Year A
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th November
Liturgical Colour: Green

ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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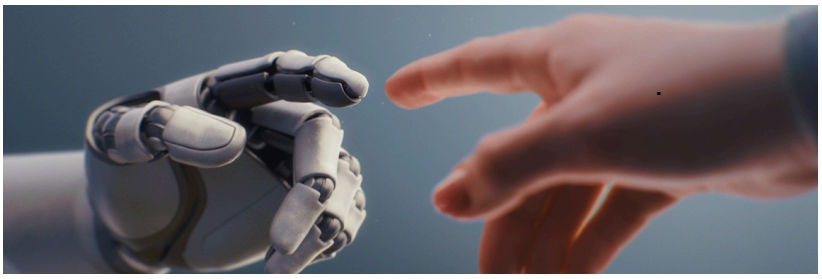
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## Use it or lose it!

Feminine wisdom weaves its way through our first reading again today. Where last week, we encountered Wisdom as a young, playful girl, this Sunday, the good wife is a woman who is wise, among other things. The theme of preparation and alertness also continues with St Paul. Yet the Gospel goes beyond readiness for Christ to prompt us to question what being ready involves throughout a lifetime. With the kingdom last week like a wedding, this week we hear Matthew's Gospel offer another image of the kingdom of God. Two of three servants make a go of building on the talents that been given them and are praised in due course. Yet the third servant, who was given the least (just one talent), was too scared to do anything useful or creative with what was given. No praise awaits him.

When it comes to our body, to strength and mobility – and let's be honest, our brain – if we don't use it we lose it. This seems to be the lesson the fearful third servant and all of us must learn. We have but one life in which to truly use the gifts God has given us. One life to offer all that we have received, and all that has grown from it, up to God. In the biblical images of the kingdom of God and how it is brought about, there is this consistent image of growth, of cultivating the possibilities that take seed in our lives.

It is a strange to think that we humans are increasingly handing over our gifts to AI. Not just menial tasks, but creative thought and problem solving, conversations and counsel that were once human-to-human, now human to machine. Of course, new technologies have always been tightly bound to the notion of human development and progress. We humans are in constant state of becoming. But is AI leading us to bury our talents, to risk returning to God empty handed? The ease of AI is tempting: less time, less work, quick and seemingly perfect results. And yet the work—the glory of sweat and effort and reward—is absent. That's ultimately what those 'good' servants were doing. Working hard to make something of what they'd been given. No giving up or giving in. No fear of failure or paralysis from perfectionism.

I don't advocate pain for its own sake, or endless struggle where only futility awaits. But isn't it worth taking the beginnings, the possibilities, the ideas, the opportunities we have been given and making something of it? To share our gifts, love our neighbour, move our bodies, open our hearts, challenge and stretch our minds as we continue to become human in community and reach for God? When it comes to the best of our humanity, may we all choose to use it rather than lose it.

**Clare Locke**

***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

**15th November to 21st November**

| **Grovely** | **St. William's** |
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| Wednesday | 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ***Cancelled*** |
| Thursday | 9:00am Mass (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** |
| Monday | 9:00 am St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Mass |
| Thursday | 6:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion |
| **Next Weekend Mass** | |
| Sunday | 8:00am Mass |

**This 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

**Next Week's Readings:**
**Christ the King of the Universe**

Ezekial 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

# GROVELY

***Baptisms***

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

**Finlay Cannon, Alfred Costantini, Reuben De La Vega, Evelyn Fawkes & John Wright**

and welcome them to our faith community!



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm
St. William's

**Christian Meditation Group**

Cancelled next Friday due to Roof repairs being done on St William's 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!

**Welcome to Jonathon and Chloe!**

RCIA

On Sunday 22nd November at 9am Mass, Jonathon and Chloe will receive full reception into the Catholic Church. Please pray for them as they journey towards the Sacraments.

# 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

**Morning tea**



Every fourth Sunday of the month the Sacred Heart community enjoys a morning tea after 8am Mass. Please join us on Sunday 22nd November. Please bring a plate to share if you are able.

**Anointing & Communion *Service***

Tuesday 17th November
10:30am
Regis Nursing Home
*All are welcome.*



# COMBINED COMMUNITIES

**St William's Parish Building Project Community Update**

**Community consultation meeting** Tuesday 17 November at 7:00pm at the Daley Centre of St William's. A summary of the project to date and discussion topics is outlined on a one-page flyer on the Newsletter trolley at the entrances to the church.
We hope you can join us on Tuesday evening.




As Fr. Nigel prepares to leave our Parish in January, we give thanks for his faithful Ministry, friendship, and service to our community. Please save the date for his **Farewell Mass on Friday, 18 December at 6:00pm**, followed by a shared meal. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share as we gather in gratitude and fellowship. Parishioners who would like to contribute towards a farewell gift in support of Fr. Nigel's ongoing Ministry works are warmly invited to do so. Donations my be placed in a marked envelope and put into the weekend collections or into the Parish Account with reference 'Farewell Gift.' BSB 064 786 Acc 100029187
May God bless Fr. Nigel abundantly as he begins his new chapter of his Priestly Ministry in January 2027!

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

## Faithful Departed

**Recently Departed:** Joe Tottenham and Clementine Coates.

**Anniversary:**

## 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.

### A Vocation View

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
**World Day of the Poor**

*Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.*

**Triple Y Grovely is your radio station!**

Now and ongoing for several weeks, **Fr Denis Scanlan has a program on social justice.**
Tune in via http://www.tripleygrovely.au or your radio app.
Sun 10pm Tues 11am Thu 1am
Fri 10pm & Sat 11am
Or click this link to download and listen
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a2MKGi44EIR06oRE3b6qSEr8r-lUE9oY/view?usp=sharing

*EVERGREENS*
**Members Pre-Christmas Lunch**
**Friday 27th November, 12 noon**
**at the Alderley Arms.**

Bookings: 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**
It is only a short time until the Church's Liturgical year for 2026 comes to an end. This week (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) will be followed by the feast of "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe" on the following Sunday. We will then begin the Church's Liturgical year for 2027 with the 4 Sundays of Advent prior to Christmas.

Following the Liturgical year at each Sunday Mass is not a bad way to establish a relationship with Jesus. It is the way we can follow His life from birth to death and resurrection. Here in Australia, quite some time ago, the Australian Church decided that our list of numerous Holy Days of Obligation would be reduced to just one - the feast of the Assumption. Actually, one of the outcomes of the Vatican Council back in 1965 was that the liturgy on Sundays would be regarded as the key way for us to celebrate our Faith.

It is interesting to note that the life of Jesus on earth was recorded by the 4 evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. For Mark and John no attention was given to the birth and early life of Jesus and in fact, the Gospel of Mark does not have any mention of the resurrection of Jesus. His was the first Gospel written, some 20 or more years after Jesus resurrection and he did not have a lot of sources to help him record the life of Jesus. Most of his sources were what was passed down by the early Christians as they remembered things that Jesus said and did.

Matthew and Luke at least had Mark's Gospel to help them plus some other sources not available to Mark.

John's Gospel was the last one written but it was not in the same narrative style and did not have the same objectives as the other 3 did. In any case, none of the 4 Gospels were historical documents. The messages in the Gospels which Jesus taught and wanted us to follow are what the Gospels are all about, not the historical accuracy of this or that event.

## Parish Hamper Appeal - THIS WEEKEND

The Hamper Appeal is being held at all Masses at Grovely & Samford this weekend. The Hamper Team will be present at all Masses. In order to ensure that this year's Hamper Appeal continues to be as successful as it has been in the past, please note the following details regarding options for participating this year:

- **Make a hamper for a family** (either yourself or with extended family/friends): This is the preferred option. Please visit the Hamper Appeal table at the Church entrance to select your family. The Team can provide guidance and instruction, and a sample hamper will be on display.
- **Cash donation:** Please ask the Hamper Team for a specially marked envelope. Returned envelopes can be placed in the Church collection box OR dropped into the Parish Offfice no later than the weekend of Nov 29 / 30
- **Online Direct Deposit** donation to the Parish Account:
  BSB: 064 786 ACCOUNT: 100029187 REFERENCE: GrovHamper.
  As for cash donations, Online donations need to be in by no later than 30 November to enable hamper items to be purchased.
- **Single Item donation:** Select an item ticket from the Individual Items board near the Hamper Table, or at the back of the church for the next two weeks (until December 1st). Return your item and place in the clearly marked box/basket at the back of the Church.

If you would like to make up a hamper but couldn't make it to Mass, you can contact the Hamper team (details below) early this coming week for allocation of a recipient family (if any are still available).
Hampers are to be returned over the weekend of 5/6th December, by the 8:00am mass at Samford, or by 9:30am Sunday to the Daley Centre. Times are detailed in the hamper guidelines you will receive.
Further updates will be posted in the Parish Newsletter.
Thank you again for your support of this wonderful parish activity which takes our Christian mission out to the wider community.



The Hamper Team: Brendan & Maree Carlin, Shirley Jones, Paul & Sue Hender, Marianne Lucas

Contacts:
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Samford: Marianne

## St William's Parish 15th November to 21st November

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| Monday | 9:30am | Faith Circle | OLD Gathering Space |
| | 4:30pm | Faith Vibes | Daley Centre |
| | 7:00 pm | RCIA | Daley Centre |
| Tuesday | 9:30am | Playgroup | Daley Centre |
| | 7:00pm | Building Project Community Update | 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 | 5:00pm | Christian Meditation | ***Cancelled*** |

**Parish Calendar 2027**
All Parish groups are invited to submit their dates for the Parish Calendar. Please email any inclusions to Sue Graham: jgraham5@bigpond.net.au and if Sacred Heart is your home, please see James & Mary.

**Archdiocesan Ministries Advent Reflection Books** $5 are now available. Also 2027 **Columban Calendars** $10. Christmas cards will arrive soon!
Visit the church shop at St William's or ask Mary and James at Sacred Heart. Your Parish SVDP Conference is grateful for your support.

### Faithful Living Every Day

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that faith is shown in how we live each day. The readings speak of hard work, care for others, and using the gifts God has given us. They call us to be watchful and ready, not afraid or lazy, but active in faith and love.

This Sunday points to the end of the Church year. It helps us think about how we spend our time and how we serve God in our daily lives. The wise woman in Proverbs, the faithful worker in the Gospel, and the alert believer in Thessalonians all show what it means to live with purpose.

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that faith is not only about belief but also about action. When we live with care, generosity, and trust, we share in God's plan. Each small act of goodness brings light to the world and prepares us for the Lord's coming.

**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 & solidarity of those who have less.

**Vinnies needs your help!**
We need your help to cater for the ever popular afternoon tea at our last Verse for Vinnies fundraising concert for 2026. On **Sunday 29 November** we are expecting approx. 180 patrons and all proceeds go to supporting people in our very large conference area. These funds need to tie us over until our next concert in 2027. Would you be able to help us by baking a slice or making sandwiches? Please ring Denise Quinlan on 0417 631 194 who would love to hear from you.

**Spirit-filled Conversations across Generations about**

**The CHOSEN**

Our last Conversation for the year will be on **22nd November**, the feast of Christ The King. 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 **Pilot Episode The Shepherd**

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**

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25 DECEMBER 2026
12 NOON - 3 PM
ST MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE
67 DAWSON PARADE, GROVELY

To book you ticket before 18 Dec, contact the Parish Office on 3355 3690.
Bookings are essential for catering purposes.
A contribtion of $25 per person is appreicated but not essential.
If you would like to volunteer to assist with set up and cleaning on 23 and 26 December, or at the lunch, please phone the Parish Office.