

Year A
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th August
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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How do I experience God? Where do I find God in the everyday of my lived experience? These questions resonate for all people of faith. There is always the struggle to identify where God is present in

our lives. In some ways I find that God is obscured from me in the day to day, and absent in the face of the ongoing turmoil in the world. So how might we find a sense of God?

In today's readings we find both Elijah and Jesus withdrawing to places of silence and solitude. Elijah goes up Mt. Horeb and, standing on the mountain, waits for the Lord. It is only in the sheer silence that he recognises the presence of God. Jesus likewise is caught up in the busyness of his ministry. Last week we heard the story of him healing the sick and feeding the five thousand, with no time to grieve the death of his cousin, John. Understandably then, he soon withdraws alone to the mountain to pray. He remains there for some time as his disciples wait in the boat. We are left to assume that in the silence and solitude of prayer Jesus can experience the presence of God, the closeness of his beloved 'Abba'.

This is a powerful reminder that in the busyness of the world that we need to find the time for silence and reflection to recognise God in our lives. To bring to God all that we are and all that we encounter—our grief and anger, our joy and wonder. Ignatian spirituality offers the gift of the Examen, a process of reflection, prayer, and discernment which invites the individual to review their day looking for movement and moments in which God was present. Christian mediation is built on silence, solitude, and simplicity to allow time and space for the voice of God to speak.

Last term the Year 6 students at St. Andrew's joined with the St. William's and Our Lady of Dolours students for a social justice day guided by the theme *Care for Creation*. As part of the day, I took a small group activity in the labyrinth space, where I invited the students to do nothing but sit in stillness and silence for five to ten minutes. The intention was to allow the children to experience the challenge of intentionally doing nothing and have the time to sit and wonder about God. For students, so used to actively 'doing' and being switched on, it was an opportunity to sit in what might be a state of discomfort, distraction, or restlessness. When the time had passed, I offered the opportunity for the students to return to the group or remain for longer in their own space. Almost every child remained for extra time, not wanting to leave what many told me afterwards was a calm, relaxing space. These young people had embraced the invitation to simply 'be'.

For these students as it was for Elijah, and Jesus, as it is for me and no doubt many others, finding peace, finding God in the silence is essential to the spiritual life. Now, perhaps more than ever, we need to walk our spiritual mountains and take time in the quiet to meet God in prayer. And maybe that prayer is simply "Thank you".

Stephen Locke

Assistant Principal—Religious Education

St. Andrew'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

10th August to 16th August

Grovely

St William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am St. William's School Mass—2B, 2S, & 5W
Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Family Mass
5:00pm Mass

Samford

Sacred Heart

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

Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

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

Monday, 17th August 10:30am Anointing & Communion
Regis, Ferny Grove

Thursday, 20th August St. William's School Mass—5S & 3W
St. William's

Exhibition Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, 12th August for the Public Holiday.

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

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

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

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

GROVELY



Baptisms

joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Adeline Cannon, Ivy Cannon, Ella Cannon, Gus Walch, and Hazel Walch,

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

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.

Note: we will meet in the Library on Monday, 10th August.



Mothers Prayers

Mothers Prayers is a prayer group of mothers for mothers of all ages and stages. We gather to pray for our children and grandchildren, uniting with all Mothers Prayers groups throughout the world. We hold your families in prayer. **9:30am Wednesdays, in the Daley Centre**

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.



Anointing and Communion Service

Tuesday, 11th August, 10:30am,
Bellevue Aged Care,
53 Linkwood Drive, Ferny Hills
All are welcome.



Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome to join us at every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Church.

There will be no meeting on 18th August.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Mass Change—Saturday, 29th August

There will be no 5.00pm Mass on this date ahead of the *Dare to Dream* Concert.

SAMFORD

Anointing and Communion Service

Tuesday, 11th August, 4:30pm,
Samford Grove,
18 Camp Mountain Road,
Samford Village
All are welcome.



Samford Rosary Circle

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



God's Word 2027 Books

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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES



Family Mass—Sunday, 16th August

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!



worldwide
**marriage
encounter**

Live-In Marriage Encounter Weekend

A weekend away from your day to day commitments allowing you to focus on your relationship.

Friday 9th October to Sunday 11th October

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Bookings and Enquiries:

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Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Paul Sheehan, Robert Sheehan, Maurice Costello, and Liam Green

Anniversary: Ruth Peauril and Erica Peauril



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://tripleygrovelly.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.

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

Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala

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Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala

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 Grillo or email@bne.catholic.net.au

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Event

Thursday, 13th August: A Tour of Kingston Butter Factory has been booked. Bookings essential..

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FAITH MATTERS - GS



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Let us reflect today on a tendency we have as human beings, when we come across some thought or action which we see as fundamental in our thought processes and patterns of behaviour, but which, over time, often when we pass through the teenage years and adulthood, we take the thought or action for granted. This is often just being a human and it happens without our noticing it.

This process in many things is just us maturing, but in matters of Faith it can come about because we do something so often or hear something so often (perhaps in school), that it becomes habitual and loses its potency in our spiritual/religious lives. Unless occasionally we step aside and take some time in silence to reflect on our lives, we can travel through our 20s, 30s, 40s, (later even), and then suddenly wake up to what is happening.

The trouble is that our lives are just so busy and there seems no time available amidst the tempo of career, family, so many other important things to do, that we tend to drift a bit in our Faith life. I would like to use an example – one of many, when this can happen in our lives.

1 Corinthians: Ch.6 v.20. "Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and who was given to you by God."

If this is true its implications for our life on this earth are both huge and beautiful. If this had an impact on us at some time, the chances are that many of our actions - prayers especially - reflected this truth. However time passes and maybe this sense of the enormity of this verse dulled, and other actions flowing from this belief became actions with little or no meaning.

We know what a temple is. We are temples of the Holy Spirit with all that that concept entails. Why wait until we have time to reflect on this and let it influence our lives - **that time may never come unless we MAKE TIME.**

Sacramental News

Congratulations to all of our First Holy Communion recipients! You are a valued part of our Parish family. Keep praying it up! Keep coming to Mass! As Pope Leo XIV aptly observed, "The Eucharist is the sacrament of the Kingdom that is to come... It is the bread for the journey that leads us to our heavenly homeland, until that blessed day when 'God will be all in all'." **Amen to that!**

Prayer Partners

Thank you to all of the prayer partners who have devotedly prayed for the children journeying to the Eucharist. The greatest gift we can give each other is prayers. **Thank you!**

World Priest Day Dinner 2026
Presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter—Friday, 11th September from 5:00pm.

To celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Keynote speaker - Father Peter Dillon.
Cost \$65 per person

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A Vocation View

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or must give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.



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 10th August-14th 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
	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		Evergreens Excursion	Kingston Butter Factory
	7:00pm	Baptism Preparation	St. William's Church
Friday	4:15pm	Children's Choir	St. William's Church

Trusting God in the Storm

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A shows us how God works in ways we might not expect. Elijah hears God not in the strong wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a quiet whisper. This teaches us that God is close even in silence and stillness. His presence is gentle yet sure.

The psalm reminds us that peace, kindness, truth, and justice all meet in God. He is faithful to His promises and guides His people with care. It is a picture of hope for those who look to Him with trust.

Paul, in his letter, speaks with sorrow for his people. He loves them so deeply that he wishes they could see the blessing of Christ. His words show the weight of love and the longing for others to know the truth of God's plan.

In the Gospel, Jesus comes to His disciples walking on the water. Peter steps out in faith but grows afraid and begins to sink. Jesus saves him and calms the storm. On the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that Jesus is with us in every storm, ready to lift us up when we falter.

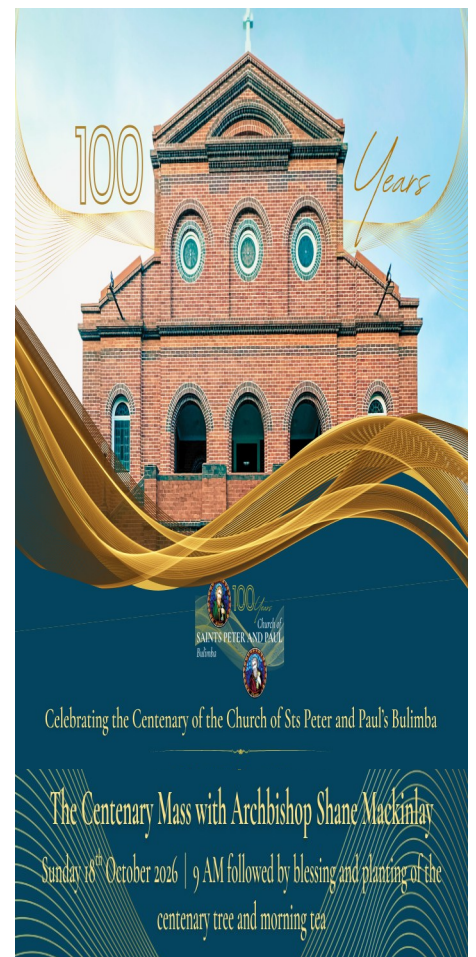
Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4:30-5:30pm, Mondays



This Week: Faith In a Rapidly Changing World

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 to

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
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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

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