

**Australia Day**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
26th January 2014



**Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane**

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# God Bless Australia



This year as we celebrate our National Day—it happens on a Sunday—our Ordinary liturgy gives way to the special readings and prayers for Australia Day.

As we pray, we can be keenly aware of old and regular challenges in our country—drought and bushfire. We pray in thanksgiving for the first of summer's refreshing rain as we steel ourselves against the harshness of our climate. We are ever distracted by achievement in sport and head for Adelaide for one final crack at the "old enemy" before they, probably gladly, depart our shores. In the same week, we sun and beach lovers send 55 to perform in ice and snow as Winter Olympians as if to prove our versatility on any world stage.

Our world leaders meet in Davos, Switzerland, to strive for world harmony, and we pray for sanity in decision-making. Peace we long for and full cooperative development of all peoples. We long for courage and the genius of diplomacy to prevail in our engagement with the world.

In today's first reading (Is 32:15-18), Isaiah speaks to Israel at a time when it is a small nation trying to make alliances to keep itself safe in a turbulent world. Isaiah points out a different path to safety: seek first the reign of God, then 'Justice will bring about peace ... calm and security forever'. The second reading (1 Cor 12:4-11) reminds us that the Spirit flows freely and works wonderfully through all people of good will in our society. As Australians we can all work together to create a just society. The beatitudes in today's Gospel (Mt 5:1-12) gives us a blueprint for the kind of nation that Isaiah described—Christ's great charter for human living.

## Let Us Pray Then for Australia

Source of all love and joy,  
Father of Jesus and our God,  
to you belongs our gratitude.  
Your loyalty to us is untiring  
and your love is beyond all measure.  
*We thank you, Lord of Life.*

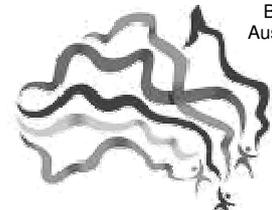
When our continent was being created  
You thought of us and provided for us.  
When our land's inhabitants were  
kangaroo and koala, jabiru and  
currawong,  
crocodile and yabbie, you catered for  
our needs.  
*We thank you, Lord of Life.*

When we inherited this land,  
we used it recklessly and selfishly,  
but you did not give us up.  
Though, like tramps, we wander  
among our broken promises,  
shattered hopes, and empty prayers,  
You give us Jesus Christ,  
to seek and save the lost.  
*We thank you, Lord of Life.*

Though Australians become blinded by  
technology,  
misled by opinion-poll morality,  
hardened by greed, and captivated by  
lusts,  
through Jesus Christ you still come  
among us  
inviting us to reclaim our destiny  
as your very children.  
*We thank you, Lord of life.*

God of Jesus,  
God of the Southern Cross  
and all who read its sign,  
make our nation your glory,  
Let us live to your glory,  
today  
And as long as this land shall last.

Bruce D. Prewer  
Australian Prayers



**Australia Day**

## LITURGY TIMES

27th January — 2nd February

Grovely	St William's
Monday: 9.15am Mass <i>Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	
Wednesday: 5.45—6.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass	
Thursday: 9.00am Mass	
Friday: 7.00am Mass <i>John Bosco, priest</i>	
Saturday: 7.00am Mass 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>Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	
Tuesday: 8.30am Mass <i>Thomas Aquinas, doctor</i>	
Friday: 8.30am Mass <i>John Bosco, priest</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 Australia Day (Yr A)

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

### Next Week's Readings Presentation of the Lord (Yr A)

Mal 3:1-4  
Heb 2:14-18  
Lk 2:22-40

## GROVELY NEWS



### The Second Collection

amounted to \$6527.05  
We thank all who contributed.

### Counters this week:

**1st Coll:** Gavin Taylor & Mike Hogan  
**2nd Coll:** Jim D'Arcy, Denise Quinlan,  
Geraldine & Dennis McLaughlin



**Rosary** will be prayed at the home of Brian & Joyce Flynn, 142 Patricks Rd. Arana Hills at 7pm on Tuesday.

### Congratulations:

Neil Forster has been chosen to represent Queensland in the Special Olympics in Victoria come October. Go Neil!

### Liturgy Meeting:

This Wednesday at 10am

### Grief Support Team Meeting:

This Thursday at 9.30am

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

This will resume from this Wednesday at 5.45pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

### Commissioning Mass:

Teachers from St. William's and St. Andrew's Schools, as well as state school catechists, will be commissioned for 2014 at 9.30am Mass next Sunday. Stay for a chat after Mass with our teachers.

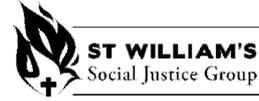
## St. Vincent de Paul

Parishioners are advised that, if they have furniture, bedding or curtains they wish to donate to Vinnies, then the number to ring is 1300 551 894 to arrange pick up.



Please note that all items must be in good condition, and the driver will decide what will be accepted. **NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED.**

Single beds, tables, chairs and chests of drawers are urgently required.



### Date Claimers:

**Refugees:** The parish's Social Justice Group will be hosting a **Refugee Information Evening on Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Daley Centre from 7.15 for 7.30. The purpose for the event is to raise awareness of issues effecting refugees and asylum seekers, including:

1. Country of origin (push) factors impacting on people;
2. Australia's response to asylum seekers and refugees; and
3. Practical support that can be provided at a parish and individual level.

**Reconciliation: The Queensland Churches Together Indigenous Peoples Partnership (CTIPP)** will hold an information and fund-raising night on **Friday 7 February** at the West End Uniting Church, Sussex Street, West End, from 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Chris Ellis on 3369 6792 or at [ctipp@qct.org.au](mailto:ctipp@qct.org.au)

The **sixth anniversary of the Apology to members of the Stolen Generations** will be marked with a ceremony at Mt Alvernia College, Kedron, on Thursday **13 February 2014**, from 9.30 a.m. till noon. To register, please e-mail: [humpil@mta.qld.edu.au](mailto:humpil@mta.qld.edu.au)

**Justice:** The Balanced Justice Project will be hosting a benefit Screening of Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom at Palace Barracks Cinema on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30 p.m. The evening will address the over-representation of Murri young people in the Qld youth justice system. Booking: <http://balancedjustice-mandela.eventbrite.com.au>

### Accommodation Wanted:

Do you have a spare room for an asylum seeker or, maybe, a house or flat that a number of asylum seekers could rent at an affordable rate? Asylum seekers receive little money and they often cannot afford commercial rental rates. Please contact Peter on [arndtp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:arndtp@bne.catholic.net.au) or ring 3336 9173 who can put you in touch with one of the refugee support services.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Evenings  
St. William's Church

5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7.00pm Mass



*Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord*

## School's Back

School students begin 1st term of 2014 this Wednesday. We welcome back staff and students at our three Parish Schools. A special welcome to all new families and students who have joined the Our Lady of Dolours, St. William's or St. Andrew's school families.





**Baptism:**

We joyfully announce the baptism of Hayley & Joshua Knox and welcome them into our faith community.

**Need More Catechists:**

There are over a thousand youngsters in Samford State School—Chris & Patrick are our only current catechists. They will be speaking at Mass next Sunday seeking some extra help in this important ministry.

**Christian Meditation Prayer:**

The Meditation Prayer recommences Friday 31st January at 9am.

There is a day of Silence, Stillness and Simplicity on Saturday 8th February at New Farm. 9.30-2.15. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch. Suggested donation \$10. All welcome.

**MITCHELTON NEWS**



**Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup>. Coll. \$ 199.10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. \$1171.90

**Counters:**

This week: Group B—Phillip Zabarauskas  
Next week: Group C—Leo Brown

**Family Rosary:**

This week: Cayetana Morataya  
Next week: Nenette & Benny Cabrera

**Commissioning Mass:**

At 8am Mass next Sunday, Our Lady of Dolours teachers and state school catechists will be commissioned for 2014. Morning tea to follow.



**Happy 70th Birthday Fr. Frank**

Join us for 9.30am Mass at St. William's — morning tea to follow

**Faithful Departed**

**Recently:**

Mike Cichocki (*Monique's father*), Thelma Smith, Lena Howard, Mavis Webber, Donald Day, Arthur Campbell (*UK*), Sheila Jackson (*UK*), Ivy McGinnity, Merle Fitzgerald, Kerrian Thomas, Anne Jackson, Gert Herbert (*Mackay*), Patricia Samuel (*Sydney*).

**Anniversaries:**

Francis Bowen, Greg Hill.



**Adult Faith Education**

Up to and including March 2 the Sunday Gospel will come from Matthew.

Early scripture scholars believed Matthew's Gospel was the first to be written. Most Scripture scholars today believe Mark's Gospel was the first one (65-70AD) with Matthew's appearing around 85 to 90AD. It is obvious that Matthew uses Mark's Gospel as a major source, omitting what he did not want to include and inserting content with which he would have been quite familiar.

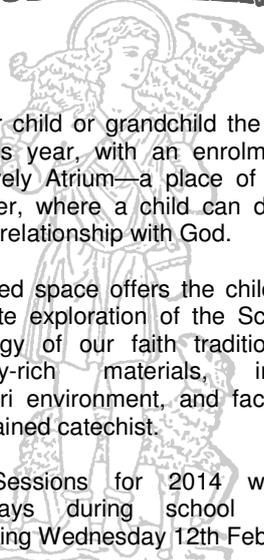
Matthew is writing for the Jewish community of believers, especially the better educated Jews who believe in Jesus but argue over the law. For Matthew, the "law", as known by the Jews to that point, served a purpose, but now, of itself, it was not sufficient and Jesus had come to perfect the "law" and to condense it into "love God and love your neighbour".

Some themes found only in Matthew's Gospel and not in the other 3.

- The title given to Jesus – Emmanuel – "God with us". Matthew has a sense of the community of believers – God with us not God with me. Vatican 2 picked up on this with its emphasis on the Eucharist as a gathering of God's people in community rather than a time for the individual to pray.
- Matthew uses a term "church" (ekklesia in Greek) - once in Matt. 16:18 and twice in Matt. 18:17
- For Matthew there is a sense of God having a relationship with the community of believers – it is Jesus and us, not so much Jesus and me.
- The 3 parables in Ch. 25
- There is no Mary and the Annunciation event – Joseph is the one who knows about this.
- The baptism formula – "I baptise you in the name of the Father etc" – second last verse of the Gospel – Matt. 28:19.
- The primacy of Peter and his role Matt. 16: 18-19. "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church".

Don't forget to have a look at the site, 'prayasyoucan'. Try to look at it before the Sunday Gospel rolls around. You might find this approach helps you on the Sunday.

**GROVELY ATRIUM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**



Give your child or grandchild the gift of peace this year, with an enrolment at The Grovely Atrium—a place of peace and prayer, where a child can deepen their own relationship with God.

This sacred space offers the child age-appropriate exploration of the Scripture and Liturgy of our faith tradition, via sensorially-rich materials, in a Montessori environment, and facilitated by fully trained catechist.

Atrium Sessions for 2014 will be Wednesdays during school terms, commencing Wednesday 12th February.

9:15am for children 3 - 5 years of age.  
3:15pm for children at primary school.

Please call Tracie Gallagher at the Parish Office for more information—3355 1665 (Wednesday - Friday).

**Grovely Atrium**

2014

**WORKING BEE**

**Wednesday 5th February**

9am

All Welcome

BYO cleaning tools



Enquiries: Phone Tracie 3355 1665 (Wed.—Fri.)



## Western Hills Youth

We're back with more fun than ever before! This coming Friday, 31st January will be our first Youth Night of the year! Come along for some epic games for our first night, with a return of some favourite and classic games. So be there at 7pm for an epic night!

### Upcoming events:

26 Jan - 5.30pm: YMass - feat. YBand.

31 Jan - 7pm: Youth Night - for those to schooled for cool!

14 Feb - 7pm: Youth Night - St. Valentine's night. Love and Marriage.

**#SaveTheDate** for an epic challenge of minds at Western Hills Youth's inaugural iQuiz Challenge! Come one and all for this exciting night! Only on the **10th of May 2014**. Tickets will be on sale in April.

### Your Youth Ministry Team Needs YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to join our Youth Ministry Team from all walks of life and all Parishes! You must be over 18 years old and eligible for a Blue Card (we can organise this if you need one). Send us a message at the address below. We look forward to hearing from you!

Email: [westernhillsyouth.grovely@gmail.com](mailto:westernhillsyouth.grovely@gmail.com)

Twitter: @whygrovely

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/westernhillsyouthgroup](http://www.facebook.com/westernhillsyouthgroup)

Web: [www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com](http://www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com)



March 5—April 13

Join this worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies—one of the largest internationally co-ordinated pro-life mobilisations in history.

**40 Days for Life** features three components

1. **Prayer and Fasting:** Join with other believers for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.
2. **Peaceful Vigil:** Stand for life during a 40 days peaceful public witness outside the abortion facility 'Dr. Marie' at 8 Campbell St. Bowen Hills.
3. **Community Outreach:** Bring a positive pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy and public visibility.

Learn how you can *"speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves"* right here in Brisbane by contact the Brisbane team on 3149 3289.

40daysbrisbane@gmail.com

[www.40daysforlife.com/brisbane](http://www.40daysforlife.com/brisbane)

## National Liturgy Conference Wollongong

600 delegates from around Australia including Nita Leigh, Rosemary Duncan & Tracie Gallagher from our parishes attended the NLC at Wollongong from 15-18 January. The Conference offered a chance for Liturgists and Musicians to come together for training and formation in their respective fields, allowing current information to be shared in turn with dioceses and parishes.

On Tuesday 21 January, Nita, Rosemary & Tracie provided a full conference report to a combined meeting of the Grovely-Samford & Mitchelton Liturgy Teams, who look forward to utilising the information gathered to work towards enhancing our parish life and celebrations.

Nita, Rosemary & Tracie wish to convey their thanks to our communities for the opportunity to attend the conference on their behalf.



## 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

## Donation Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated not only rice bags, but also some bank bags. They were much appreciated.

Thank you also to the people who rang up about a washing machine.

### **The Catholic Leader - \$2.00**

- Arielle had to fight for life as a baby, now she can't wait for her first day at school, as her family is carried by faith
- Archbishop speaks about move to scrap The Lord's Prayer at opening of Parliament
- Pope Francis welcomes Brisbane seminary staff and students to Rome and receives a maroon memento of Queensland
- Church agency concerned about what's happening to asylum seekers not reaching Australia
- Brisbane group to make pilgrimage to Rome for canonisation of popes
- Talking point: Peter Holmes on the idea that we need more 'annoying people'



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