

Year A
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th September
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

The story of Danny and Leila Abdallah still stops us in our tracks (*Catholic Leader*; April 2026).

In 2020, their three children and niece were killed when a driver under the influence mounted the footpath and struck them. Yet in the midst of overwhelming grief, Danny publicly forgave the driver. It was a response that stunned the nation and revealed the power of God's grace.



This Sunday's Gospel presents the same challenge. When Peter asks how often he must forgive, Jesus replies, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times". Forgiveness is not about counting; it is a way of living.

The parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that we are all recipients of God's mercy. We have been forgiven far more than we could ever repay. As Leila Abdallah later reflected, forgiveness is not a feeling but a choice.

A simple saying captures the heart of the Christian message: *Mercy is not getting what you deserve; grace is getting what you don't deserve.* In Christ, we receive both.

Receiving forgiveness and extending mercy shape the human soul. Mercy frees us from resentment, while grace restores us to hope. Together they transform hearts, relationships and communities. The witness of the Abdallah family reminds us that when mercy and grace take root, God's love becomes visible in the world.

Luke Reed, Principal, Mt. Maria College

New Appointment for Fr. Nigel

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay has appointed me Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Sunnybank.

My appointment begins at Our Lady of Lourdes with effect from 12th January, 2027.

Thank you for the love, support, and faith you have shared with me these many years. Serving this parish for most of my priestly life has been one of God's greatest blessings. I am grateful for the friendships, memories, and countless moments of grace we have shared. Please keep me in your prayers as I will you in mine.

A copy of the Archbishop's letter to the Parish is available at the entrance to the church.

Nigel Sequeira

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

14th September to 20th September

Grovely St. William's

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
St. Hildegard of Bingen

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

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

Sunday, 9:00am Mass including
11th October Children's Liturgy

Sunday, 9:00am Family Mass
18th October

Sunday, 9:00am Celebration of
25th October Marriage Mass

Funeral Mass—Sonia Moulds

The Funeral Mass for Sonia Moulds (mother of Aileen Carrol) will take place at Giovanni Chapel, St. Vincent's Aged Care, Kangaroo Point, at 11:00am on Monday, 14th September.



This Week's Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Next Week's Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20:1-16

GROVELY



Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

**Max Acutt, William Acutt,
Sienna Fereday, Tommy Gordon,
Luca Hart, and Reuben Hart,**

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!

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 every Friday at 5:00pm in the Church.

SAMFORD

A big thank you to Laurie and Greg who planted our new garden.

Anyone who can spare half an hour one day a week to water our new plants while they establish? Please see Mary Anne after Mass on Sunday.

Samford Rosary Circle

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



COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Mass of Anointing



Thursday, 24th September, 10.00am

St. William's
All are welcome

Please note: This Mass will take place during the school holidays so there will be plenty of parking available.

You are warmly invited to our
Celebration of Marriage Mass
9:00am on Sunday, 25th October at St. William's.

If you would like to submit a photograph of your wedding day, please email it to

bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Please note submission of photograph constitutes consent to use in the presentation after Mass.

Please bring a plate to share and join us for morning tea under the sails.



Mothers Prayers Brisbane Retreat Saturday, 10th October St. William's, Grovely

Join us for a soul spa day of Adoration, spiritual restoration, meaningful moments, Mothers Prayers, and Mass.

Program

11:00am arrival
11:30am-12:30pm Adoration
12:30-1:30pm Lunch
1:30-2:30pm Testimony & small groups
2:30-4:30pm Mothers Prayers
4:30-4:45pm Refreshments
5:00pm Mass

All mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers are welcome! Please bring a surrendering heart and a plate to share for lunch. Check in at the Daley Centre of St. William's from 11:00am.

With a mother's love, we hope to see you there.

RSVP to
queensland@mothersprayers.org

"Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Lyn Power, Ronnie Germo, Narciso V. Erilla, Michael O'Reilly, Patricia Fahey, Wes Lugowski, Sonia Moulds (Aileen Carrol's mother), and Raymond Baxter

Anniversary: Lynne Madden



We pray for the Sick

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

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.

Sacramental News

Thank you to our families journeying to First Reconciliation for a wonderful Workshop day! Have a wonderful school holidays with each other.

And, remember, whether you're staying home having starry nights in the backyard, or flying away to some cool country, they key to holidays is to just be together and **love one another**. You remain in our prayers and on our rosaries.

Our service for First Reconciliation is on **Sunday, 11th October at 11:am, at St. William's.**



Safeguarding Representatives at GS Parishes

Local Safeguarding Representatives play a crucial role in creating and maintaining safe environments and activities for parishes, ministries, and faith communities, and are an important part of the wider safeguarding team for the Archdiocese.

Please take the time to look at your local noticeboard and familiarise yourself with your local Safeguarding Representative.

Sacred Heart: Jeanette Chew
St. William's: Amelia Crawfoot



FAITH MATTERS - GS



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One of the most extraordinary beliefs we have about God is the way He pursues us with such forgiving love when we are on a path away from Him. There are quite a few examples of this in the Scriptures, for instance, the parable of the lost sheep. (*Matt 18:12-14*) (*Luke 15:3-7*). Mark and John do not have this parable.

Then again, we have the parable of the prodigal son where the father every day searches the horizon for a tiny speck which he desperately hopes is his returning son. What joy and total forgiveness unfolds as the son emerges through the haze. (*Luke 15:11-32*). Interestingly, Luke is the only evangelist who has this parable in his Gospel.

Outside the Scriptures, perhaps one of the best known examples of this theme of God chasing us when we go astray is the poem, *The Hound of Heaven* by Francis Thompson. Written in 1890, it is a long poem, full of such beautiful imagery.

The poem acknowledges that every human soul, created by God and destined to be eternally with Him, seeks to escape God via the pursuit of everything material. However, God leaves no stone unturned as He relentlessly pursues each soul, as would a hound with a strong scent of its prey, until once again the soul is swamped with God's abundant forgiveness and love. **Can you believe this?**

At times we seem to hide so desperately from God because to allow ourselves to be caught does mean we accept the cross and all it means for our way of life. The alternative is so enticing. The poem captures it well.

"I fled Him down the arches of the years.

I fled Him down the labyrinthine ways."

Why not slow down and let the hound catch you?



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The biblical vision in Ezekiel - *Everything will live where the river goes.*

Within us, the Living Water flows giving life to our dreams and thoughts. Decisions and actions rise, and we look about and know we are God's people believing and listening to Creation's voice crying out for renewal. We choose a response and move to respond. Pick up that rubbish that is making its way to the city's drainage system? Join the team of people who clean up the damaged eco systems along our creeks? Use the urban water supply wisely? What shall we do?

We pray together: (*taken from Season of Creation Prayer 2026*)

"Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, **every drop is a sacred testament to your love**. We lament our misuse. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow."

We pray in thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Season of Creation Reading Group

Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division

One-hour online discussions on this powerful Social Justice Statement and its main themes of **dialogue** and **encounter**.

Tuesdays in September

Register at
beache@bne.catholic.net.au

GS Parish 14th September-18th 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	5:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's Church

Forgiveness Without Limits

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that forgiveness is at the centre of our faith. The readings show how anger and resentment can harm us, but mercy brings healing. God's love is full of patience, and he asks us to treat others with the same care.

Sirach teaches that clinging to wrath only leads to trouble. We are told to remember our short lives and let go of grudges. Paul reminds the Romans that, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. This means our choices should show mercy and unity, not judgment.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a servant who was forgiven but would not forgive. This parable shows that mercy must flow both ways. The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is a call to forgive as we have been forgiven. It is about living in God's mercy every day.

Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4:30-5:30pm, Mondays

This Week: Prayer (continued)

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

CURSILLO FUND-RAISING EVENT

COME ALONG FOR

AN AFTERNOON OF TRIVIA at

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH HALL,

Cnr Victoria Ave & Collins St. WOODY POINT

SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER, 2pm - 4pm

\$20 per person includes Lucky Door prize, a cuppa & eats

COME ALONE or BRING YOUR FRIENDS for a table of 8

BYO nibbles and drinks Tombola Raffle tickets \$2ea or 3 for \$5

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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Bargain hunters are invited to attend the Vinnies shop at 141 Dawson Parade, Keperra, on **Saturday 12th September, between 9.00am and 3.00pm** for a one off 'Fill a Bag for \$10' sale. Proceeds help fund Vinnies' good works.

VERSE FOR VINNIES

Verse for Vinnies next show sees the kids have a go;

they're our future performers on stage.

Some thirteen will be seen perform verse ever-green

that appeals to whatever the age.

They will take you to realms of adventure,
have you laugh, there'll be pathos and farce.

There'll be classics, Mackellar's *My Country*

Mulga Bill rides a mountainous pass.

There'll be, *Rodney who's Mean to his Sister*,

how the kids celebrate *Mother's Day*.

There'll be poems on *Dogs*,
Friendly Fauna,

and of course *Crocodiles* get a say.

We are quick to condemn misbehaviour when our youth don't behave like they should,

let's be equally quick in supporting these young kids when displaying what's good.

So we'd love you to come to this concert,

and it's all Aussie Verse you will get. All the dough from this show is to go to those battlers we're prone to forget.

Sunday, 27th September, 1:30pm

\$15 - Only Cash.

St. William's School Hall, Dawson Parade, Grovely.

Book seats: stallardnoel@gmail.com



RCIA

A Journey In Faith

Welcome to Niamh, Malcolm, and Joshua

On Sunday at 5:00pm Mass, Niamh will receive the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, while Malcom and Joshua will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please welcome them to our worshipping community and pray for them as they continue to draw nearer to Jesus.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous support of the recent **Catholic Campaign**. Your generosity makes it possible to provide Catholic education bursaries to children in need; offer essential support and care to families experiencing homeless and domestic violence; care for our elderly, frail and unwell priests; and provide a home for the education and training of our future priests.

Catholic Mission

The Catholic Mission Annual Appeal will take place on the weekend of **17th/18th October**, supporting the Church in Malawi.



A Vocation View: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness, and selflessness!



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12 PM - 2PM HANLY ROOM

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