

Year A
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th October
Liturgical Colour: Green



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In this Sunday's Gospel, the rich young man comes to Jesus searching for the path to eternal life. He is a good man who has lived faithfully, yet he struggles when Jesus invites him to let go of what gives him security and place his trust completely in God. What strikes me most is that before Jesus challenges him, we are told that Jesus, "looked at him and loved him". The invitation to follow Christ always begins with love.

This theme is echoed beautifully in the First Reading from Wisdom, where the author prays for wisdom above all else, declaring that riches, power, and even health are insignificant compared to the gift of understanding God's ways. Wisdom helps us see what truly matters and enables us to make choices that are guided by faith rather than possessions, status, or success. The rich young man had many possessions; what Jesus was offering him was something far greater.

At St William's Primary we are currently celebrating and highlighting Mission Month. In reflecting on this year's theme, *One in Christ, united in mission*, we are reminded that mission begins with this same wisdom-filled response to God's love. To our students, we speak about mission as the small acts of love enacted each day. This may be a word of encouragement, an using our manners, including someone who is lonely, or offering help without being asked. These moments may seem ordinary, yet they are how Christ's mission comes alive in our community.

These simple actions also reflect our school motto, *In God's Hands*. When we place ourselves in God's hands, we learn to trust God more deeply and become His hands in the world. Like the rich young man, we are all invited to let go of whatever prevents us from following Christ more freely. With the wisdom to recognise what truly matters and the courage to act with love, we become one in Christ and united in mission.

Duncan Maitland

Principal, St. William's School

Wonderful News!

Archbishop Shane has appointed Fr. Morgan Batt as Parish Priest of St. William's, effective 12th January, 2027. Fr. Morgan was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 1991, and has served in many varied roles, including Army Chaplain, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, and Parish Priest of Burleigh Heads. I pray that his appointment will bring rich blessings to the people of St. William's Parish and that he will find joy in his time here. *Fr. Nigel*



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

12th October to 18th October

Grovely	St. William's
Wednesday	7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday	9:00am St. William's School Buddy Mass - 1W & 4B St. Teresa of Jesus (in Mary MacKillop Centre)

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 with Communion
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday	8:00am Mass

This Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-10

Next Week's Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

GROVELY



Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Charles Holthouse, Lachlan Kerr, Aurora Kerr, and Gwendolyn-Rose Radcliffe,
and welcome them to our faith community!

God's Word 2027

Books have arrived. For those who have ordered these books, they are available for collection in the church shop, in a bag with your name on it. Cost is \$20 this year.

Faith Circle

Faith Circle will gather at Our Lady of Dolours Meeting Space during the St. William's roof renovations. The Meeting Space entrance is across the driveway from the entrance to the church. Gather from 9:30 am for a 10: am start. See you there!

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

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion



Thursday 6:00pm

All are welcome

Samford Rosary Circle



Wednesday 10:00am
Sacred Heart Church

Come and pray with us

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Celebration of Marriage Mass 9:00am on Sunday, 25th October at St. William's

Please bring a plate to share and join us for morning tea in the Daley Centre.

St Williams Church Temporary Access Arrangements

During the construction work on the church roof, access to the church during the week will be unavailable between 06:30 and 17:00 due to the area being declared a construction site. For weekend Masses, normal and emergency access in and out of the church will be limited to three doors - Southeast double door (main entrance); Northeast single door Northwest single door (through the Columbarium Area). The double door on the south side will be unavailable during the construction period. During Masses, all three doors mentioned will be unlocked.

Please note that, on Saturday, 17th October, there will be no access to the church grounds until 4:00pm.

Anointing and Communion Service

Tuesday, 13th October, 10:30am, Bellevue Aged Care, 53 Linkwood Drive, Ferny Hills



All are welcome.

Fr. Nigel's Talk about his most interesting life

Date: Sunday, 18th October

Time: 10:00am

Venue: St. William's Church

Where will you be at this time and place next week? The talk will go for one hour and you will then be able to get on with the rest of your Sunday. Water will be available before and during the talk.



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Jessie (Tess) Wagner, Bill Coade, Christine Cairns, Tom Tolhurst, Jan Daniel, and Amancia Odarve

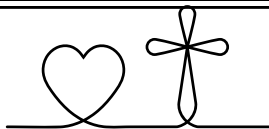
Anniversary: Brian Mathews, Magdalena Udarb, and Dolores Sequeira



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, Rob Stewart, Patrick McDade, and Alana McKay-Smith

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.



Congratulations to all of our young parishioners who have made their **First Reconciliation.**

May the Lord's word guide you.
May you embrace His will.
May you walk in the light of Christ for all of your days.

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 18th October: Directly after 9.00am Mass, Fr. Nigel will speak about his life experiences.

Friday 23rd October, 9:30am for 9:45am start in the Daley Centre: Falls Prevention presentation. Please arrive by 9:45.

DATE CHANGE: Our monthly cuppa in the Daley Centre is transferred to **Sunday, 1st November** after the 9.00am Mass.

Enquiries: John & Joan Broderick
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Faith Vibes with Fr Nigel
4:30 - 5:30pm Monday
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.



FAITH MATTERS - GS



www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au

October is the month when it has been customary to devote more time to saying the Rosary. The older ones among us grew up with saying the Rosary, using the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary, depending on which day of the week it was. A fourth set of mysteries was introduced by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

This fourth set of mysteries was based on moments of Jesus' ministry. They are as follows:

- Christ's baptism in the Jordan.
- His self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana.
- His proclamation of the kingdom of God with His call to conversion.
- His Transfiguration.
- His institution of the Eucharist.

Most people think and pray about the mystery while saying the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and Glory be to the Father. The history of this prayer goes back a number of centuries. The critical point to remember is that Mary, the mother of Jesus, intercedes with God on our behalf. Her influence with her son is well demonstrated at the wedding feast at Cana.

Strengthening Our Connection with Timor-Leste

In late September, a group from Grovely-Samford Parish travelled to Timor-Leste to connect with our sister parish, St. John de Brito in Liquiça, and strengthen the friendships and relationships that have grown between our two communities over many years.

One of the highlights of our visit was travelling to Lepa, a remote community high in the mountains of Timor-Leste, reached by some particularly difficult roads. Lepa is part of the Parish of Liquiça and, despite receiving little support from outside organisations, remains an important part of the parish community. Fr. Natalino makes the journey to Lepa each week to celebrate Mass in the community chapel. We received a wonderful welcome from the people of Lepa, including traditional dancing and singing.

During our visit, the people of Lepa and the St. John de Brito Pastoral Council identified access to a reliable water supply as their highest priority. We visited the proposed water source and discussed what would be involved in developing a water project for the community. We hope to continue working alongside the local community and Pastoral Council to help progress this important project.

Thanks to the generous support of Innocents Relief, 100 laptops and four *Internet in a Box* servers were delivered and installed at schools throughout the Liquiça area. Clare Carter and Alianca Ribeiro also provided training for teachers and students, helping the schools get the most out of the new technology and build their confidence in using it.

The group also supported a number of other initiatives. Cathy Knauth led the distribution of *Days for Girls* kits to girls in Maubara, while three sewing machines were provided to the PAR convent in Liquiça to assist the sisters in sewing for the local community. To support the parish youth group, two guitars and a keyboard were also provided to use in worship.

We returned home deeply grateful for the friendship, hospitality, and generosity shown to us throughout our visit.



We are your radio station!

Tune in for Scripture, Mass on Sundays at 10:00am,
music that matters and more!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



St William's Parish 12th October - 16th October

Monday	9:30am	Faith Circle	Our Lady of Dolours Meeting Space
	4:30pm	Faith Vibes	Daley Centre
	7:00 pm	RCIA	Daley Centre
Tuesday	9:30am	Playgroup	Daley Centre
	10:30am	Anointing & Communion Service	Bellevue Aged Care
Wednesday	9:30 am	Mothers Prayers	Daley Centre
	10:00 am	Samford Rosary Circle	Sacred Heart
	11:00 am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre
Friday	5:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's

God's Invitation to the Feast

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God invites everyone to share in His joy. The readings speak of abundance, welcome, and being ready to take part in what God offers. Like a great feast, His love is open to all, but we must come prepared to receive it.

Isaiah tells of a feast on a mountain where sorrow and death are gone. God gathers all nations and wipes away tears. It is a picture of hope and comfort. This connects with the Gospel, where Jesus speaks of a wedding banquet that welcomes anyone willing to come.

Paul, in the second reading, teaches that strength and peace come from trusting Christ in every situation. Whether we have plenty or little, God provides what we need. The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God's care never fails. He calls each of us to accept His invitation and live with thankful hearts.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference 70th Anniversary



The St. William's St Vincent de Paul Conference will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in February 2028.

Conference members would like to compile a history of the Conference, and are seeking information from past members, particularly Presidents or their families.

Please send membership details and personal memories by 30th November, 2026, to Peter.Madden@svdpqld.org.au

October, the Month of the Rosary

Catholics dedicate October to the Rosary. When we grow closer to Mary, we grow closer to Jesus. The rosary is a beautiful way to reflect on the life of our Lord, and many blessings flow from meditating on the rosary. Ideas for your rosaries this October:

- Pray the rosary daily
- Pray the rosary with your family
- Make a rock rosary in the garden
- Make a rosary of cupcakes for a gathering.



"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."

St. Francis de Sales

<https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

Spirit-filled Conversations across Generations about

The CHOSEN

Our Next Conversation will be 11th October, gathering at 6pm. 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 730 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

Any questions contact Sarah sarahonline80@gmail.com

A Vocation View

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet.

Who will tell the Good News?

Now is a good time to begin.



Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.