

Year A
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th October
Liturgical Colour: Green



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**God calls us, God forms us,
and God sends us to live
our faith into the world.**

At first, this week's readings may seem to focus on very different situations: a foreign king chosen for God's purpose, a Christian community praised for its faith, and Jesus responding to a difficult question about responsibility. Read together, however, they offer a clear path for growing in our relationship with God. God calls us, God forms us and God sends us to live our faith in the world.

Isaiah reminds us that God is present and active, often in ways we do not expect. Cyrus does not fully know God, yet God knows him, calls him by name, and gives him a part to play in bringing freedom to others. This invites us to trust that God may be working through surprising people, ordinary events, and even difficult circumstances. We may not always recognise God's plan immediately, but faith asks us to remain open to the possibility that our lives have a purpose greater than we can presently see.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians show what our response to God's call can look like. Faith is not simply something that we have; faith becomes visible in action. Hope is more than wishing things will improve; it gives us the courage to persevere when life presents challenges. Love is more than a feeling; it involves effort, service, and concern for others. Through the Holy Spirit, faith, hope, and love shape the people we become and the way we treat those around us.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus then brings faith into the decisions of everyday life. God challenges us to act responsibly in society while remembering that our deepest loyalty belongs to God. A coin bears Caesar's image, but every human person bears the image of God. Therefore, our gifts, choices, relationships, and future are not separate from our faith. They are the very places where we are invited to honour God, uphold human dignity, and contribute to the common good.

Together, these readings move from identity to action. We are known and called by God. We are strengthened by the Holy Spirit through faith, hope, and love. We are then sent to make thoughtful and courageous choices in our families, friendships, school, and wider community. Growing closer to God is not only about knowing more about faith, but also about learning to notice God's presence, allowing God to shape our character, and choosing to live in a way that reflects the Gospel.

Finally, a question for the week: can others see my faith through my actions, my love through the way I welcome and serve, and my hope through the perseverance and resilience with which I face challenges?

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Amanda Steer

Principal, Andrew's School

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

19th October to 25th October

Grovely	St. William's
Wednesday	7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday	9:00am Mass cancelled

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7:00am Mass

	9:00am Celebration of Marriage Mass
	5:00pm Mass

Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday	6:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday	8:00am Mass
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This Week's Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Week's Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

GROVELY

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 10:00am start. See you there!



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.

Thursday Mass Cancelled

There will be no Mass at St. William's on Thursday, 22nd October, as the Mary Mackillop Centre is unavailable.

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



Baptism

We joyfully announce the Baptism of

Darcy Murdoch

and welcome him to our faith community!

Samford Rosary Circle

Wednesday 10:00am
Sacred Heart Church

Come and pray with us



Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thursday 6:00pm, Sacred Heart Church

All are welcome

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 9:30-10:00am
Our Lady of Dolours, Mitchelton
All are welcome

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.

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

Last call for wedding photos!

Please email them to
bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au
Please bring a plate to share and join
us for morning tea
in the Daley Centre.



Fr. Nigel's Talk about his most interesting life

Date: Sunday, 18th October
Time: 10:00am
Venue: St. William's Church

Fr. Nigel's talk about his life - straight after the 9:00 Mass at Grovely today - just one hour - filling in the gaps from his first talk - water bottles available.



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Amancia Odarve, and Alana McKay-Smith

Anniversary: Fr Frank Lourigan
Magdalena Udarbe, Brian Mathews, John Kane, Nev Jones, Peter Jones, and Michael Lane



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, William Lane, Fr. Denis Scanlan, Rob Robinson, Andy Stewart, Rob Stewart, and Patrick McDade

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.



Women's retreat
FACETS OF GRACE
7 TO 9 DECEMBER 2026

Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/womensRdec26
for more info or to register.

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 18th October, directly after 9:00am Mass, Fr. Nigel will speak about his interesting life.

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 Mondays
This Week: Stations of the Cross

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

Do you remember that the Australian Catholic Church had a Plenary Council, which finished on 9th July 2022 and then sent its recommendations to Rome? Then there was a major global synod in Rome, called by Pope Francis, with the title of *Synod on Synodality*. Its objective was to come to a consensus in the global church as to what synodality actually was and how it might operate.

The final report of this global synod is now having an impact on all the Archbishops and Bishops around the world, as to how they are required to be actively involved in the process of establishing a culture of synodality in their own Archdiocese or Diocese. The nature of synodality is a topic for another time.

One outcome of the Rome Synod has been the establishment of the Synod Implication Secretariat. Pope Francis did so much to put 'synodality' on the Church's agenda during his pontificate. Now we have Pope Leo XIV, who is prepared to follow on from Francis and implement significant change in the Church, much of which will be accomplished by a process of synodality.

The Synod in Rome is history. Now the process has to be implemented in the Archdioceses and Dioceses around the world. This is the task of the Archbishops and Bishops. The Secretariat has been established to oversee the process and ensure it is happening everywhere.

The Secretariat has the support of Pope Leo and it has teeth to see that the goal is met. More on this another time. What does this mean for us in Brisbane? Our new Archbishop, Shane Mackinlay, having mainly observed the Archdiocese for his first year, is now starting to make decisions about the way forward. An article in this month's *Catholic Leader* gave an idea of what his plans will entail. More on this next week.

Memorial Sunday 31st October / 1st November



Every November, Catholics have a grand tradition of remembering the dead in prayer. It is a core belief we profess each Sunday in the Creed that we are joined in the 'communion of saints' - linking the living and the dead in the family of God.

We have a *Book of Life* in each of our Parish communities. These books will remain on public display throughout November, calling us all to remember those included in our prayers, especially in November. You are invited to add the names of deceased relatives and friends to the *Book of Life* as they come to mind.

On the weekend of 31st October/1st November, all the Masses across the Parish will be celebrated as Memorial Masses. We invite parishioners to bring a flower or a sprig of rosemary to place at the base of the cross to commemorate your loved ones. Please extend this invitation to others in the community.

Happy Birthday Fr Pat Stratford for the 19th of October



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@sudpqld.org.au

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music that matters and more!

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St William's Parish 26th October - 1st November

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
Wednesday	9:30 am	Mothers Prayers	Daley Centre
	10:00 am	Samford Rosary Circle	Sacred Heart
	11:00 am	Evergreens Exercise	Daley Centre
Friday	9:30am	Evergreens Presentation	Daley Centre
	5:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's

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.

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/>

A Vocation View

We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's and then live as though everything depends on God.



Trusting God in Every Power

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches that God's power reaches everywhere. He can work through anyone, even people who do not know Him. In the first reading, God uses Cyrus, a foreign king, to help Israel. This shows that God's plans move through all nations and rulers. Nothing is beyond His reach.

The psalm reminds us that all the earth should praise the Lord. His justice and strength rule over every land. We are called to honour Him, not just with words, but with how we live each day. The Lord is the true ruler of all creation.

In the Gospel, Jesus faces a test about loyalty. His answer is simple but wise: give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give God what belongs to God. On the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that faith calls for balance. We live in this world, but our hearts belong to God alone.

Mission Sunday holds a special place in Pope Leo XIV's life

As we count down to Mission Sunday this weekend, Pope Leo has released a video message to explain its importance.

"I remember celebrating World Mission Sunday when I was a boy in the United States", he said. The prayers offered each year "mysteriously helped prepare my heart to hear Jesus' call and to follow Him as an Augustinian missionary".

He said the prayers and contributions of the faithful "sustained and encouraged my missionary ministry in Peru. So, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported the missions through World Mission Sunday over the years", Pope Leo added.

The significance of 'mission' can be traced back to Jesus who preached God's love and mercy. Following His crucifixion, the apostles continued to proclaim the Good News, even though they faced abuse and constant danger.

Today, missionaries can be found in many poor and war-torn countries. They need to be acknowledged for their bravery and the great work they do with the underprivileged.

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SOCKTOBER EVENT DAY

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINK - \$5.00

11AM - 1PM

29 OCT 2026

CATHEDRAL PRECINCT

SCAN HERE

Socktober for Mission Month encourages us to engage with mission by using our heads to enquire about the reality of the world around us, using our hearts to feel empathy for those in situations of great need, and using our hands to take action for them in whatever way we are able. We invite you