

Year A
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd August
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Lead in a Way that Honours God

Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am", is not for Peter alone. It is one we are called to answer all the time. The Church, the Community of Believers, needs always to be conscious of the role Jesus entrusted to us as followers. For each of us, our baptism anoints us to lead – to lead with the gifts and talents we have. To live and lead in a way that honours God.



Peter's response, his profession of faith, "*the Son of the Living God*", is the rock of the Church. Christ's Church has solid foundations and, from this visible communion which nurtures our faith, we endeavour to carry forth the joy and kindness, knowledge and understanding, generosity, gentleness and peace of Jesus Christ. Is this not what Jesus died and rose for? Peter, I am sure, felt apprehension at the commission given to him by Jesus. But he would have known the prayer of today's Psalm: "Lord your love is eternal. Do not forsake the work of your hands."

We, baptised followers of Jesus, know we are called to be leaders of faith with those about us. From Peter to Leo and all in between. We each have our own mission. We are to guide each other, to be tolerant and understanding. To pray with each other. As we gather to celebrate Eucharist this day, as one People of God we look toward Jesus. A community of faith-strong people, sometimes a bit shaky and needy, who have been entrusted to hold the keys to lead each other to grow a Christian community. We can do this because *God is faithful. He listens and answers our prayer and God gives us strength* (today's psalm).

This Sunday, Family Groups gather to celebrate. Yes, they celebrate themselves, their companionship, their small community – a small *church*. But, greater than this, they celebrate that all they experience comes from God, through Christ. God in his graciousness created them and gifted them with their faith. As He has done for our whole community. Family Group members and each of us of the Grovely/ Samford community are called to lead in a way that brings people closer to God.

During the week pick up a small stone. Imagine Jesus holding that small stone – holding you. The power of that touch makes us Living Stones. Our parish is built on Living Stones. We continue in 2026 to be a community of widely different personalities and giftedness. With humility we use our gifts and the possibilities are endless. Jesus may have questioned Peter "*Who do you say I am?*" but if today he asks us the same question and our answer is, "You are the Son of the Living God", we too, all of us little stones, are his Church. Each of us striving to bring people closer to God *by acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with our God (Micah 6)*.

Take time this week to look at your small stone and together maybe we can pray: "Thank you God for your faithfulness. You increase the strength of my soul. Your Spirit guides my steps to bring people closer to You."

Jan Whiteway

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

24th August to 30th August

Grovely

St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
St. Monica

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Cancelled

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

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

Tuesday, 8th September 4:30pm Anointing & Communion Service
Samford Grove

Sunday, 13th September 9:00am Encounter Kids Reconciliation Workshop
5:00pm RCIA Reception Celebration

Thursday, 24th September 10:00am Mass of Anointing



**This Week's Readings:
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Next Week's Readings:
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

GROVELY



Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Athelia Eggerling, Vienna Grayndler, and Daisy Kenyon,

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

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.



All welcome!

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.

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



Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Church. **From September, the regular time will change to Fridays at 5:00pm.**

SAMFORD

SEASON OF CREATION



Kick off the Season of Creation by joining us at a working bee to plant a new garden and care for our common home. **Saturday, 5th September**, an time between **8:00 and 10:30 am** at **Sacred Heart, Samford**. Bring a hat, gloves, and tools and join us for morning tea afterwards.



Samford Rosary Circle

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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Celebrating 39 Years of Family Groups in our Parish



Family Groups were introduced to the parish in August 1987. Initially, ten groups were formed with a mixture of ages and stages of life - babies to grandparents. We were each groups of strangers, who became Family. A Family Group reflects the values that most bond families - compassion, acceptance, forgiveness, care. They are an uncomplicated way of living a life of faith, commitment, and loyalty that is expressed in the well known hymn *Companions on the Journey*:

*"No longer strangers to each other, no longer strangers in God's house.
We are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care."*

We have gathered regularly over these 39 years to share meals, celebrations, weekends away, etc. We have laughed, cried, and prayed together and, although we now have much shared history, new members are always welcome.

If you would like to know more about Family Groups in our parish, please contact:

Sue & Jim Graham: jgraham5@bigpond.net.au; 0407 043 256, or

Brendan & Maree Carlin: bmcarlin@tpg.com.au; 0431 919 400.



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Robert Sheehan, Liam Green, Joey Pingol, Ramon Tereul, Edwyn Jones, Lyn Power, and Ronnie Germo

Anniversary: Ellen Peters, John Peters, Adam Kieza, Dominic Condon, Minnie Baker, Jeannette Baker, and Kathy Burnett



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.



<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!

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.



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

A relationship with God. This was the title of a piece written by Br. John Venard (Marist brother, teacher, and principal) years ago and included in his booklet entitled ***SURPRISE – The Battler's God Dwells Within***. His key point is that the way to build such a relationship with God is through prayer.

One has to work at it, much the same as with the development of any human relationship, and we have to work out the best way for us to go about it. For most of us, from when we were young, we probably did it by saying particular prayers. Later on in life we tend to speak to God in different ways, often about things that are happening in our lives, especially when times are tough and we are not seeing a positive result from our prayers and it seems God is not listening to us.

An interesting quote from John's article is as follows.

"Prayer is not an end in itself: it is a means to an end, the end being a relationship with God. We don't say a rosary for the sake of saying a rosary. We don't go to Mass for the recording angel to give us a tick; we don't help somebody just to make us feel good. **No, we do these things to get closer to God and this is the simple test we apply to our prayer life, "Is it bringing me closer to God?"**

If the answer is YES, we are on the right track. If the answer is NO, we need to re-evaluate."

We are all different. For John, as time passed, where once he put emphasis on the physical saying of prayers and attending Mass, he then became more conscious of having a relationship with God.

Some Br. John Venard's *Battler's God* books are available for borrowing in the Faith Matters lending library in the church shop at Grovely. Just fill in the small book for borrowing and return the book when finished.

Sacramental News

Date Claimers for First Reconciliation

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.

A Vocation View

Many of us fear people in authority, as authority can be used for good or for ill. As Christians, we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.



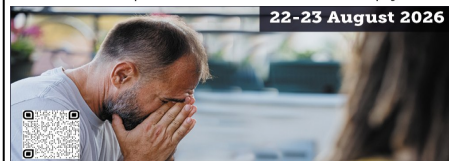
22-23 August 2026



Help form tomorrow's priests

With your gift, you help prepare future priests for ministry, fostering faith, humility, collaboration and service, at a time when leadership in the Church matters deeply.

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Help Rebuild Lives

Your generosity helps to protect some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Through Centacare, you provide safe refuge, practical support and hope to families and individuals at the moment they need our care most.



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EVERGREENS

Upcoming Dates

Friday 28th August, 10:00am. Men's cuppa at Arana Leagues club

Sunday 30th August: Cuppa in the Daley Centre after 9:00am Mass

Thursday 10th September: Members are invited for lunch at Fish on Flinders at Sandgate. Contact Bernie Madden to book on 0421 400 696.

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

GS Parish 24th August-29th August

Monday	9:30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	4:30pm	Faith Vibes	Daley Centre
	7:00pm	SVDP	Daley Centre
Tuesday	9:30am	Playgroup	Daley Centre
	5:00pm	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
Friday	10:00am	Men's Cuppa	Arana Leagues Club
	4:15pm	Children's Choir	St. William's Church
Saturday	7:00pm	<i>Dare to Dream</i> concert	Mary MacKillop Centre

Built on a Rock of Faith

On the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we hear about strength, trust, and responsibility. God chooses people for His work and gives them what they need to carry it out. Each reading shows how God works through others to guide His people.

Isaiah tells of Shebna losing his role and Eliakim being raised up instead. God chooses Eliakim and gives him real authority. He becomes like a peg, steady and trusted, holding up his family and his people.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives Peter a new mission. Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus responds by giving him the keys of the kingdom and calling him the rock on which the Church will stand. This reading helps us reflect on faith and leadership.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A calls us to think about who we trust and follow. God is always working, even when we don't fully understand. He gives strength and purpose to those who say yes to Him.

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:



Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel



4:30-5:30pm, Mondays

This Week:

The Good Shepherd

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



Welcome to Niamh, Malcolm, and Joshua

For the next three weekends Niamh, Malcolm, and Joshua will be celebrating Rites of Healing and Strengthening as they move towards receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist on Sunday, 13th September, 5:00pm Mass at St. William's.

Please pray for them as they move towards this important stage in their journey through RCIA towards becoming members of our worshipping community.

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.



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