Year A
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
22nd November
Liturgical Colour: White

ST. WILLIAM'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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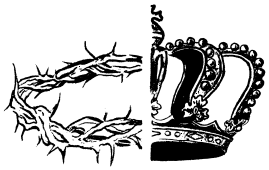
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The Feast of Christ the King invites us to contemplate what true kingship looks like in the light of the Gospel. Throughout history, kingship has often been associated with power, wealth, and dominion.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity to be the state religion. No one could hold any other belief. Constantine's kingship was entrenched in imperial authority, military strength, and political strategy. The cross became a banner under which armies marched, and Christianity gained prominence through imperial domination. On the positive side, it stopped the persecution of the earliest Christians. The witness of the martyrs had caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society.

On the other side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church reflected that of the Empire. Unfortunately, for the next few hundred years, many conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent was tolerated. The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his nobles could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, give the thirsty something to drink, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' kingship and his followers are a different order to those seen in worldly kingdoms.

When we turn to Christ the King, we encounter a radically different vision to kingship. Jesus does not rule from a throne of gold but from the wood of the cross. His crown is not of jewels but of thorns. His power is not enforced by legions but expressed in self-giving love.
Where Constantine's kingship sought to unify an empire through law and might, Christ's kingship seeks to gather all people through mercy and truth. The contrast could not be sharper: one reigns by conquest, the other by sacrifice.

That's why this feast is so important. We are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.
Jesus Christ still lives as king, in thousands of human hearts all over the world. His citizens need obey only one major law: "Love God in Loving one another as Jesus did." His love is selfless, sacrificial, kind, compassionate, forgiving and unconditional. The heart of Christ's kingship: service, humility, and love that costs everything. His authority is not imposed but offered. He does not demand allegiance through fear but invites trust through tenderness.

This feast is an invitation to all of us who have power or authority of any kind to compare our use with that of Jesus. Are we using our power to serve others or to manipulate? Are we using our power in any way that might cause pain to others or in a way that could help to ease pain?

Fr Nigel

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

22nd November to 28th November

Grovely	**St. William's (Mary MacKillop Centre)**
Thursday	9:00am Mass **(Mary MacKillop Centre)**
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday	5:00pm Vigil Mass **(Mary MacKillop Centre)**
Sunday *First Sunday of Advent*	7:00am Mass **(Mary MacKillop Centre)**
	9:00am Mass **(Mary MacKillop Centre)**
	5:00pm Mass **(Mary MacKillop Centre)**
Samford	**Sacred Heart**
Thursday *St Francis Xavier*	6:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday	8:00am Mass

This Week's Readings:
Solemnity of Christ the King

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

Next Week's Readings:
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

GROVELY

Baptisms

We joyfully announce the Baptisms of

Evie Hayes &
Jesse Hayes,

and welcome them to our faith community!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Cancelled with sincere apologies.

Christian Meditation Group

Cancelled with sincere apologies.



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

COMBINED COMMUNITIES

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!

Church Closure

Following a meeting with the Archdiocese Senior WHS Advisor, the Roofing Contractor have been instructed to close the Church to all activities until the replacement work has been completed.

As a result of this, all Masses and Celebrations will be moved to the St Mary MacKillop centre or rescheduled.

All efforts will be made to ensure that any disruptions to planned activities will be minimised.

Kind regards,
Fr Nigel Sequeira

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Joe Tottenham, Clementine Coates, Margaret Hickey and Lester Pickering.

Anniversary: Edward (Ted) Selwood.

We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Jane Fraser, Kathy Malcolm, Anne McKenna, Richard Lee, Maureen Campbell, William Lane, Fr. Denis Scanlan, Fiona Russell, and Michael Locke.

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

Feast of Christ the King
World Youth Day

The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.

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.

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

In life, each of us experiences times when we cross a threshold and become significantly affected after that. When we cross a threshold in our life we usually move from a particular view of life and how we live it into a quite different point of view and hence how we think and do things in a new way. The effects in our life in the material sense, but especially in the spiritual sense, can be life-changing.

The times in life when crossing a threshold are many and varied. Such a time could be a near death experience we go through, the loss of a loved one (parent, child, partner, friend), the loss of a job held for many years, a life threatened by a major health issue or other similar experiences.

In our spiritual life we often find that our relationship with God takes a significant turn, hopefully in a positive way. Maybe we move from a mechanistic approach to prayer and liturgy, to a different form of prayer, a deeper awareness of what is actually happening at Mass and our reception of Sacraments (especially Eucharist) or a stronger influence of Scripture in our thinking and daily living.

Each of us will cross thresholds in our life and we need to have God at our back when we do so. God will be there in any case, we just need to be more aware that He is there. Actually He is carrying us and that is why there is only one set of footprints in the sand.

2026 Grovely Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you for your generous response at last weekend's Hamper Appeal!

Hampers: There are still some hampers available. If you are able to make up one of these hampers, please contact Brendan 0431 919 400 as soon as possible.

Cash donations: Please return your envelope by the end of next weekend (November 28th & 29th). Envelopes should be clearly marked with Christmas Hamper Appeal and can be placed in the collection plate. For Direct Deposit online donations, details are listed below:
Making an online donation by direct deposit to the St William's Parish account: BSB 064 786 ACCOUNT: 100029187 REFERENCE: GrovHamper

Single Items Donations: please bring your items and place them into the marked box/basket by the end of next weekend

Thank you for your support of this wonderful parish activity which takes our Christian mission out into the wider community.

The Hamper Team: Brendan & Maree Carlin, Shirley Jones, Paul & Sue Hender, Marianne Lucas
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Now and ongoing for several weeks, **Fr Denis Scanlan has a program on social justice.**
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Or click this link to download and listen
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a2MKGi44EIR06oRE3b6qSEr8r-lUE9oY/view?usp=sharing

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: jgraham5@bigpond.net.au and if Sacred Heart is your home, please see James & Mary.

St William's Parish 22nd November to 28th November

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
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***	St. William's



A morning's prayer

Saturday 28 Nov 2026, 9am to 12 noon $25 per person
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston
RSVP to formation@bne.catholic.net.au

With Advent just around the corner, this is a wonderful opportunity to prepare your heart for the new liturgical season through prayer and reflection. 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.

Christ the King Reigns Forever

The Solemnity of Christ the King Year A reminds us that Jesus is the ruler of all creation. His kingdom is built on love, mercy, and justice. This feast marks the end of the Church year and helps us look forward to His return. It calls us to remember who truly leads our lives.

In this celebration, we see Jesus not as a worldly king, but as a shepherd who cares for His people. He gathers the lost, heals the broken, and brings peace. His power is shown through service and compassion, not control. The Solemnity of Christ the King Year A invites us to follow His example of humble leadership.

This day also helps us reflect on how we live as members of His kingdom. Do our actions show His love? Do we care for the hungry, the sick, and the lonely? Christ the King shows us that serving others is the way to serve Him.

As we close the Church year, this feast points us to hope. Christ's reign has no end. He rules with justice and kindness, calling us to live as His faithful people each day.

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.

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



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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.