Year A
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th November
Liturgical Colour: Green

ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Each one of us has an allotted span of life. We do not know how long or short our life will be – only God does. A wise person, believes that the only goal for each of us in this life is that we reach salvation with God in eternity. Nov.1 and 2 (All Saints and All Souls), as well as the month of November, focus us on the life of the spirit and the true compass for each of us in this life, as we make our way through the highs and lows of our time here towards our ultimate destiny with God.

How fitting it is then for the liturgy today to stress, by way of the parable of the 10 bridesmaids, who wait for the coming of the bridegroom, for them to enter with him into the wedding feast. Such a simple story but so profound a message for each one of us although Matthew is the only evangelist whose Gospel contains this parable.

The first reading talks about wisdom, a character trait which each of us acquires, in varying degree, as we pass through life. Many obstacles make it difficult to gain wisdom, and the parable stresses that our success is dependent on how essential it is for us to be constantly prepared. We know this is certainly true with all the situations that confront us in our day to day living but just **how important do we perceive preparedness to be in our spiritual life.**

True, it is not easy to be prepared for events in life, as something comes out of left field in so many ways to throw us off balance. In our spiritual lives we often feel we do not have time to concentrate on it, as we are swamped with the business of living, working, raising a family, surviving financially from day to day.

Being fully prepared for anything in life, materially and spiritually, is the lesson we can take from the theme of today's liturgy. We know we need to prepare carefully for any significant event, rather than suffer the humiliation or financial loss if things go wrong. How much more important is it in our spiritual lives.

We have a choice in life as to whether we are a foolish person or a wise one, especially in the spiritual sense. God always gives us a choice. Free will is a gift He gives us with no strings attached. He will never interfere with it. We are human and things happen in life of which we are not proud but God is the anchor. He is Wisdom and He seeks us out no matter what we do.

Paul's reading is interesting. In the years after Jesus' death the early Christians had a strong belief that He would soon come again to establish His kingdom. It was not to be. This reading was meant to give comfort to those living at that time that Jesus would return. And so it will be for us also, because Jesus is risen from the dead.

-Pat Condon

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

8th November to 14th November

Grovely	**St. William's**
Wednesday	7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *St Martin of Tours*
Thursday	9:00am Mass (Mary Mackillop Centre) *St Josaphat*
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:
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Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Next Week's Readings:
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

GROVELY

Family Mass next Sunday

Sunday 15th November
9am is our monthly Parish Family Mass!

Children desiring to join our choir, please come for rehearsal at 8am prior to Mass. Fellowship and morning tea is after Mass in the Daley Centre. Please bring a plate to share if you are able.





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.



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!

Mothers Prayers

Mothers and grandmothers are welcome to come and join in the joy of surrender in Mothers Prayers. Together on Wednesdays at 9:30am at the Daley Centre of St William's.



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

Children's Liturgy

Commencing soon!
Every fourth Sunday of the month.



'Let the little children come to me...'
Matt 19:14

Advent books

Advent books and calendars are avaliable for purchase.

Please see James & Mary to order.



COMBINED COMMUNITIES



Parish Calendar 2027

Planning is underway to collate dates for publication in our 2027 Parish Calendar.

All Parish groups are invited to submit their dates as soon as possible.

Please email any inclusions to Sue Graham at jgraham5@bigpond.net.au

Anointing & Communion *Service*

Tuesday 10th November
10:30am
Bellevue Nursing Home
All are welcome.



Thank you!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who attended our recent Safeguarding Workshops and have kept up to date during the year. Your efforts are appreciated. As volunteers, you are the cornerstone of our Parish, and we are very grateful for all you do.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Joe Tottenham, and Hendricus Nyoman Susila.

Anniversary: Annika Rose Guest, and Lynden Kieza.

We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, William Lane, Fr. Denis Scanlan, and Fiona Russell.
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 Claimer: Pre-Christmas Lunch, 27th November, at the Alderley Arms.

Enquiries: John & Joan Broderick
0455 503 713
jobrod@bigpond.net.au

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. Ron Rolheiser (OMI – Oblate priest and a renowned theologian in the U.S.) wrote an article called "Praying for the Dead" on 2/11/20. He also wrote an article called "What is Purgatory?" on 28/8/2026. Both of these articles are on the Faith Matters website under the tag "Topical Articles" on the home page – www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au . Perhaps you might have the time to read both of them sometime during November, a month when such matters are at the forefront of our minds.

In the Purgatory article he states that the Roman Catholic Church is about the only Christian denomination which believes in the concept. He says **"Purgatory is not a geographical place distinct from heaven. It's the pain of being purified by love and the pain of giving up the illusion of self-sufficiency".** He then gives 2 examples of how people in this life live out the pain of purgatory.

The other article on the website has to do with why we pray for the dead. Its concluding paragraph also refers to purgatory.

"Purgatory, properly understood, is not a punishment for any imperfection nor indeed a place distinct from heaven. The pains of purgatory are the pains of adjusting to a new life (which includes the pain of letting go of this one) and the pains of being embraced by perfect love when we ourselves are far from perfect. By praying for the dead, we support them in their pain of adjustment to a new life and to living in full light."

He also states the following. **"We pray for the dead because we believe (and this is a doctrine, the Communion of Saints) that we are still in vital communion with them."** There is, death notwithstanding, still a vital flow of life between them and us. Love, presence and communication reach even through death."

2026 Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

This year's Christmas Hamper Appeal will be held at all Masses at St. Williams Church, Grovely, and Sacred Heart Church, Samford **next weekend – 14th & 15th November.**

Hampers of all sizes are needed, as well as individual items. Cash donations are also appreciated, as these will be used to make up extra hampers needed. If you can't attend Church on Hamper weekend but wish to participate in the Appeal, please contact:

Brendan Carlin (Grovely/Samford) 0431 919 400
bmcarlin@tpg.com.au Marianne Lucas (Samford)

Thank you for your continued support!

The Hamper Team.



A Vocation View

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries, and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

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 8th November to 14th 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
	5:00pm	Christian Meditation	St. William's

Stay Awake and Ready

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us to stay alert and live with faith. The readings speak about wisdom, hope, and being prepared for what is to come. They teach us that following God means paying attention and being ready to meet Him at any moment.

In the first reading, Wisdom is described as bright and near to those who seek her. God's wisdom helps us make good choices and live with peace. The psalm tells of a deep thirst for God, showing how we find joy when we stay close to Him.

Saint Paul speaks of hope for those who have died. He tells us that Jesus will return, and we will be together with Him. The Gospel story of the ten virgins warns that we must be ready, like the wise ones who had oil for their lamps.

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A calls us to live wisely and watchfully. We do not know when the Lord will come, but if we keep our faith strong, we will be ready to welcome Him with joy.

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.

Pastoral care in hospitals

Centacare is seeking people interested in volunteering once each week to provide pastoral and spiritual care to Catholic patients in our public hospitals in our strongly established teams. The people we are seeking must have a qualification or significant background in a human service discipline with some level of formal theological training. If you are retired, or semi-retired from such a career, in very good health and have one morning per week available for a most rewarding volunteer role in the spirit of the Gospel, please talk further with me with no obligation.
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VERSE FOR VINNIES

Now you really should go to our next Vinnies Show,
as it's Susie and Mel from the West.
It's a while since they've been which is almost
obscene, for this pair are up there with the best.
But this two-sheila-show 'round Australia does go,
and they even do cruises at sea.
So to get them at last has been really a blast
and who knows when the next time will be.
They've both been Aussie Champs, done the Festival
Camps, and perform with the top echelon.
They'll be humour galore, for what they've got in
store, will resemble a huge laugh-a-thon.
So it's Susie Carcary that you're coming to see
and beside will be Melanie Hall.
They're a scream, they are fun and you'll see when
you come, these two-sheilas are not very tall.
So we'd love you to come to this Sunday of fun, as
it's all Aussie Verse that you'll get.
And the doe from this show will all go as you know,
to those battlers we're prone to forget.

Sunday Nov. 29 1.30pm Cost $15 Cash Only
at the Mary MacKillop Centre of St. Williams
Please book using stallardnoel@gmail.com