

Year A
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th August
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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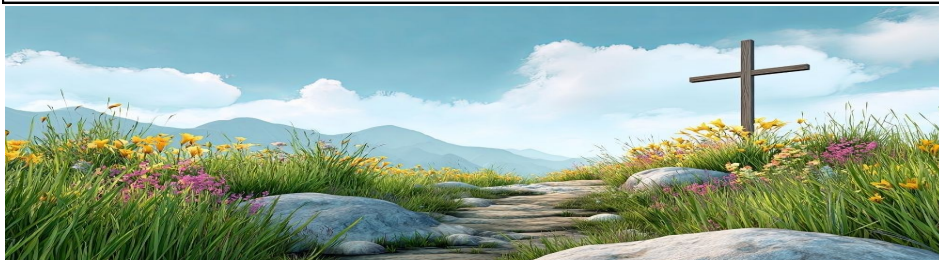
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We think with a human mind and make decisions with a human will. God will never interfere with our power to choose. As we act in this human way we probably do not realise that the way of God is not the way we operate. True, we do have statements in the Bible that highlight God's different way of thinking and acting, such as the one in today's Gospel – "Anyone who wants to save his/her life will lose it". But does it sink in amid the hurly burly of life?

It was only in last week's Gospel that we see Peter treated so positively by Jesus after his faith-filled acknowledgment of Him as the Messiah. Yet here we are now in the very next verses, where we see Jesus rebuke Peter so strongly. Such was Jesus' complete commitment to the mission given to Him by His loving Father.

In the first reading Jeremiah leaves us in no doubt about how he negatively views his prophetic mission. Thankfully, towards the end of the passage he thinks more positively about the role God wants him to fill. The responsorial psalm dispels Jeremiah's dark thoughts with the joy and gratitude we should always express to God.

Do we remember times in our life when everything was so dark, but later on, with a bit of reflection in silence, we felt God close by? Such times usually occur in a quiet period and can be times of deep personal prayer.

Now let's turn to the key message in the Gospel. God created each of us with only one purpose in mind which was that we would enjoy life with Him in heaven for eternity. However, during our life, we are tugged to and fro by a multitude of material forces which try to be the 'Gods' in our life, in opposition to the true God. We must choose during our short span of life.

When the two options are placed side by side (life forever with God or the short pleasures of material things), one would think the correct decision is obvious. But we are human beings for whom the choice is never easy. And Jesus told us it would never be easy. But He also told us that He would always be with us.

So here is the question for you and me. "What does it gain a person if one obtains the whole world but suffers the loss of one's soul?"

Pat Condon, Faith Matters

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

31st August to 6th September

Grovely

St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
Father's Day School Mass
St. Gregory the Great

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass

9:00am Mass incl.
Children's Liturgy
RCIA Third Rite of
Strengthening and Healing
5:00pm Mass

Samford

Sacred Heart

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

Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

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

Funeral Mass—Lyn Power

The Funeral Mass for Lyn Power will take place at **11:00am on Monday, 31st August**, at St. William's Church



This Week's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Week's Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

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



Christian Meditation Group

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

Season of Creation Mass

Friday, 4th September, 10:30am
Keperra Sanctuary

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

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**, any time between **8:00 and 10:30am** at **Sacred Heart, Samford**. Bring a hat, gloves, and tools and join us for morning tea afterwards.

1st Friday Coffee and Chat

Friday, 4th September from 9:30am on the verandah of the church.

Ladies, bring a little something to share for morning tea - food or snippets of news.



Samford Rosary Circle

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



COMBINED COMMUNITIES



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

The Season of Creation runs from 1st September (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th October (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology). Each year during this period, the Christian family unites for a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge creation as a continuing divine act that summons us to collaborate in loving and caring for everything God has made. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it with us. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, one of the many opportunities we offer to embrace this worldwide celebration is with **Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stephen on Wednesday, 9th September, at 12:30pm.**

SEASON OF CREATION

Prayer Service

Lychee Tree Lawn
Botanical Gardens - Mt Coot-tha
11am Tuesday 1st September

All Welcome

For more information contact
admin@qct.org.au





Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Joey Pingol, Ramon Tereul, Edwyn Jones, Lyn Power, and Ronnie Germo.



We pray for the Sick

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

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.

Vale Edwyn Jones

The Grovely St. William's Conference wishes to acknowledge the significant contribution that the late Edwyn Jones made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was a member of the Conference from 1980 to 2014 and President from 1997 to 2013. He retired from the Conference in June 2014 due to ill health.

Working in partnership with his wife Margaret, Edwyn set about improving Conference finances and strengthening the support that the Conference provided to people living in the Grovely/Samford parish area.

He and Margaret organised the highly successful St. William's Market, which raised funds for the Conference and operated for several years. They undertook other fundraising activities, such as selling lamingtons..

As President, he obtained a grant to purchase the 'Vinnies Van', which was used to support the market, to obtain food from Foodbank, and to deliver donated bread to needy families.

Operating from their home garage, he and Margaret began a program to obtain fruit and vegetables from Second Bite, which were then distributed to clients of the Conference. This has evolved to establishing a food storage area under the Daley Centre, which is used by Conference members to make up hampers for delivery to people seeking assistance with food.

He had a strong focus on helping people to do a budget, in order to better manage their income and expenses, and on assisting families with education expenses.

Edwyn was a quiet achiever who was highly committed to his duties as President, and to the principles of a Vincentian. He set a strong platform for the future of the Conference. There are many people who have benefitted from his leadership. **Thank you, Edwyn.**



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

The following are some points taken from the writings of John A. Dick, a well-respected historical theologian.

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are known as the Synoptic Gospels. They include many of the same stories, sometimes even word for word. They have Jesus making only one journey to Jerusalem with most of His ministry taking place within one year. John's Gospel seems to have Jesus' ministry taking about three years.

John's Gospel is obviously so different. Much of the material in the Synoptic Gospels is not found in John's Gospel. Some examples are as follows: The temptations of Jesus, His Transfiguration, His institution of the Lord's Supper, the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord's Prayer.

John's Gospel is a post-resurrection point of view, referring to the Resurrection at times and pointing out on a number of occasions the inability of the Apostles to understand what was actually happening (*John 2: 17-22, John 12:16-17, John 20: 9*).

The Structure of John's Gospel (4 sections)

The following is a direct quote from his article.

"Contemporary biblical scholars break the Johannine Gospel into four parts: the Prologue (*John 1:1-18*); The Book of Signs (*John 1:19-12:50*); the Book of Glory (*John 13:1 to 20:31*) and the Epilogue (*John 21*).

"The seven signs point to a new creation brought by Jesus and are clear indicators of His divinity: Changing water into wine at Cana (*John 2:1-11*) 'the first of the signs'; healing the royal official's son in Capernaum (*John 4:46-54*); healing the paralytic at Bethesda (*John 5:1-15*); feeding the 5000 (*John 6:5-14*), Jesus walking on water (*John 6:16-24*); Healing the man blind from birth (*John 9:1-7*); and the raising of Lazarus (*John 11:1-45*)."

Sacramental News

Thank you to our wonderful families committing to the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please keep each other in your prayers and on your rosaries. Let us have a St. Teresa of Avila mentality, praying big and bold prayers! May we bask in the words of Psalm 23 knowing our Divine Shepherd is always with us.

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Dates:

Our monthly cuppa in the Daley Centre is this Sunday after 9.00am Mass, where Bernie Madden will take further bookings for the lunch at Fish on Flinders.

Date: Thursday 10th September, midday.

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A Vocation View

Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less-travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"



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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS
2PM SUNDAY
30 AUGUST 2026
"Even just one of these children"
Pope Leo

Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 64 First St, Indo

CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY
Mass will be followed by refreshments, cultural performances and activities for kids. All are invited to wear traditional attire.
For more information contact Liliana Ortiz at ortiz@box.catholic.net.au

MINISTRIES

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

GS Parish 31st August-4th September

Monday	9:30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	4:30pm	Faith Vibes	Daley Centre
	7:00pm	RCIA	Daley Centre
Tuesday	9:30am	Playgroup	Daley Centre
Wednesday	9:30am	Mothers Prayers	Daley Centre
	10:00am	Samford Rosary Circle	Sacred Heart
	11:00am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre
Friday	9:30am	1st Friday Coffee & Chat	Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's Church

Following Christ with Courage

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to look closely at what it means to follow Jesus. The readings show that God's call is not always easy. Jeremiah speaks of a fire in his heart that he cannot hold back, even when others laugh at him. God's word is alive and cannot be silenced.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, calls us to offer our lives to God. He tells us not to copy the ways of the world but to be renewed in mind and spirit. This is how we learn what pleases God. It is a call to live each day with faith and courage.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His followers to deny themselves and take up their crosses. He warns that gaining the world is nothing if we lose our souls. On the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are asked to choose the way of Christ, even when it is hard. It is the path that leads to true life.

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 teens 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: Different Styles of Prayer

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



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

Welcome to Niamh, Malcolm, Joshua, Jonathan, and Chloe

On Sunday at 8:00am Mass at Samford we will celebrate the second Rite of Healing and Strengthening for our RCIA candidates, Niamh, Malcolm, Joshua, Jonathan, and Chloe. Niamh, Malcolm, and Joshua are moving towards receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist on Sunday, 13th September, 5:00pm Mass at St. William's, and Jonathan and Chloe at a later date. They will continue their formation during the Monday evening RCIA meetings. Please pray for them as they move towards this important stage in their journey through RCIA as they become members of our worshipping community.

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

DARE Dream to

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

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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

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