our discipleship. Please hold each other in prayer as we journey together.

Parish Financial Report

Copies of the Financial Report for St. William's/Sacred Heart for the period January 2025 to June 2026 are available at the back of both churches.



<https://triplegrovely.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!

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

TRUTH TELLING
Implementing the RAP

Honouring Country:
History, Culture and Connection

Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop

SAT 22 August 2026 | 10am-12pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank



GUEST SPEAKER
Bundamabah Yah



Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/rapnetaug26
for info and to register.



Presented by Archdiocesan Ministries

GS Parish 17th August-21st 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	First Reconciliation Parent Session	St. William's Church
Wednesday	9:30am	Mothers Prayers	Daley Centre
	10:00am	Samford Rosary Circle	Sacred Heart
	11:00am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre
	12:00pm	First Reconciliation Parent Session	Daley Centre
Thursday	7:00pm	First Reconciliation Parent Session	St. William's Church
Friday	4:15pm	Children's Choir	St. William's Church



When we unite as one Archdiocesan family through our gifts, we support ministries and people within our own neighbourhoods, reaching those in need, nurturing vocations, and participating in God's own work.



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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.

A Faith that Reaches Out

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God's love is for all people. The readings show how faith and mercy cross every border. Isaiah speaks of God's house as a place of prayer for every nation. Paul tells us that God's gifts are never withdrawn. The Gospel shows us a woman from outside Israel who trusted in Jesus and was heard.

These passages show the wide embrace of God's plan. No one is left out if they seek Him with faith. The Canaanite woman's courage in asking Jesus for help teaches us to keep praying, even when it seems hard. Paul's message tells us that mercy is for all, and Isaiah's vision points to a future where every person is welcome to worship.

On the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings remind us that faith, trust, and hope unite people from every land. God's love reaches past barriers of culture, history, and nation. His call is the same for everyone: come, believe, and be made whole.



Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4:30-5:30pm, Mondays

This Week: Pre-Destination ??

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

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

Faith Development

Join us for our next series where we will explore St Paul (Scott Hahn)

Introduction to St Paul provides insights to the life and letters of St Paul and his impact on the early Christian Church.

WEDNESDAYS
FROM
19 AUGUST TO
23 SEPTEMBER

9.30-11.00am
The Mollison Centre
@ All Saints Parish

Resources
from St Paul
Centre, USA

Please contact
All Saints Parish Office
if you would like to
join us!



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