

**Presentation of the Lord**  
2nd February 2014



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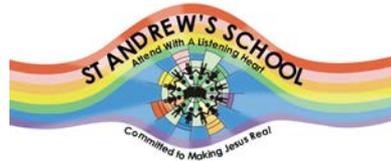
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**Teachers - Light for our Youngsters**



Welcome back to school, and for the first time a couple of hundred of our very youngest parishioners. It has been a big week for parents and children, teachers and schools.

As holidays approached their ending, I have been asking our kids after Mass: "Are you looking forward to school?" There is a resounding "YES!! School is good!" I ask "why?" They say "friends!" and "interesting things to learn!" And our schools must be delivering. The voters swamp the polls. Hats off to our teachers, school leaders and staffs for their mighty job. And hats off to parents and kids and teachers—I know you know home and holidays is just excellent space too.

So a week is under the belt. You've settled into the race. And at the beginning of the school year, we ask God to bless the work and ministry of our teachers, catechists in the state schools and our schools' staffs.

They are all key adjuncts to our parish family and Eucharistic Community in telling the story of God and enabling our young to enter more profoundly the mystery of God through their learning together and reflections on the meaning and purpose of life.

We have three great parish schools. The quality and style of our teachers and staffs grow exponentially. I have seen teachers present on site from 7am to 6pm and on weekends and holidays. For them it is a vocation—a call to service where commitment is the bottom line. Our schools are very good places for our children and families to be—all three of our parish schools, Our Lady of Dolours (200), St. William's (536) and St. Andrew's (625) and our (1361) youngsters led by 150 educators.

We welcome them to our parishes today from their home parishes to ask God's blessing on their task and challenges among our children and their families throughout 2014. We welcome too, our state school catechists who attend each week the classes of seven government schools in the parishes. We recognise the gift they bring of their faith to the religious and faith development of another 1000 Catholic children. It is an ecumenical

project, as our Catholic catechists work with other churches in the half hour allocation each week in a spirit of Christian unity.

It is a tough task to teach and catechise. It is to walk in another's world of experience and open the world of interpretation of life's meaning, to ultimately make Jesus real in a young life.

It is now 40 days since Christmas and we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. For most of its history, today's feast was a dual observation: The purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

The Presentation of the Lord is now especially a Feast of the Lord and appropriately celebrated on Sunday and appropriately when we present our teaching ministry to the blessing of God. Jewish law stipulated that within forty days of a child's birth, the parents should present their baby in the Temple as an act of thanksgiving. In the Bible, the number forty always indicates a time of formation. So forty days after Christmas, the church has today's celebration.

As Luke describes the scene, Simeon and Anna represent the Old Covenant. He embodies all those who longed to see the Christ. She embodies all those who prophesied his coming. In a few sentences, Luke tells us that just as the Israelites entered the promised land after forty years in the desert, so now the time of waiting is over. Israel can receive the promised Messiah. The Old Covenant has been fulfilled and the New Covenant is established in Jesus.

Our task as teaching and learning disciples of Jesus—everyone of us—is to let his light shine into our minds and spirits, our very persons and choices, our lives and activities—that His Kingdom may come in this time and place.

May Jesus the Teacher lead us in the way of a disciple.

LITURGY TIMES

3rd February — 9th February

Grovely	St William's
Monday:	9.15am Mass
Wednesday:	5.45—6.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm Mass <i>Agatha, martyr</i>
Thursday:	9.00am Mass <i>Paul Miki &amp; companions, martyrs</i>
Friday:	7.00am Mass
Saturday:	7.00am Mass
	11.00am—12 noon <b>Reconciliation</b>

**Next Weekend Masses**

Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am 5:30pm

Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday:	8.30am Mass
Tuesday:	8.30am Mass
Friday:	9.00am Mass ( <i>with whole school</i> )
Saturday:	3.45—4.15pm <b>Reconciliation</b>

**Next Weekend Masses**

Saturday:	4.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8:00am

Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	7.00—7.25pm <b>Reconciliation</b>
Thursday:	7.30pm Mass <i>Paul Miki &amp; companions, martyrs</i>
<b>Next Weekend Mass</b>	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

**Readings for this Week**

Presentation of the Lord (Yr A)

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

**Next Week's Readings**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

Is 58:7-110  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mt 5:13-16

**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*

Parish Secretary, Michelle Giuliani, is presently on four weeks leave. Sue Skehan will be holding the fort Wednesday to Friday, during Michelle's absence.

**GROVELY NEWS**



**The Second Collection**

amounted to \$6327.95  
We thank all who contributed.

**Counters this week:**

**1st Coll:** Sue Skehan & Jan Whiteway  
**2nd Coll:** Monica & John Birchley, Lester Whiteway



**Rosary** will be prayed at the home of Barry & Val McKay, 10 Pindari Ave. Ferny Hills at 7pm on Tuesday.

**Baptism:**

We joyfully announce the baptism of Aiden Whitfield & William Boudette and welcome them into our faith community.

**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 this Sunday. Stay for morning tea and a chat after Mass with our teachers.

**Social Club:**

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

**Finance Council Meeting:**

This Monday at 10am in the Parish Library.

**Cuppa Chat Connect**



The 'Welcome and Inclusion Team' supported by St William's Parish Pastoral Council is conducting its first monthly **social gathering** for 2014, from 10.00 am to 12 noon on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. It will be under the sails next to St William's Church.

This gathering is for all parishioners - those who have been a member of the community for some time and those who are relatively new. You are all welcome to come and connect with fellow parishioners. If time is an issue, just pop in for a few minutes.

P.S. 'Welcome and Inclusion' supporters are welcome to come to the gathering. It would provide an opportunity to share any ideas on what the approach should be for 'Welcome and Inclusion' in the parish for 2014.



In previous weeks we have revisited the current Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 'Lazarus at our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty'. In it we were presented with 'Ten Steps Towards Solidarity' that we can take personally to help reduce poverty in the world. One of these steps is to learn about and support refugees and asylum seekers.

There are 45 million people worldwide who have been driven from their homes by war or civil violence. Eighty per cent of refugees are seeking protection in developing countries, making it even harder for those nations to lift themselves out of poverty. For millions, it will be many years before they can find a home again. Some never do.

Myths abound regarding refugees and asylum seekers, and this often results in intolerance which can compound the trauma suffered by individuals.

Please do what you can to find out the facts about refugees and asylum seekers, and reflect on what God would expect of us in the way we respond to our sisters and brothers in need.

To assist with this the parish's Social Justice Group will be hosting a **Refugee Information Evening** on **Wednesday February 19th** at the Daley Centre from 7.15 for 7.30. The event will focus on 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.

We will be joined by experts in the field, as well as those with first hand experience of fleeing violence and persecution, and who have sought asylum.



The St Williams Conference wishes to congratulate one of its members, **Bob O'Neill**, on receiving an Order of Australia medal (**OAM**) in the Australia Day awards. He has been a member of the conference for many years, has also worked in conferences elsewhere and has set up and presided over administration of the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) in head office.

He is a worthy recipient of the award.



A reminder to all coordinators and interested people to attend **Coordinators Meeting** after Mass on **Sunday 9 Feb.**"

**State School Catechists:**

Our Samford catechists will be commissioned at Mass this Sunday.

• **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 this Sunday seeking some extra help in this important ministry.

**Christian Meditation Prayer:**

There is a day of Silence, Stillness and Simplicity next 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. \$ 295.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. \$1468.70

**Counters:**

This week: Group C—Leo Brown  
Next week: Group D—Dermott O'Moore

**Family Rosary:**

 This week: Nenette & Benny Cabrera  
Next week: Janina Lukacz

**Commissioning Mass:**

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

**Mass Change:**

Please note that Friday's Mass will commence at 9.00am to celebrate the beginning of the school year.



**R.I. Meeting**

Our state school catechists will hold their first plotting and planning meeting for 2014 this Thursday at 9.30am in the Daley Centre. Anyone interested in this rewarding ministry is welcome to attend.

**Faithful Departed**

**Recently:**

Ada Mickiewicz (UK), Mike Cichocki, Thelma Smith, Lena Howard, Mavis Webber, Donald Day, Arthur Campbell (UK), Sheila Jackson (UK), Ivy McGinnity, Merle Fitzgerald.

**Anniversaries:**

Bill Beggs, Hugh & Sarah O'Farrell, Marie O'Farrell.



**Adult Faith Education**

**LENT AHEAD** – something to think about.

The period of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (March 5), and leads into the Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (April 17, 18, 19) with the climax on Easter Sunday (April 20).

One suggestion for participating in Lent in a meaningful way, with a view to deepening our relationship with a loving God, is to join a Lenten program. This involves some personal time (about 2 hours a week over 6 weeks) when we join with a group (either a larger one in the Daley centre or a smaller one in a person's home) and follow a program of Scripture readings, reflection and quiet prayer.

Today the parish AFE team is bringing this to your attention in good time, to assist you to determine if this scenario is for you this year. Here are a few questions to consider before you make a decision.

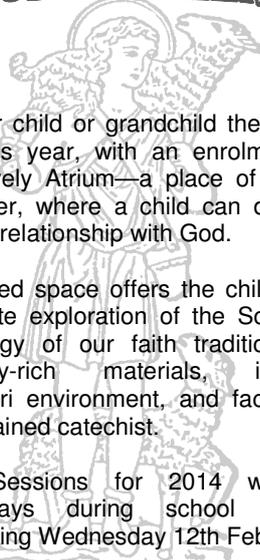
- Do your weekly commitments leave a 2 hour time slot for you to join the program?
- If so, what adjustments will you need to make in your weekly schedule to achieve this?
- In reality, what decisions are needed to make these adjustments and are you and others in your life, affected by this decision, prepared to go ahead.
- Are you looking to change a few things in your life which will open you up to a closer relationship with God?

Perhaps the answers to these questions will guide you in your final decision about whether to participate in the program or not.

Over the next few weeks we will elaborate on the details of the program and there will be an opportunity for you to sign up for the larger group in the Daley Centre or the smaller group in a parishioner's home. Perhaps you might like to make your home available for a small group of parishioners.

Since something can come out of left field at any time in our daily lives, just remember that if you sign up and cannot come on some nights, there is no problem. The Lord understands.

**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**

**This Wednesday 5th February**

9am

All Welcome

All materials will be provided

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





# Western Hills Youth

We're back with more fun than ever before!

### Upcoming events:

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!

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## Australia Day

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful and yummy contributions to our Australia Day celebration last Sunday.

Special thanks to Sue, Nene, Jan, Aileen, Tracie, Rosalene and Dot for the opportunity to gather.

Photos from the morning are displayed on our communities' Notice Boards.

### Around the Archdiocese

- St Stephen's Cathedral 8th February Celebrations for **Our Lady of Lourdes** feast. Rosary 10.30am followed by Mass 11.30 am.

- **United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week** - Interfaith Cafe and Sikh Langar at Aspley Uniting Church Hall, 748 Robinson Rd, Aspley, on Tues 11th Feb. 6pm - 9.30pm. Theme: Mission in World Religions; hosted by the Sikh Community at Taigum and the North Brisbane Interfaith Group. For catering purposes RSVPs are essential to Garth Read, Coordinator, North Brisbane Interfaith Group. E: [garthread@ecn.net.au](mailto:garthread@ecn.net.au) T: 3263 8068

- **World Interfaith Harmony Week 2014** - "How does your faith contribute to interfaith harmony?" Multi-Faith Centre, Nathan Campus, Griffith University, 170 Kessels Rd, Nathan on Thurs 6 Feb, 6pm for 6.30pm start till 8.30pm. Refreshments will be served. Gold coin donations gratefully received. RSVP by 4 February: 07 3735 7052 or [mfc@griffith.edu.au](mailto:mfc@griffith.edu.au) or [info@upfbrisbane.com](http://info@upfbrisbane.com)

- **SmartLoving Marriage Seminar** is a private experience presented in a Catholic context, but open to married couples of any faith. (Formerly called Celebrate Love.) Whether you have been married for one year or fifty years, if you long for satisfying, deep intimacy with your spouse, this seminar is for you. \$125 per couple—meals included. Toowong March 15 & 16. [www.smartloving.org](http://www.smartloving.org) [info@mariageRC.org](mailto:info@mariageRC.org)



**Congratulations Bob O'Neill**, Grovely parishioner, on receiving an Order of Australia Medal for his dedication and generosity in helping others through his work with St. Vincent de Paul for almost half a century.

Bob and his wife Maureen helped celebrate at the Parish Australia Day Morning Tea last Sunday.

### The Catholic Leader - \$2.00

- \* Family donates icon to parish on anniversary of the death of their beloved young son
- \* Bishop challenges Government's claims of 'fighting a war' on asylum seekers
- \* Centacare welcomes Government plan to issue vouchers for marriage counselling
- \* First in a series of articles analysing Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)
- \* Toowoomba bishop welcomes commission focus as a 'chance for the Catholic Church to re-commit to pastoral care, apologise and accept there has often been a failure to put victims first'
- \* Talking point: Dom Meese on bucks' parties and hens' nights

Each Sunday during school terms:

## Children's Liturgy

<b>Sacred Heart</b> , Samford	8.00am	} Starts this week
<b>Our Lady of Dolours</b> , Mitchelton	8.00am	
<b>St. William's</b> , Grovely	9.30am	— Starting next week



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