

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
19th January 2014



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## Sing With Me! I Come To Do Your Will!



When January began, we sang “Auld Lang Syne”. Was it to herald in a new year of life and hope or just plod along in the old way? What is your song for the New Year?

As the media gets more arrogant in the cricket, and the next generation of tennis players looks promising, do we sing c'mon Aussie, c'mon. As the economy shows little signs of recovery, what mood goes into your voice “Advance Australia Fair” next Sunday. Do you sing with embarrassed tones as refugees are left floundering, or with care free spirit?

What songs shape your mood for 2008? Sad song? Grin-and-bear-it-with-steely-resolve songs? Joy-filled songs? Maudlin songs filled with nostalgia for the things of long ago? Triumphant songs at having made it through another year?

Against the backdrop of all these songs, the liturgical readings have put us in touch with some significant beginnings: the beginning of the universal mission of Jesus and the church; the beginnings of Jesus' life—and believers' lives—in baptism; the beginning of the mission of Jesus' disciples, marked by service, the establishment of justice, healing peace, forgiveness and salvation.

As ordinary time begins, the sacred texts for this weekend and the next will continue the themes of baptismal belongings, new beginnings and the ramifications of discipleship. This week's readings in particular hold out a clue as to how we are to meet and manage the year ahead.

But let's begin the year in good voice. The lead note comes to us in the form of the responsorial psalm—in a song that our ancestors in the faith have been singing for almost 3,000 years, we are told that the

divine musician and lyricist has “a new song” a hymn that God wishes to put into my mouth and yours. It is a song that sings out, “Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will”. Is there any better song? Is there any more complete expression of who we are? Of who God is for us? Of who we are to be before God and one another?

This new song that Jesus leads we will come to know more and more in Ordinary Time. We need only to love God and people with a consuming passion ... and let ourself go!

Sing that song and our world will begin to change. [*Write your name in the gap*] Because of me [...], someone will experience the human with fresh eyes, will listen to Christ with ears open, will feel the touch of God, will find truth and beauty and goodness in a world that seemed desperately bleak and empty. Someone will discover *from me* [...], that to be genuinely Catholic is to be alive with love and laughter. A man, a woman, a child will be less lonely, sense that someone cares, feels needed, wanted, loved.

Back in the fifth century, a splendid pope and preacher, Leo the Great, said in a Christmas sermon: “Christian, recognise your dignity!” Men and women of these Western Hills—let's recognise our dignity! God became what we are, that we might become what He is! A God-Man died for us, that we might live for God and other humans. God lives in us, that we might live in Him. When we recognise that dignity then we will recognise our calling. We are to sing who we are! We are called to greatness. Let's be great.

So don't change the note. Isaiah (first reading) and his prophetic colleagues sang this song, as did Paul (second reading) and the many, many believers he brought to Christ. John the Baptist (Gospel) sang this new song, as did Jesus. Here, at the start of a new year, God offers us the opportunity, the privilege and the responsibility for singing that new song that only we can sing: “Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.”

LITURGY TIMES

20th — 26th January

Grovely	St William's
Monday: 9.15am Mass <i>Fabian &amp; Sebastian, martyrs</i>	
Wednesday: Adoration in recess 7.00pm Mass <i>Vincent, martyr</i>	
Thursday: 9.00am Mass	
Friday: 7.00am Mass <i>Francis de Sales, bishop</i>	
Saturday: 7.00am Mass <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i> 11.00am—12 noon <b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Next Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday: 6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am 5:30pm	
Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday: 8.30am Mass <i>Fabian &amp; Sebastian, martyrs</i>	
Tuesday: 8.30am Mass <i>Agnes, martyr</i> 1.00pm Funeral <i>Lena Howard</i>	
Friday: 8.30am Mass <i>Francis de Sales, bishop</i>	
Saturday: 3.45—4.15pm <b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Next Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday: 4.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday: 8:00am	
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday: 7.00—7.25pm <b>Reconciliation</b>	
Thursday: 7.30pm Mass	
<b>Next Weekend Mass</b>	
Sunday: 8.00am Mass	

**Readings for this Week**  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

Is 49:3,4-6  
1 Cor 1:1-3  
Jn 1:29-34

**Next Week's Readings**  
Australia Day (Yr A)

Is 32:15-18  
1 Cor 12:4-11  
Mt 5:1-12



**W.H.Y. MASS**  
(Western Hills Youth)

Next Sunday—Australia Day  
5.30pm

**GROVELY NEWS**



**The Second Collection**

amounted to \$6899.85  
We thank all who contributed.

**Counters this week:**

**1st Coll:** John & Marie Rooney  
**2nd Coll:** Brian & Pat McMackin,  
Tris van Twest



**Rosary** will be prayed at the home of Margaret & Joseph Eardley at 7pm on Tuesday.

**Baptism:**

We joyfully announce the baptism of Zak Mann, Julian Budek & Patrick Byrnes and welcome them into our faith community.

**Social Club:**

Morning tea and bingo 10am this Wednesday in The Daley Centre.

**Christian Meditation:**

Resuming from this Tuesday at St. William's—The meeting starts at 7pm with a short prayer, silent meditation and a recorded or read inspirational talk and discussion.

**Can You Help?**

A senior male parishioner from Arana Hills needs a lift to Sunday 9.30am Mass at St. William's.



Please call the Parish Office if you can be of assistance: 3355 2667

**St. Vincent de Paul**



The St Williams St Vincent de Paul Conference members would like to thank everyone who donated money and other items to the Conference in 2013.

This includes the St Williams School, the St Andrews School, Noel Stallard's 'Verse for Vinnies', those who contributed to the Christmas collections and to the Christmas hamper appeal organised by Hugh and Maria, and to the many people who gave donations throughout the year.

All donations are used to provide food, clothing, household items and furniture to needy people, and to assist them with paying bills. Members conducted 436 visits and 837 bags of bread were delivered in 2013.

Finally, thank you to Father Frank for his ongoing support of the conference.



Last week we revisited the Social Justice Statement '**Lazarus at our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty**' and in particular the **Ten Steps Towards Solidarity** that we can take to help reduce poverty in the world. We continue this week with the remaining five steps:

**6. Break the cycle of poverty for Indigenous people** - find out more about the challenges facing Indigenous peoples in Australia and around the world. Check out Reconciliation Australia at [www.reconciliation.org.au/](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/) and let's RECOGNISE our first peoples in our Constitution; it's the right thing to do at [www.recognise.org.au/](http://www.recognise.org.au/)

**7. Learn about and support refugees and asylum seekers** – the government wants to keep us in the dark; however check out [www.refugeecouncil.org.au/](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/) and [www.erc.org.au/](http://www.erc.org.au/) (Edmund Rice Centre); and consider being a volunteer for agencies such as the Romero Centre.

**8. Disabilities** - People living in poverty are at higher risk of having a disability, due to factors such as unsafe living conditions and inadequate access to health services. We need to ensure the government honours its commitment to the NDIS.

**9. Learn about Australian aid** – Australia made a commitment to increase its overseas aid to 0.7% of GNI; however this government is cutting the aid programme - [www.acfid.asn.au/](http://www.acfid.asn.au/) . Ask your federal member why?

**10. Learn about and support the Millennium Development Goals** – the MDGs are a global blueprint for breaking the chains of poverty and aim to halve world poverty by 2015. However 1.2 billion people still live in extreme poverty and more action is needed. To learn more and the post-2015 agenda, visit [www.un.org/millenniumgoals](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals) and [www.blueprintforabetterworld.org](http://www.blueprintforabetterworld.org)

You do not have to complete all 10 steps but if we all undertook just 1 or 2 actions, it would make a difference and remember: *We cannot be at peace, eating our fill, in the knowledge that a sister or brother lies hungry or sick at our gate.*



*Faithful Departed*



Adult Faith Education

**Did You Know?**

Sacred Heart Church has either Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Thursday nights: Mass this Thursday.

**Baptism:**

We joyfully announce the baptism of Oliver Tomkinson and welcome him into our faith community.

**Recently:**

Thelma Smith (*Thelma & Mary's mother*), Lena Howard (*Jim's mother*), Mavis Webber (*Jenny Maude's mother*), Donald Day (*Frank Day's brother*), Arthur Campbell (*Mike Campbell's & Anne Jackson's father in UK*), Sheila Jackson (*Paul's mother in UK*), Ivy McGinnity (*Peg Geoghegan's sister*), Merle Fitzgerald, Kerrian Thomas, Anne Jackson, Gert Herbert (*Mackay*), Patricia Samuel (*Sydney*), Mike Collins, Marilyn Bennett.

**Anniversaries:**

Ian (Joe) & Maureen McLean, Patricia Franklin, Michelle Phipps, Billy Courtney.

**Funerals:**

**Lena Howard's** funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Dolours, 1pm this Tuesday. Our prayers and sympathy are with her son, Jim & his wife Jackie and the family.

A funeral for **Thelma Smith** (104 years of age) will be held later in the week. Watch the *Courier Mail* for information.

**Thank You:**

Jan, her sons Patrick, Sean, Andrew and Paul with the whole Collins family wish to sincerely thank Fr. Frank, Holy Cross and all our Parish family for the assistance, love and support given to us during our very sad time. Please pray for Gerry in Port Vila.

Following on from last week, we could ask the question, "Why do we have a Church Liturgical Year and what is it?"

Just as our typical calendar has 4 seasons with days of remembrance and celebration, so too does the Church use a similar approach in its liturgy. The Church is holding up to us the various stages of Jesus' life and asking us to imitate him in our own life.

The stages are the Incarnation and birth, his 3 years of teaching the Good News, his death, resurrection and ascension, the coming of the Spirit and then looking forward to his second coming which is celebrated by the feast of Christ the King towards the end of November.

We have just finished Advent and Christmas. The central piece in the Church year is the Paschal Mystery, the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, but we need a period to prepare for this, namely, Lent. Then we move to Jesus' Ascension and the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There are 2 lengthy periods which occur during the yearly cycle which we refer to as "Ordinary Time".

We are in the first one now which started last Sunday and will continue until Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent (about 7 weeks this year). The second period of "Ordinary Time" which starts after the 3 important feasts after Pentecost (referred to last week), continues for most of the second half of the year. It is during "Ordinary Time" when the Sunday Gospel will be from the evangelist for that year – Matthew in 2014.

The various Church seasons can be recognised by the colour of the Vestments worn by the priest at Mass. Here is the order of the seasons and colours:

- Advent – violet
- Christmas – white
- Ordinary Time (Part 1) - green
- Lent – violet
- Easter – white/gold
- Pentecost – red
- Ordinary Time (Part 2) – Green

While the key seasons have their particular focus, it will be during "Ordinary Time" when the Gospel will hold up to us aspects of Jesus' life and teachings which are meant to assist us to follow in Jesus' footsteps as His disciples in this time and culture.

*Rest In Peace*

Many of our parishioners have recently lost a loved one. Our thoughts are especially with Paul & Anne Jackson, (& Anne's brother Mike Campbell) both of whom have lost a parent in the U.K. and are travelling to be with family there.

Please remember them all in your prayers.

**MITCHELTON NEWS**



**Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup>. Coll. \$ 263.50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. \$1138.90

**Counters:**

This week: Group A—Michael Kuilboer  
Next week: Group B—Phillip Zabarauskas

**Family Rosary:**

This week: Avin & Daryl Parke  
Next week: Juliet & Ross Blackwell

**Parish Council:**

Monday's meeting has been deferred.

**Rice Bags Anyone?**

Banks no longer have the calico bags which are so handy for anyone transporting bulk coin and notes. i.e. us!

We have heard that rice comes in cloth bags which would be a suitable substitute - (somewhere around 5kg bags of rice).



If anyone has any that they do not use, please contact the Parish Office.

**COMBINED LITURGY TEAMS MEETING**

7.00pm Grovely's Daley Centre

This Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January



Would anyone have a washing machine in good working order that they are willing to donate to a parishioner in need.

If so, please contact the Parish Office—3355 2667.



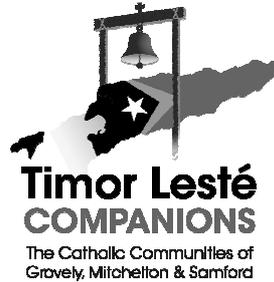
# Invitation to volunteer in Timor Leste

- Are you approaching a Gap Year?
- At university but seeking inspiration?
- Interested in sharing language, culture and faith in another country?

Timor Lesté Companions, a group from the Catholic Communities of Grovely, Samford & Mitchelton, is seeking nominations for suitable and enthusiastic young Catholics, aged approx 18-25, for an all-expenses paid immersion/volunteer experience in Liquiça, Timor Lesté.

The Parish of St John Brito in Liquiça is our Sister Parish, so the experience (approx 1 month) would be an opportunity to get to know our Timorese friends, share faith, language and culture as you live in community, making a practical contribution, and forging links to further strengthen our partnership.

If you or someone you know—a relative or friend—fits the bill, please consider nominating them. Up to 2 people will be chosen. Please contact Michael 0407785940, Martin 0418748917 or Sarah 0466306897 for more information.



- **Lourdes Hill College Past Pupils Association Lourdes Day Mass and Annual General Meeting:** Good Samaritan Centre ~ Lourdes Hill College  
**Date:** Sunday 9th February  
**Time:** 2pm (Afternoon tea to follow meeting)  
**Enquiries:** Loreto Lotz 0412769708 or email [rlvlotz@gmail.com](mailto:rlvlotz@gmail.com)  
 Marilyn Loth 0422854737 or email [marilynloth@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynloth@hotmail.com)

- **Australian Christian Meditation Community Queensland** invites you to join us for a day of *Silence, Stillness & Simplicity* with Kathryn Houston  
**When:** Sat. 8 Feb 9.30am – 2.15pm. Morning tea will be served at 9.30am. BYO Lunch.  
**Where:** Holy Spirit School Hall, 36 Villiers St (off Brunswick St), New Farm. Suggested Donation: \$10 (morning tea included) Material Available: Books, CD's and DVD's available for sale during day.  
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- **Northside Christian Football Club Sign-on Day:**  
 Sat 1st February 12.00pm to 3.00pm  
 Darien Street, Bridgeman Downs  
**PLAYERS WANTED**  
 All Age Groups - Male & Female  
 Tiny Tots - from 3 to 5 Year olds  
 Juniors - from 5 to 16 Year olds  
 Youth 17/18 Year olds  
 Senior Women - Mixed age groups  
 Senior Men - Mixed age groups  
 Full Details: [www.northsidefootball.org.au](http://www.northsidefootball.org.au)  
 0417 191 141

# Australia Day 2014

## All Readers

### PLEASE NOTE

26th January Readings are changed from those published in *Break Open the Word*.

We will be using the **Australia Day** Readings. See: Next Week's Readings listed beneath Liturgy Times on page 2.

Copies of the readings are available in the port,  
 or email [grovely@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:grovely@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Our Combined Communities Celebrate

### AUSTRALIA DAY

&

### Fr. Frank's 70th Birthday

Join us for Mass

at

9.30am on 26th January

St. William's Church

Morning tea to follow

Please bring a plate to share



### The Catholic Leader - \$2.00

- Bishop Putney talks of living with cancer and trusting in God's care
- Vinnies hit by vandalism and dumping of rubbish
- Youth on pilgrimage from Brisbane to Melbourne



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