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ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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# All Saints Day

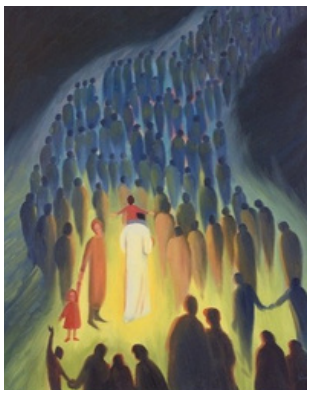


Image: Elizabeth Wang – Radiant Light.
"The Call to Holiness sharing God's Glory."

As a child my parents told me that today, All Saints Day, was the day to celebrate all the unnamed saints - Grandma, Granddad, aunts, uncles, friends - all who had died and were now with God. We celebrated them by going to Mass. We told stories of them and the Communion of Saints, the article of faith which we proclaim in the Creed, was held close as a treasure. The stories told us that they were models of faith or us as a family. There are no movies made about them but plenty of stories to tell. The storytelling recalls their strengths and their weaknesses, their love and their fight for what was right. Stories of everyday life. Stories of care, guidance, listening, comforting, forgiveness, generosity, faithfulness, and love of our God. In the ordinary they embraced God's love.

We give thanks today for these saints who in our memory of them and the storytelling of when they made the pots of soup for the unemployed, sat with the grief-stricken, befriended the unwanted, welcomed home and forgave the child who thought they knew better - continue to bless and grace our lives.

God has lavished great love on us. His Son, Jesus, died for our salvation. Through our baptism we are called to be children of God. To be saints. To be blessed. Jesus looked out at his disciples and said, "Blessed are you….". Worth repeating "Blessed are you…..". You have the hope, the gifts. Jesus himself enfleshed these beatitudes and lived them to the fullest. And, at this moment in his teaching, we hear him gifting us with his blessing. Trusting his followers to live with meekness: to live with gentleness and compassion: to live with generosity: to live with peacefulness, integrity, and justice. Today and every day this gospel empowers us – empowers us with humility and strength.

We know it is not easy, not pain-free. We are vulnerable. Yet it is part of Jesus' marvellous vision and, if we follow and allow our life to be transformed, like Jesus, we will share the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our many diverse ways. Contributing to the kingdom.

May we be wholeheartedly a people united in serving creation. Loyal to the love lavished upon us by our God. We acknowledge the long and faithful history of many people: our traditional Saintly heroes, our ancestors, our friends, our family. These have grown in holiness, listened to God's word, been fed by the Eucharist, and sing of our Blessed Hope. May we continue the mission.

Saints of heaven – mums and dads, grandmas, granddads, sons and daughters, brothers, sisters and friends. Thank you for sharing your life that shows how to love, forgive, and empower others. Pray for us.

**Jan Whiteway**

***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

**2nd November to 8th November**

| Grovely | St. William's |
|---|---|
| Wednesday | 10:00am Funeral Mass *Joe Tottenham* |
| | 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thursday | 9:00am St. William's School & Parish Mass (Mary Mackillop Centre |
| Friday | 9:00am St. Andrew's School Year 4 Mass (St. Andrew's OEC) |
| **Next Weekend Masses** | |
| Saturday | 5:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 7:00am Mass |
| | 9:00am Mass and Children's Liturgy |
| | 5:00pm Mass |
| **Samford** | **Sacred Heart** |
| Thursday | 6:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion |
| Sunday | 8:00am Mass |

**This Week's Readings:**
**Solemnity of All Saints**

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

**Next Week's Readings:**
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
Matthew 25:1-13

# GROVELY

### 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.

### 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

### First Friday Coffee and Chat

The ladies are gathering for Coffee and Chat on Friday, 6th November, on the verandah of Sacred Heart Church from 9:30am.

Please bring a small plate of something to share. Coffee and tea are provided.

Contact: Cathy 0409 871 209



### 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

# COMBINED COMMUNITIES

## NOVEMBER – MEMORIAL WEEKEND



**We remember all who have gone to God. We pray for them.**
**They pray for us.**
**Place their names in our Book of Life.**
**Remember them at the Cross of Christ.**

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.

**Mourn in your loss. Be joyful in your love and faith.**

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**They now sit at the heavenly banquet.**



### St. William's Church Shop News

Advent Reflection Books from Evangelisation Brisbane now available, $5 each.

Columban Calendars 2027 also now available, $10 each.

### St. Andrew's School Year 4 Mass

Parishioners are welcome to the Mass on **Friday, 8th November, at 9:00am in the OEC, St. Andrew's School.**



## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Alana McKay-Smith

**Anniversary:** Therese Gargiulo, John Sargent, and Kevin Fitzpatrick

## 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, and Patrick McDade

***Pleasenote*** 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.




## EVERGREENS

**Date Change: For this week only, Exercise has been transferred from Wednesday to Friday.**

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

Enquiries: John & Joan Broderick
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## Faith Vibes with Fr Nigel
**4:30 - 5:30pm Mondays**
**This Week: Questions of Faith**

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**

Fr. John Thornhill (Marist Father – died 2019) has an international reputation as a writer and lecturer in theology and was one was one of Australia's great theologians in the second half of the twentieth century. Before COVID, Faith Matters often had him as a speaker in his later years. He was responsible for a set of DVDs about the Christian Faith, called *the Emmaus Series*. One of the videos was titled ***Can Prayer be a Satisfying Experience***?. Part of this DVD was the following:

**"We need to recover childhood attitudes and get down to an elemental level in our prayer.**

**"Jesus said we must get down to the level of childhood - but how is this possible as adults, with such an immense and mysterious God? - this is a serious challenge for us. The point is that His idea of a child is different from ours.**

**"At a practical level a child is dependent on those around it – we can express our dependence on God in a simple way.**

**"An excellent definition of prayer is 'recovering the attitudes of childhood but with the awareness of adulthood'."**

**"We don't have to be clever or scholarly to pray well but we must have that simplicity and openness with God.**

**"Traits of childhood are innocence, openness, generous, outgoing, honest, reaching out – we have these as adults too and a good formula for prayer is to bring these together but with the maturity of the adult."**

We don't have to always use words to pray. I am reminded of the parish priest of Ars in France who noticed an older man who often was praying in the back seat of the church. When asked what he was doing, he gave a great definition of prayer when he said, "I look at Him and He looks at me."



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday, 9:30-10:00am**
**Our Lady of Dolours, Mitchelton**

**All are welcome**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for November**

**For the proper use of wealth**

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

**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

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| St. William's Parish 2nd November - 6th November | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday | 9:30am | Faith Circle | OLD Gatherng Space |
| | 4:30pm | Faith Vibes | Daley Centre |
| | 7:00 pm | SVDP | Daley Centre |
| Tuesday | 9:30am | Playgroup | Daley Centre |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am | Mothers Prayers | Daley Centre |
| | 10:00 am | Samford Rosary Circle | Sacred Heart |
| Friday | 11:00 am | Evergreens Exercise | Daley Centre |
| | 5:00pm | Christian Meditation | St. William's |

## St. William's Building Project - Parish Community Update

**31st October / 1st November**

Steering Committee Members: Peter Collins & Aileen Carrol, Project Co-ordinators; Renee Dunn, Architect; Zahee Girjes, Project Manager; Dominic Guinea, Accountant

The Steering Committee met on Monday, 19th October 2026, with all members present.

- Fr. Nigel has advised that Fr. Morgan Batt has been provided with an overview of the Building Project and is happy for it to move ahead as planned.
- DA application has been signed by Property & Development "as Owners" on behalf of Archdiocese. We are hopeful for approval by Christmas then timelines for construction and consultants will become clearer.
- The Architect and Structural Engineer met onsite last week to progress the awning structure over Lourigan Place.
- Parishioner interest around the building project has been high and a few issues have been raised which require addressing:
  - The project financials and forecasted building funding and timelines;
  - The roofing options being considered for the structure over Lourigan Place.
- These issues will be addressed at a **Community Consultation Information Session** to be held on **Tuesday, 17th November at 7:00pm** – all are welcome and encouraged to attend.A financial update sheet will be included in the Parish Bulletin on the two weekends prior to the consultation session.
- **Insurance Work Church Roof:** The sails have now been removed and roofing materials have been craned up onto the church. There has been some water leakage due to the heavy rains over the past week and this is being addressed. Weather may impact expected late-November completion. Paynters, building contractors, have kindly offered a free-of-charge marquee for Lourigan Place until construction starts and this is being considered.
- **Mary Mackillop Centre Roof:** No timeline changes to commencement in mid-January 2027 with completion early April 2027. It is anticipated that Easter Services, 26th-28th March 2027, will not be impacted by this building schedule.
- **Relocation of Activity Groups** from Daley Centre is challenging but progressing with inspection of some possible sites.

## All Saints Day

All Saints Day is a special day for Catholics. It is celebrated on 1st November each year. On this day, we honour all the saints. These include well-known saints and those not officially recognised.

The celebration began many centuries ago. The Church wanted to remember all the holy people. These are people who lived good lives and followed Jesus. They are examples for us to follow.

All Saints Day is a time to thank God for these saints. We ask for their prayers and help. We believe they are with God in heaven. They can help us live good lives too.

People go to Mass on All Saints Day as it is a holy day of obligation. It is a day of joy and hope. We remember that we are all called to be saints.







## 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.