

Year A
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th September
Liturgical Colour: Green



ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



When at University almost fifteen years ago now, a good friend converted to Catholicism.

It was such a foreign thing for me, someone who had grown up Catholic and attended Catholic schools my whole life, watching a friend choose this faith from the outside, and was unexpectedly moving. It prompted a genuine period of reflection. This was no small thing - his family was unsupportive, and the path he chose came at a real personal cost.

His enthusiasm for the next few months was infectious, but he was also getting excited at some of things that had been 'business as usual' for the last twenty years of my life. I remember being slightly envious.

And yet.

It had all the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. How can someone who works only the final hour receive the same wage as those who laboured through the heat of the whole day? It seems, on its face, profoundly unfair.

But that, perhaps, is precisely the point, that it is never too late to begin.

God's generosity is simply not constrained by our accounting, expectations, and what we think we deserve.

The workers in the vineyard at the final hour received the same promise as anyone else for a day's labour. They had also stood in the hot sun of the marketplace, unsure if they would have any money to eat or provide.

All they needed to do was say yes.

God's generosity is unlimited – all we have to do is, like the workers, remember that it is never too late to say yes.

Jesus' even had a special place for those who said yes last:

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Paul O'Donovan

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

21st September to 27th September

Grovely St. William's

Wednesday: 11:30am Funeral Mass
Bill Coade

7:30pm Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass **cancelled**
**10:00am Mass of
Anointing**

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

Sunday,
11th October 9:00am Mass including
Children's Liturgy
11:00am First
Reconciliation Celebration
Sacramental Program

Sunday,
18th October 9:00am Family Mass



**This Week's Readings:
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Next Week's Readings:
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

GROVELY

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.*

Faith Circle

Faith Circle is in recess for
the school holidays, resuming
on **Monday, 12th October.**



Christian Meditation Group

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

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

Anointing and Communion Service

Date: Monday, 21st September

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Regis, 39 Lanita Road,
Ferny Grove

SAMFORD



Baptism

We joyfully announce the
Baptism of **Caragh Ferry**
and warmly welcome her into our faith
community!

Samford Rosary Circle

When: Wednesday at 10:00am

Where: Sacred Heart Church.
Come and pray with us.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Parish Gathering

As announced, Fr. Nigel Sequeira has been appointed as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank.

The College of Consultors is a group that advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments. To assist with their discernment, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St. William's Parish, Grovely/Samford

You will be asked to respond to two questions:

1. As a parish, what have you done well?
2. What are your hopes for what the parish will look like into the future?

The gathering will take place at **6:00pm on Tuesday, 22nd September** in the Daley Centre at St. William's, Grovely. All are welcome.

We hope you can attend.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Peter Dillon, Vicar General



Happy Holidays!

We wish all students and school staff a
happy and safe break.

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 presen-
tation after Mass.

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



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Michael O'Reilly, Patricia Fahey, Wes Lugowski, Narciso V. Erilla, Sonia Moulds (Aileen Carrol's mother), Raymond Baxter, Jessie (Tess) Wagner, Bill Coade, and Christine Cairns

Anniversary: Agnes Buchanan, Pat O'Neill, James Sargent, Mary Sargent, and Felix (Phil) Garguilo



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.

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.

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Dates:

Friday 25th September, 10:00am: Men's cuppa at Arana Leagues Club.

Sunday 27th September: Cuppa in the Daley Centre after 9:00am Mass.

Friday 9th October: Nancy Pachana, Professor of Clinical Geropsychology at UQ, will be our speaker at 11.00am, followed by lunch at Gaythorne RSL. Arrival from 10:30am.

Bookings Essential via John & Joan Broderick 0455503713 or jobrod@bigpond.net.au



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Years ago, there was a series of information sheets about aspects of the Catholic faith called *Inform*. One of the series was called *The Name of God is Mercy*. When one considers the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as found in the Scriptures, one realises how true this is. In the early years of the Church the sacraments were gradually established, one of which was the Sacrament of Penance which today is usually called *The Sacrament of Reconciliation*.

The way we think of mercy and justice is far from the way God looks at them. In the parable of the Prodigal Son we see a son, who has so seriously offended his father, receive such a welcome from his father when he returns to seek forgiveness. One of the images of this parable is that of the father searching the horizon every day for the slightest sign that his son might be coming back to the fold.

Surely, we think, there should be some element of justice doled out to the son. What about the parable where the person starts work right at the start of the day while another begins about five minutes before knock-off time, yet both receive the same pay? Where is the justice in that, we say? How many other parables are there where God's approach is so different from the way we look at things?

Because we are human with the gift from God of free will, we are prone to sin in various ways and we all do sin - some far more than others. We often see things from a justice point of view than from a mercy view. What do we think about the idea that maybe some of the world's worst dictators could be in Heaven? Where is the justice of that, we think?

For a lot of the last century this Sacrament was received by many Catholics almost weekly. People would receive the Sacrament, often on a Saturday afternoon before Sunday Mass. The times have changed. Today, the Church says we should receive the Sacrament at least once a year in the period before the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

The point to remember is that this Sacrament is a gift from the God of mercy and should be received more than once a year. No need to overdo it but, via the priest, it allows God's mercy to swamp us as we try our best to follow the example of Jesus.

Major Date Claimer - Sunday, 18th October

in the Grovely church straight after the 9:00 Sunday Mass and just one hour

Fr. Nigel will give the second talk about his life which he promised when he gave the first one. The event will be organised by Faith Matters, Evergreens, and the Family Groups.



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.*

The rivulets of water that reach the extremities of our body nourish us and hold the life of the Spirit. Each small explosion of our breath is a sign of life, of love, a sign of our being part of God's creation. We hear the cries of Creation - choking and suffering. What do we do? Ignore or reach out and help Creation's survival? Support sustainable living - recycle: make the effort to return those tins and bottles: find a local group to inform your knowledge of how to increase your recycle habits: choose not to use excess plastics. Each little action is a positive one. What shall we do?

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

Your gift of water is the critical element of this earth, yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have overused and abused our human position to use whatever we like. We lament these past actions. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow. May your Word be a spring within us, that moves us to help heal the brokenness of our world.

We pray in thanksgiving and praise. Amen."

GS Parish 21st September-25th September

Monday	7:00pm	SVDP	Daley Centre
Wednesday	9:30am	Mothers Prayers	Daley Centre
	10:00am	Samford Rosary Circle	Sacred Heart
	11:00am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre
Friday	10:00am	Evergreens Men's Cuppa	Arana Leagues Club
	5:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's Church

The Gift of God's Generosity

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that God's mercy and generosity go far beyond what we expect. He invites everyone to turn to Him, no matter how late they come. His ways are not like ours. Where people see limits, God offers grace without measure.

Isaiah calls us to seek the Lord while He is near. God is patient and ready to forgive. The psalm praises Him as kind and slow to anger. Paul teaches us to live in a way that honours Christ, whether in life or death. Each passage shows faith as a response to God's goodness.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the workers in the vineyard. The landowner pays them all the same, no matter when they began. It may seem unfair, but Jesus shows that God's love does not follow human rules. On the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that God's mercy is for all who say yes to His call.

A Vocation View:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can never be called 'generous'. All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.



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Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

4:30-5:30pm, Mondays

In recess until 12th October

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



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

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

2026 Men's Faith & Fellowship

Sunday October 11th, 11am
St Mary's Church Gatton

Register [here](#)

<https://olvcatholic.flocknote.com/signup/265261>

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