

Year A
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th September
Liturgical Colour: Green



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

The prophet Ezekiel receives wisdom from God and doesn't hold back from sharing it. Wicked men must be to be warned so they can renounce their ways or be condemned. Those who do not step up to this responsibility are just



as bad. Complacency is not an option. From Ezekiel, I hear the courage needed to call out wrongdoing. Perhaps it's not so far departed from the wisdom and way of our own Mary MacKillop (St. Mary of the Cross), who never saw a need without doing anything about it. Jesus' dialogical, conciliatory approach is much gentler than Ezekiel's confrontational method. The emphasis in Matthew's Gospel is on fairness and family. On the wisdom of bringing witnesses when the private chat fails. On allowing the wrong doer time and opportunity to take responsibility.

Following last weekend's Social Justice Sunday, it's worth taking some time with the 2025-26 Social Justice Statement, *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*. While I admire the fearlessness of Ezekiel's approach, I suspect, in these divisive times, we all need to listen, to be patient and present, to seek out and sustain fraternity and friendship. The community-centred approach for which Jesus advocates in our Gospel might be the only real way to reach out across the divide.

This year's SJ statement makes a simple statement that we see echoed so clearly in our Gospel today: "Jesus calls His followers to a radically different way of living, marked by mercy, forgiveness, and a genuine commitment to the good of others."

Maybe this is what unites our readings today, despite the different way of dealing with wrongdoing. It's about caring for the good of others. Caring about others means we cannot be indifferent bystanders. We remain hopeful that a person who has sinned (and we all have, we all do) can choose to live in in light rather than darkness, will seek out good over evil, kindness over cruelty, acceptance over discrimination, love over fear. The SJ statement carries the reminder that, for Christians, our identity is not primarily political, cultural, or ideological, but relational. The trinitarian nature of God—Father, Son, and Spirit—guides our way of being in the world. We are all *Imago Dei* – made in God's image and likeness. What we share in common with others is far more significant than what divides or differentiates us. And so, we work on relationships. Today especially we bring to mind the relationship between fathers and their children. Fathers who take time to listen to the hurts and hopes of their children, who share their wisdom with humility, their interests and ideas with generosity. Fathers who are not perfect but can laugh and love wholeheartedly, forgive readily, and say sorry when it's needed.

Clare Locke

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

7th September to 13th September

Grovely St. William's

Monday: 10:30am Funeral Mass
Wes Lugowski

Wednesday: 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00am St. William's School Buddy Mass
3B, 1B & 1M

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass

9:00am Mass
Encounter Kids—First Reconciliation Workshop

5:00pm Mass
RCIA Reception Celebration

Samford Sacred Heart

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

Next Weekend:

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

FUTURE CELEBRATIONS

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

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

Sunday, 18th October 9:00am Family Mass

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

Funeral Mass—Sonia Moulds

The Funeral Mass for Sonia Moulds (mother of Aileen Carrol) will take place at the Giovanni Chapel, St. Vincent's Aged Care Marycrest, 411 Main Street, Kangaroo Point, at **11:00am on Monday, 14th September.**

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

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

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

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

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 we are about. All welcome!



Christian Meditation Group

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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.



SAMFORD

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.



Anointing and Communion Services

Anointing and Communion Services will take place as follows:

Tuesday, 8th September

10:30am Bellevue Aged Care, 53 Linkwood Drive, Ferny Hills

4:30pm Samford Grove, 18 Camp Mountain Road, Samford

All are welcome.



St. William's Building Project Community Update 5th/6th September 2026

- The second meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Tuesday, 1st September, 2026.
- Further Community Consultation has occurred with Samford parishioners after masses on two Sundays in August. Generally there was acceptance of the proposed building project.
- Relocation of Activity Groups from the Daley Centre is still being investigated.
- Archbishop approval has been received to submit a Development Approval application to Council. Currently the architect is progressing the application with the relevant consultants.
- Ongoing communication with the Insurer regarding repairs to St. William's Church's roofing and solar panels. This work has been brought forward and will commence in early/mid October, 2026.
- Architect is liaising with Mark Burroughs regarding the preparation of the DA documentation and building contractor engagement. Samples of roofing for Lourigan Place have arrived and will be available for community viewing in the coming weeks.

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.

RSVP to
queensland@mothersprayers.org



Faithful Departed

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

Anniversary: Elsie O'Callaghan, Jack O'Callaghan, Daphne Fahey, and Katie Fahey



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

Next weekend is our **Encounter Kids workshop half day:**

Sunday, 13th September, at 9:00am
Mass followed by morning tea and workshops until approx. 12:30pm,
St. William's Catholic Church, Grovely.

Please bring a plate to share and a willing heart to learn.

May the Lord continue to bless you on the journey to First Reconciliation.

A Vocation View:

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!



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:

Members are reminded to book for lunch at FISH ON FLINDERS, Sandgate. Date: Thursday, 10th September at 12:00 noon.
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FAITH MATTERS - GS



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Fr. Ron Rolheiser is a distinguished and well known theologian who works in San Antonio, Texas, USA. Recently he wrote an article called *Purgatory*, which was very interesting. It appeared in *Catholic Outlook*, a regular online set of articles from the Parramatta Diocese in Sydney, and it is fine with Faith Matters reproducing any of their articles providing we acknowledge the source of the article.

Purgatory, according to Fr. Rolheiser, is a specific Roman Catholic belief but most other Christian denominations do not believe in it. Purgatory is not a place of course, as there are no places, as we perceive them to be, in the spiritual world. His article is on the Faith Matters website under the tag *Topical Articles* on the home page. By the way, his article years ago on 'death' is near the bottom of these articles.

In his article, Fr. Rolheiser outlines two situations as examples in which the person could be regarded as undergoing 'Purgatory' during this life to make recompense to God for sins previously committed against Him. Indulgences are another way for us to atone to God for past sins. The Church's approach to indulgences now is far different from what it as in earlier centuries, particularly in the days of Luther and the Reformation.

Purgatory is regarded as a process in this life or after death, whereby a soul is purified before being permitted to see God face to Face.

Fr. Rolheiser puts it like this:

"When we die, unless we have so totally hardened our hearts to reject the embrace of unconditional love itself, God embraces us – fully, affectionately, passionately and unconditionally. Inside that embrace, to the extent that we are not yet fully saints, we will, like the two men whose story I shared, experience some purgative pain."



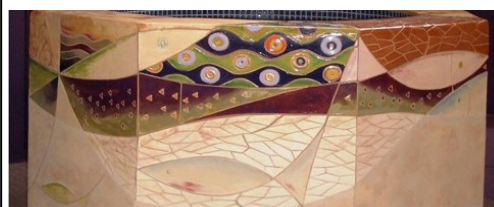
Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

The **Season of Creation - Immersion in Living Water** this year embraces the symbols which we see every time we look to the St. William's font. It is impossible not to draw a parallel. The design focuses on a vision of hope, ecological healing, and divine restoration; bringing about flourishing ecosystems where water flowing from the sanctuary brings life to damaged and barren ecosystems. *We are asked to step into God's River of Life to actively safeguard environmental renewal and human well-being.*



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12



The **St. William's Baptismal Font**, centrally visual to the community, is filled with the Living Water through which we die and rise to new life; healed and energised to care for and nurture each other and our world.

Its ceramic finish of earthy colours of the water and land about us, highlighted with the richness of gold, invites us to be alive and proactive messengers of Christ; active in the community of the planet, children caught into the net of God's people to bring healing, protection and renewal to God's creation.

No matter which church we enter, *the water into which we dip our fingers to bless ourselves with the Cross* highlights the element's basicness. It is fundamental to human existence - nourishment, cleanliness, and good health - our planet's survival. The waterways and oceans of the world need our stewardship to ensure survival of all creation. They need healing. **Where do we begin?**

GS Parish 7th September-11th September

Monday	9:30am	Faith Circle	Daley Centre
	4:30pm	Faith Vibes	Daley Centre
	7:00pm	SVDP	Daley Centre
Tuesday	9:30am	Playgroup	Daley Centre
	10:30am	Anointing & Communion	Bellevue Aged Care
	4:30pm	Anointing & Communion	Samford Grove
Wednesday	9:30am	Mothers Prayers	Daley Centre
	10:00am	Samford Rosary Circle	Sacred Heart
	11:00am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre
Thursday	12:00	Evergreens Excursion	Sandgate
Friday	5:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's Church

A Community Built on Love

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that faith is lived in relationship with others. God does not call us to walk alone. We are asked to care for one another, to guide each other, and to live in love. These readings show how warning, correction, and forgiveness are all part of belonging to God's people.

In the first reading, Ezekiel is told to be a watchman. His duty is to speak up when others stray. This shows that silence can also bring guilt. God's word is not only about comfort but also about responsibility. We are called to speak truth with courage, even when it is hard.

The second reading tells us that love fulfills every commandment. To love our neighbour is to follow God's law. Love never harms, but instead brings peace and unity. The Gospel builds on this by showing how to handle conflict. Jesus tells us that, when we come together in His name, He is with us.

On the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the message is clear. Love guides correction, warning, and reconciliation. Community is where God's presence is made real, and where faith grows strong.

Spirit-filled Conversations Across The CHOSEN Generations about

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 adults, are most welcome, and we will facilitate different conversation groups for adults and children/young people. Please RSVP here:



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, Joshua, Jonathan, and Chloe

On Sunday at 9:00am Mass at Grovely we will celebrate the third Rite of Healing and Strengthening for our RCIA candidates, Niamh, Malcolm, Joshua, Jonathan, and Chloe. 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.

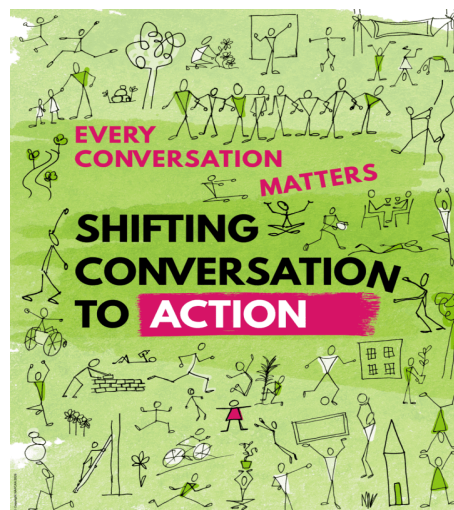


Faith Vibes with Fr. Nigel

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.



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