

Year A
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th October
Liturgical Colour: Green

Please take your newsletter with you. God bless.



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Imagine if someone asked you, "What is God like?" How would you go about answering that, do you think? You could, very helpfully, relate your own experience of being accompanied by God's mercy, compassion, nearness, in times of great need. That would be good. Or, as well, you could have a look at how God speaks in today's excerpts from Exodus and Matthew. The first reading reminds "the sons of Israel" (and us) that the way God accompanied them in their vulnerable state as slaves in Egypt is the way they need to treat the widow, the orphan, and the poor they encounter or are aware of, anywhere.

According to Exodus 22, God is full of pity, God will listen, and God expects similar behaviour from those who claim to be in relationship with God. Then, in the Gospel, we are perhaps so familiar with Jesus' definition of unity between love of God and neighbour, as one loves oneself, with our whole heart, soul and mind, that maybe we find it hard to grasp the depth of this. It's a fine statement: but what does it look like now, with the reality of this person, this choice, in my neighbourhood, workplace or environment, in my family, or region of the world?

Perhaps these questions are better answered in a community, where I am in a tangible way accompanied by others who are committed to addressing them. We can see Paul's evident affection for the Christians in Thessalonica as he affirms their mature faith. Let's look at how Paul speaks to them: "You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you".

So, Paul accompanied them in his way of living as well as in his preaching; he cared that they benefited in their everyday work and relationships from encountering the Risen Christ. While these Gentile Christians did not have the background of the Israelites, as set out in the Exodus reading, they show clarity of continuity with God's expectations that the poor person has a cloak to sleep in to keep him warm overnight. The Thessalonians, Paul says, had broken with idols: but idols do not care. The God who is Father, Son, and Spirit does care.

What are the simple dynamics of accompaniment in the Christian life? We listen to God, in the Scriptures presented to us today, and we listen to our neighbour, including at work, and we are aware of the desires in our own hearts. We participate, fully, consciously, and actively in the lives and work we have been gifted and we desire the Eucharist for nurture. We see, judge, and act, using the Beatitudes, and we practise the Catholic Social Teachings of the dignity of each person, and of standing in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in our suburb and beyond. We realise that the Commandments, as set out in Exodus 20 and in today's Gospel, are about both God and neighbour. And we accompany others in prayer, and good works, as Paul and the Thessalonians accompanied one another, "as servants of the real, living God".

Peter and Christine Webb

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

26th October to 1st November

Grovely

St. William's

Wednesday

7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday

9:00am Mass
St. Therese
(in the 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 with Communion

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass

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

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

Next Week's Readings: All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

GROVELY



Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

**Oliver Johnson,
Nicholas Sanchez Darrigo, and
Sonny Vella**

and welcome them to our faith community!



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.

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

Faith Circle

Faith Circle will gather at Our Lady of Dolours Gathering Space during the St. William's roof renovations. The Gathering 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!

SAMFORD

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thursday 6:00pm, Sacred Heart Church



All are welcome

Samford Rosary Circle

Wednesday 10:00am
Sacred Heart Church

Come and pray with us



COMBINED COMMUNITIES

Reportable Conduct Training Compliance

The Queensland Reportable Conduct Scheme commenced on 1st July, 2026. In preparation for its commencement, a short Reportable Conduct training module was assigned to all workers through the Arch eLearn system on 21st April 2026. The Scheme introduces significant new statutory obligations in respect to misconduct towards children by workers. It is therefore important that all clergy, employees, and volunteers understand what constitutes reportable conduct and are aware of their reporting obligations. Importantly, these requirements are not limited to workers whose roles involve working directly with children. The Reportable Conduct Scheme applies more broadly to clergy, employees, and volunteers across the Archdiocese. Overall, training completion rates across most parishes have been encouraging.

If you have already completed this training, we thank you for helping us comply with our Safeguarding requirements. However, there remain some volunteers in our parish who have not yet completed the module. The module takes approximately five minutes to complete and is mandatory for volunteers who are involved in ministries requiring either a Blue Card or Police Check.

Parish volunteers who have not completed the training can access it on ArcheLearn at https://archelearnvolunteer.brisbanecatholic.org.au/accounts/sign_in. The parish office is also presenting the training module after Mass at the following locations and time:

St. William's - Saturday, 31st October @ 5:00pm
Sunday, 1st November @ 9:00am
Sacred Heart - Sunday, 1st November @ 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Alana McKay-Smith

Anniversary: Brian Mathews, Gloria Garciulo, Barry Jones, Barry McPhee and Fr. Mark Huong Van Nguyen



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, Grace Campbell, Maree Peters, 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.

MMC P&F PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS MARKET & MOVIE NIGHT

★Food ★Music ★Games ★Gifts

NOVEMBER 14 2026
MT MARIA COLLEGE MITCHELTON

MARKETS 4-8PM FREE MOVIE 7.00PM
Supported by the Lord Mayor's Community Fund and the Committee for Snugglers' Word

EVERGREENS

Upcoming Dates

Men's cuppa at Arana Leagues Club:
Friday, 30th October, 10:00am

Our **monthly cuppa** date is transferred to
Sunday, 1st November.

Date Claimer: Pre-Christmas Lunch,
27th November, at Alderley Arms.

Enquiries: John & Joan Broderick 0455
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Faith Vibes with Fr Nigel
4:30 - 5:30pm Mondays
This Week: Lectio Divina

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

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay has announced the introduction of a renewed leadership model in the Brisbane Archdiocese. Last week's Faith Matters item in the newsletter said this was reported in the current Catholic Leader; however, it was a letter published on 30th September, 2026 addressed "To the People of God" and titled as *Working Together in the Mission of God*.

The key aspect of this change is a new Council of Vicars, comprised of competent leaders in seven areas – Health, Social Services, Education, Pastoral Mission, Clergy, Religious, and Administration.

The Archbishop notes that this arrangement is somewhat similar to recent changes in the Vatican where lay people are now the leaders of some of the Dicasteries in the Holy See. Dicastery is the new name given to the various sections of the Roman Curia by Pope Francis during his Papacy – a bit like a public service for the Vatican, as it controls the administration of the global Catholic Church.

The Archbishop also sees this "collaborative leadership model" (the end result of extensive consultation with the leaders of various groups in the Archdiocese) as a way of realising the goals of our own Archdiocesan Synod in 2024. The roles of Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, and Vicar for Religious will be filled by clergy or religious, but the other Vicar positions are open to lay people as well.

Steps have already been taken towards the establishment of this leadership model. It is important to note that, once the Council of Vicars is fully established, it will help the Archbishop set up an Archdiocesan Pastoral Mission Council. This Council will use the goals and mission priorities that emerged from the 2024 Archdiocesan Synod, in an effort to assist parishes and agencies to achieve them over time.

The letter mentioned above is on the Faith Matters home page under the tag *Topical Articles*.

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.



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

We are your radio station!

Tune in for Scripture, Mass on Sundays at 10:00am,
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 Gathering 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	10:00am	Evergreens Men's Cuppa	Arana Leagues Club
	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.

A Vocation View

In pursuing and living our vocation, we must seek to live these two commandments: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself.



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/>

Love that Fulfills the Law

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings us a simple but strong message. Love God. Love your neighbor. Jesus teaches that these two commands hold all of God's law and all the words of the prophets. They guide how we live, how we treat others, and how we show our faith in action.

The readings this Sunday remind us that love must be more than words. God cares about how we treat people who are weak or alone. He listens to their cries and calls us to be kind, fair, and generous. Love for God is seen in how we care for others.

Faith also shines in how we live each day. Like the Thessalonians in the second reading, we are called to follow Jesus with joy, even when life is hard. The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to look at our own hearts and see if love truly leads our choices and actions.

When love guides us, everything else falls into place. Loving God fully and loving others honestly bring peace, purpose, and hope to our lives and our world.

A Morning's Prayer Retreat

"May the Lord of peace give you His peace at all times."
2 Thessalonians 3:16

Our last ***A Morning's Prayer*** retreat for the year is coming up in November, and we'd love to have you there!

This time, we'll be exploring 'true peace'. Peace is often defined by what is lacking: an absence of stress or challenging circumstances. Jesus, however, describes peace as a gift.

Held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre on Saturday, 28th November, this morning is a chance to take time out of the business of life to time in prayer and reflection.

RSVP 20th November [here](#)

A Living Union Retreat

Understanding your identity in Jesus

Scan for info

6-8 November

Archdiocesan MINISTRIES