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Law in Stone ≠ Law of the Heart



One sometimes hears the self assessment "I'm a good Christian. I keep the ten commandments!" It is not quite accurate, for such vigour of commitment makes one "a good Israelite". The charter of the Christian is to live by the Sermon on the Mount.

Pat Marrin writes: "Matthew's Sermon on the Mount portrays Jesus as the new Moses giving the people God's commands. But Jesus takes the original Ten Commandments to a new level. It is no longer enough to keep the letter of the Law; we must also keep the spirit. God sees not just our actions, but our hearts as well. Murder and adultery were forbidden, but now so are anger and lust. It seems an impossible challenge."

Interior purity of heart is only possible by the power of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul writes, "The Spirit scrutinizes everything and reveals to us the mind of God." Only the Spirit can guide human nature to such intimacy with God that we choose what is good and right. The law is written on our hearts, where desires and motives originate.

We obey God's will because it has become our own will, not out of fear of punishment but to deepen our intimacy with God. The joy of this is clear in Paul's words: "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor has it entered the human heart what God has prepared for those who love him. God has revealed this to us through the Spirit" (1 Cor 2:10).

Still, we know from experience that the Spirit does not automatically remove all temptation or relieve us of the need for vigilance and discipline. What Paul is describing is the

mature Christian, whose baptismal character has developed in the ordinary way that human wisdom is acquired—through experience. It is said that wisdom is always late because it comes from making mistakes, even as compassion deepens only when we ourselves must seek forgiveness.

This is why the basis for all virtue is not perfection but humility. Someone can keep the commandments but be rigid and proud. Justice is always tempered by mercy, and mercy is learned best when we need it from others.

Jesus fulfilled the law by taking it to a whole new level of discernment and practice. While the scribes and Pharisees knew and practiced the law scrupulously, they passed judgment on others and cut themselves off from compassion. Their pursuit of perfection led them not to a loving, compassionate God but to themselves, locked in self-congratulatory isolation.

Jesus offers a different kind of perfection, one marked by patience and humility and openness to others even when we are challenged or criticised. A true disciple is always a work in progress, a sinner in need of forgiveness, a seeker who does not have all the answers, only better questions. They live by mercy, moved to serve others in simple anonymous ways, not driven by the high-octane ego that constantly needs to be recognised and revered by others.

The Sermon on the Mount was paradoxically not teaching from the top down, but inspiration from the bottom up, breathed lovingly into ordinary people seeking ordinary, honest lives of goodness and kindness in their families and communities. Isn't that us?

And isn't all this giving us plenty of agenda for our coming Lenten Retreat.

LITURGY TIMES

24th February — 3rd March

Grovely	St William's
Monday:	No 9.15am Mass
Wednesday:	5.45—6.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass
Thursday:	9.00am Mass
Friday:	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass with whole St. William's School
Saturday:	7.00am Mass 11.00am—12 noon Reconciliation
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:	No 8.30am Mass
Friday:	8.30am Mass
Saturday:	3.45—4.15pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	4.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8:00am

Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	7.00—7.25pm Reconciliation 7.30pm Mass
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

Readings for this Week
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48
Next Week's Readings
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)
Is 49:14-15 1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34

Ash Wednesday Mass Times



5th March

Our Lady of Dolours	8.30am
St. William's	9.00am
Irish Room Oxford Pk	10.30am
St. William's	7.00pm
Sacred Heart	Thursday 7.30pm

GROVELY NEWS



The Second Collection

amounted to \$6413.65
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:

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

Baptism:

We joyfully announce the baptism of William Brokken & Madeleine McGrath and welcome them into our faith community.

Liturgy Team Meeting:

Wednesday 10am in the Parish Library.

Grief Support Team Meeting:

Thursday 9.30am in the Parish Library.

Mass Change:

Please note Monday morning Mass has been cancelled.

Position Vacant

School Crossing Supervisors



A Casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at St William's Primary school.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per fortnight in all weather conditions up to 1 hour and 30 minutes a day (60 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon) The current rate of pay is \$26.90 per hour.

Closing date for applications: This Wed. 26 February 2014. Please collect applications from school office.

Completed applications should be returned to:

The Assistant Principal
St William's Primary School
67 Dawson Parade
Grovely 4054

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Evenings
St. William's Church

5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm Mass



Come for 10 minutes....stay longer

The presence of the Blessed Sacrament encourages a prayerful spirit of praise.

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord



ST WILLIAM'S
Social Justice Group

"Please don't hate me because I am a refugee. First I am a human."

These were the powerful closing words from the first speaker at the Social Justice Group's Information Evening Titled: "Supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers."

The information evening was blessed with four memorable guest speakers. Two were asylum seekers, born in Afghanistan, granted Temporary Protection Visa's in 2012, and now in limbo, as they wait to hear their fate from the current Australian Government. The other two speakers were representatives from the Romero Centre, which was set up in 2000, in response to the needs of the asylum seekers and refugees at that time.

Denise Laverty is a Sister of Mercy who currently volunteers at the Romero Centre, and is very busy supporting Asylum seekers and refugees in any way she can. Sister Denise explained to the audience that it could be as simple as sharing dinner with a family, or driving someone to a hospital appointment.

Marcella Marino Ramirez is employed by the Romero Centre to coordinate the 70-80 active volunteers helping at the centre.

The purpose of the evening was not to discuss politics, but to put a face on those seeking asylum, and to dispel some myths. This was certainly achieved, as all those leaving the information evening would have been touched by the stories they heard, and hopefully motivated into doing something to help.

In the words of Sister Denise: "... Perhaps Jesus is sitting in an old leaky Indonesian boat taking us deeper into the mystery of God's reign today..."

Fiona Franklin.

Member of the Social Justice Group

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Around the world, people will gather on Friday 7th March to pray for Egypt. The World Day of Prayer Service has been prepared by the Christian women of Egypt.

Our local service will be

Friday 7th March at 9.30am

Keperra Baptist Church

All are welcome to attend, men and women and children.





Prayer Group –

Come for as long as you can!
 9 - 10am Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Samford
 1st half hour – Rosary and Chaplet;
 2nd half-hour – Adoration.

**Christian Meditation Prayer
 the John Main Way.**

Come along and join with us at the Samford Church for 40 minutes each Friday 9am.

MITCHELTON NEWS



Collections:

1st. Coll. \$ 200.00
 2nd Coll. \$1067.60

Counters:

This week: Group F—John O’Sullivan
 Next week: Group G—Rosemary Bieron



Family Rosary:

This week: Jovy Guillermo
 Next week: Maida Bielefeld

Mass Change:

Please note Tuesday morning Mass has been cancelled.

Baptism:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Jonathan Evans & Mitchell Stone and welcome them into our faith community.

Liturgy Team Meeting:

Monday 7.30pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Prep Enrolments O.L.D. School:

This is a timely reminder to parents regarding Prep Enrolment Applications for 2015. If you have a child turning 5 by June 30, 2015, then they are eligible for Prep next year, 2015. This means they need to have been born between July 1st, 2009 and June 30th, 2010. Applications are now open and interviews will commence in May

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Edward Reordan (*Estelle's husband*),
 Mary Winter, Elsie Mort.

Anniversaries: Patsy Moore

Sacramental Program

REMINDER

Upcoming Blessing Masses

Sat. 8th March	6pm Grovely
Sun 9th March	8am & 9.30am Grovely 8am Mitchelton 8am Samford



Please make sure that you sign in at the front of the church and collect your copy of the blessing prayers to be said at the Mass and a copy of the "Our Father" for the children.

Please bring your Prayer Partner Forms as soon as you can ... into the office between now and on the Blessing Sunday.

The deadline for these forms to be finished and sent in—Blessing Sunday Mass. The day for Parish distribution will be the community masses of 29/30 March. Please let us know if you have not received a letter from your Prayer Partner by 10th May.

*Marie-Louise Singson
 Sacramental Coordinator
 33551665 Mon. & Tues mornings*

Children who have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation are now preparing for Confirmation & First Communion to be celebrated in May.

We extend a warm welcome to new families in our Parish. Please contact Sacramental Coordinator, Marie-Louise Singson (Parish Office Monday or Tuesday mornings) if you have any questions about our Sacramental Programme.

Children in Year 2 will be invited to celebrate their First Reconciliation in August. An information letter will be sent to all Year 2 Families in Catholic schools in June. Children in older grades who have not yet celebrated the sacraments and would like to join in the program are welcome to join. Children who attend our state schools may register by ringing the Parish Office. Parents need to ring the Parish Office for information by ringing Marie-Louise Singson 3355 1665 or 3354 2667 or drop in at the Parish Office Monday or Tuesday mornings.



Adult Faith Education

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday March 5 - have

you had a chance yet to work out if you can arrange your commitments to do the Lenten program?

The first session of the program will start on **Monday 10am (March 10) or Tuesday 7.30pm, (March 11)** both in the Daley Centre, running for 6 consecutive weeks. Any small groups will run to their own timetable.

The theme for this year is "You have set us Free."

What happens at the 1.5 hours session?

- After introductory prayer and reflection on a statement by Pope Francis from "Evangellii Gaudium", ("The Joy of the Gospel"), the Gospel of the last Sunday is proclaimed.
- A reflection piece on the Gospel is read, thought about and then discussed in a group. One does not have to contribute to the discussion – some people like to listen.
- Closing prayers and suggestions are made for how the Gospel can be put into practice during the following week.

Like to join in? – register on the sheet near the entrance to the church for the session in the Daley Centre you wish to attend. If you would like to join a small group, please tick that column.

"The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis, referred to above, is inspirational. It is well worth getting the booklet when it arrives in the parish. Francis' approach as our leader is just so pastoral and is having a profound effect on so many people.

Don't forget to get your **Little Black Book for Lent** (see below)

Fr Richard Rohr (Franciscan priest and founder of the Centre of Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico) is a great believer in the sacredness of the present moment. He once said, "**Try to be here, in the now. This is the only place God is**". God has no past or future, only an ever present NOW.

Little Black Books for Lent



These have been a parish favourite Lenten companion for a few years now. Each day there's a short Scripture passage followed by a reflection plus an interesting topical fact/story. Available at all the churches - still only **\$4 each**.



Western Hills Youth

Did you miss our last Youth Night?? Well you missed out on an awesome evening. If you don't want to be left out again, you'll have to come to our next Youth night!



Upcoming events:

23 Feb - 5.30pm: YMass - Join us as we celebrate Mass, followed by cold-drinks under the sails. Bring a plate and stay to chat with members of our community.

28 Feb - 7pm: Youth Night - Are you ready for the awesome four? Fun, friends & food? Don't forget Faith



14 Mar - 7pm: Youth Night - Gotta get your head in the game. It's bring a friend night at WHY! Be there to experience all the epic fun!

#SaveThe Date for an epic challenge of minds at Western Hills Youth's inaugural iQuiz Challenge! Come one and all for this exciting night! Only on **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

Twitter: @whygrovely

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

Web: www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com

The Catholic Leader - \$2.00

- Parish walks with couple through pain of violence in South Sudan
- Royal Commission examines response to abuse in Toowoomba diocese
- Child euthanasia law under attack
- Pope shares with engaged couples his thoughts on marriage
- What is the optimum age for couples to tie the knot?
- Courage chaplain talks of his ministry among people with same-sex attraction
- Priest analyses Australia's gambling obsession

Verse for Vinnies Bush Poetry

Our **first concert** of Verse-for-Vinnies in **2014** will be at **1.30pm this Sunday 23 February** at the Mary MacKillop Centre, Grovely.



Give yourself and Vinnies a treat by attending this concert. Cost is still \$15.

Noel & Ann Stallard

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him. Yet when Lincoln won the election, he surprised everyone by giving Stanton a post in his cabinet. Asked why he didn't destroy his enemy, he replied, "Do I not destroy my enemy when I make him my friend?"

• **St. Joseph's College Open Day: (Gregory Terrace)** Friday 28 February 4—7pm. Campus tours available from College Hall at Rogers St. entrance.

• **Mass for the Deaf:** St. Michael's Church, Banks St. Dorrington next Sunday 2 March at 8am. Morning tea afterwards.

• **Little King's Movement for the Handicapped** are in urgent need of the services of someone who can attend to the bookkeeping requirements of the Movement on a part-time voluntary basis. Anyone able to assist could contact the Movement by telephone on 3391 1432 between 9am and 2pm on Tues to Thurs, or by email 1km67@bigpond.net.au

• Last chance to register for the **Dominican men's retreat** at Marian Valley Retreat Centre, Canungra, from 28 February to 2 March 2014. Open to all men. Speakers include Fr Dom Murphy OP and Fr Paul Rowse OP. Theme: "Grace and Truth". Cost \$130 – includes meals and accommodation. Spaces limited. To register contact Br James Baxter OP – james.baxter@op.org.au.

• The newly formed **QUEENSLAND IRISH CHOIR** (formerly the Tara Singers and the Celtic Connection) invite you to join with the rest of Brisbane to celebrate St Patrick's Day with an afternoon performance from their 50 voice choir, and Irish Dancers and Pipers for "A TASTE OF IRELAND" - Sunday 09 March at 2.00 pm. Tara House, 175 Elizabeth Street Brisbane. Enjoy *Danny Boy*, *Fields of Athenry*, *Carrickfergus* and other Irish Ballads. A great afternoon of Irish enjoyment is guaranteed. TICKETS are \$15 from Pat Deighton: 3356 9172; deightfp@tpg.com.au



• New initiative from **menALIVE** is "menALIVE In The City" held regularly from 5.45 until 7.30pm in the Francis Rush Centre (Beside The Cathedral of St Stephen). Next event is on Thursday 27 February 2014 with the topic: Epic - Your Story/His Story. This is a great opportunity for men to get together and explore the things that matter. For further information contact menALIVE on 3367 1402 or mail@menalive.org.au

• **CCR Brisbane** (Catholic Charismatic Renewal) invitation to *Come Back & Be Reconciled Hosea 14:2-8*. Begins at 10am and includes praise & worship, Scripture Reflection, personal prayer for release of hurts and guilt, confession, Mass. Followed by lunch at 1.30pm—please bring a plate of savouries to share. Ephesus House, Cnr Fraser & Nudgee Rds, Northgate. 8th March. Enqs. Miriam 3202 6856.



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