

Year A
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th 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 Gospel of Matthew 21:28-32 invites us to reflect deeply on what it truly means to say "yes" to God. Jesus tells the parable of a father who asks his two sons to work in the vineyard. The first refuses but later changes his mind and goes. The second readily agrees yet does not follow through. Jesus asks a simple but challenging question: which son did the father's will?

At the heart of this Gospel is the understanding that our faith is more than the words we speak or the promises we make. God looks to the response of our hearts and to the way our faith is lived through our choices and actions. The first son reminds us that transformation is always possible. We may hesitate, make mistakes or initially choose the wrong path, but God continually invites us to reconsider, change our hearts and return to what is good. There is great hope in this message. God does not ask us to be perfect; God asks us to be open to conversion and willing to respond.

This Gospel also challenges us to consider whether our own "yes" to God is visible in the way we treat others. Do our actions reflect compassion, welcome, forgiveness and service? Are we prepared to give our time and gifts for the good of others? In a Catholic school community, these questions are especially important because our young people learn what Christian discipleship looks like not only from what we teach, but also from what they see us doing.

As Principal, I see this Gospel reflected beautifully in the Term 3 we have just shared. Our staff, students and families have each said "yes" in many different ways: through learning, service, prayer, generosity and care for one another.

Our Feast Day celebrations provided a special opportunity to honour Our Lady of Dolours and reflect upon Mary's faithful response to God. Her life reminds us that saying "yes" is not always easy; it can require courage, trust and perseverance.

This same spirit was wonderfully evident in our 75th Anniversary School Fair, where current families, past students, parishioners and members of the wider community came together to celebrate 75 years of faith, learning and community. Our students performed, families volunteered, and so many people generously contributed their time and talents, creating a memorable celebration of our past, present and future.

As Term 3 concludes, may we give thanks for all we have shared and ask ourselves: how will I say "yes" to God today? May our answer be found not only in our words, but in lives of faith, compassion, generosity and service.

God Bless,

Mrs Tricia Howard
Principal
Our Lady of Dolours

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

28th September to 4th October

Grovely St. William's

Tuesday: 11:00am Funeral Mass
Jessie (Tess) Wagner

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am Mass
St Therese
(In Mary MacKillop Centre)

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

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



This Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Week's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

GROVELY



Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of
Eve Barker, Hugo Moren, and Bobby Scott,

and warmly welcome them into our faith community!

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

Faith Circle

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

All welcome!



Funeral Mass Jessie (Tess) Wagner

The funeral service of Jessie (Tess) Wagner will be held at St Williams Catholic Church on Tuesday September 29th at 11am.

This will be celebrated as a Requiem Mass and friends of Jessie and the Wagner family are very welcome.



Christian Meditation Group

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

SAMFORD

1st Friday Coffee and Chat

Friday, 2nd October from 9:30am
on the verandah of the church.

Ladies, bring a small plate of nibbles to share.

Samford Rosary Circle

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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Church Roof Replacement (Insurance Work)

The work on replacing the Church roof and solar panels will commence on **Tuesday, 6 October 2026**. This will initially involve an enclosure around the Church within which scaffolding will be installed. In terms of how this will affect Parishioners, the sails and their structure will be temporarily dismantled and there will only be a single, enclosed access entrance to the Church effectively operating from the weekend of **10 & 11 October 2026**. The work is expected to be completed by **Friday, 27 November 2026**. There will be significant signage for Parishioners. Works will be undertaken during daylight, weekday hours and no access to the Church will be allowed when workers are on the roof. Some weekday activities in the Church will need to be moved. Parishioners will be advised in advance of these movements. **Please note that weekend Masses will NOT be effected during this period.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office.

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Dates:

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 at Gaythorne RSL. Arrival from 10:30am. Lunch will be served at 12:15pm.

Bookings Essential via John & Joan Broderick 0455 503 713 or jobrod@bigpond.net.au

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 in the Daley Centre.





Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Narciso V. Erilla, Raymond Baxter, Jessie (Tess) Wagner, Christine Cairns, Thomas (Tom) Tolhurst, and Jan Daniel

Anniversary: Bernard McMackin



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, Maree Peters, Rob Robinson, Andy Stewart, and Rob Stewart

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.

A Vocation View:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.



Spirit-filled Conversations Across Generations about

Our Next Conversation will be **Sunday, 10th October**, 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.

Please watch S1 Ep 5 The Wedding Gift

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 MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

Fr. Richard Rohr (Franciscan), the founder of the Centre for Contemplation and Action (CAC) in the U.S. and the author of many acclaimed spiritual books, is getting on in age now. However, he still pens a daily meditation on a weekly theme. One of his recent themes was *Paul's Transforming Vision*.

In one of these meditations he notes that the majority of people in Asia Minor at the time of Paul's preaching, apart from the elites, were either enslaved, or women who were regarded as the property of men, or those who were unjustly treated if they were poor, or marginalised in a variety of ways. Into this world came Paul, a man who was not 'in the best books' of the emerging group of Christians under James the Apostle in Jerusalem.

Fr. Richard says: "We now believe the reason this one man enjoyed such immense success in such a short time is that he gave human dignity back to the world that had largely lost it".

Imagine the effect of Paul's words on the people at that time. Here are two examples.

"One and the same Spirit was given to us all to drink!" (*1 Corinthians 12:13*).

"You, all of you, are sons and daughters of God in Christ Jesus ... where there is no distinction between male or female, Greek or Jew, slave or free, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (*Galatians 3:26-28*).

Now that people could be a "temple of the Holy Spirit" there was hope again. The temple at Jerusalem had served its purpose. There was now a new world in place of the old. Not many years after Jesus' resurrection the Temple and all Jerusalem were brutally razed to the ground by the Romans.

Each of us is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps a prayer of thanks to God today for such an incredible gift is not such a bad idea.

Major Date Claimer - Sunday, 18th October

in the Grovelly 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.



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

SEASON OF CREATION - The biblical vision in Ezekiel - Everything will live where the river goes.

It is very easy and convenient to reflect on that which is local. Our creeks, our rivers, our beaches, our natural springs but what of the communities who are impacted by the rising seas. The water claiming their community and ancestral lands. The low-lying island communities across the Torres Strait are **particularly vulnerable to rising sea levels** and may become Australia's first climate refugees if strong and urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions does not occur. On Masig Island **they are taking action** not just to save their shoreline but their preventative actions are safeguarding their homes and businesses, treating their ancestors and history with respect.

We do what we can locally but also hold fast in our hearts and prayers those who watch the water coming closer to their toes.

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

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert and the monsoons of rain. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream for those who have contributed least to climate change yet suffer first and most. Lord we hold them in dignity and strengthen our resolve for justice.

We pray in thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1st to 7th October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio



GS Parish 28th September - 2nd October

Monday	7:00pm	RCIA	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

True Obedience and Change

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that actions speak louder than words. Jesus tells a story about two sons. One says no to his father but later changes his mind and does what he was asked. The other says yes but never follows through. This story teaches that obedience means doing, not just saying.

The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A all point to the same truth. God looks at our hearts and our choices. It is not enough to say we believe. We must live what we believe. Turning away from sin and choosing what is right brings life and hope.

These readings also show that God is fair and merciful. He wants us to turn back when we make mistakes. When we admit we are wrong and try again, He welcomes us with love. Repentance opens the way to peace and joy in His presence.

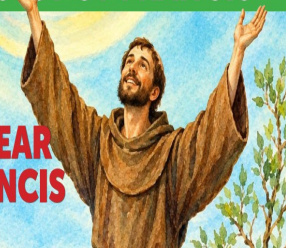
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VERSE FOR VINNIES

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

Council of Australasian Catholics (CAC)
(Formerly Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform)
and Garratt Publishing present

The Changing Face of Catholicism Webinar

Thursday, 8th October

7:00pm AEDT

6:00pm Brisbane

Register [here](https://triplejgrovely.au).

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

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.

ST THERESE AND ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

(LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH - KEDRON)

Saturday 3 October

8-10am

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (on Church lawn)

6.30pm

800th ANNIVERSARY OF TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS LITURGY

(Commemorating St Francis of Assisi passing from his earthly life to eternal life)

Saturday 3 October (Vigil)

5pm

MASS

Sunday 4 October

7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

MASS



OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH STAFFORD

Saturday 3 October (Vigil)

5pm MASS

Sunday 4 October

9am MASS

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH WILSTON

Saturday 3 October (Vigil)

4.30pm MASS

Sunday 4 October

8am MASS

IPSWICH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Saturday 3 October

9-11am **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

including Sausage Sizzle (gold coin donation) and a coffee van

4.30pm **MASS (Vigil)**

Immaculate Heart Leichhardt

5.30pm **MASS (Vigil)**

St Mary's Woodend (Reconciliation from 4.30-5.15pm)

6pm **MASS (Vigil)**

Miraculous Medal, Eastern Heights

Sunday 4 October

7.30am **MASS**

St Joseph's, North Ipswich

8am **MASS**

St Brigid's, Rosewood

9am **MASS**

St Mary's Woodend

5.30pm **MASS**

St Mary's Woodend



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