



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane PARISH TEAM

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Western Hills Communities from Gaythorne to Mt Glorious

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This Sunday's gospel contains the eight Beatitudes. The name comes from the Latin *beatus* meaning 'blessed', although this word does not carry the full meaning of the ancient Hebrew and Aramaic words. Jesus would have used the Aramaic *touvaioun*, which means 'they are good and honourable who...'

For the people in that region at that time, a great emphasis was placed on the code of honour and shame. Being an honourable person was a high priority and a mark of stature. Many people were preoccupied with trying to preserve and increase their honour. All strata's of society were concerned about it. One could be poor or rich, low-born or noble and still be honourable.

The Beatitudes are actually testimonials of endorsement. Jesus is saying that there is no loss of honour in experiencing suffering or being an innocent victim and that there is no shame in being gentle or proactively positive in our relationships with others. There is no shame in being human and vulnerable. Jesus begins by declaring that those who are poor in spirit, depressed, suffering some kind of misery are still able to be honourable. He is saying that mental anguish is not a sign of God's disapproval and not necessarily a source of shame. Jesus is addressing a common notion, put forward by the religious leaders of his day, that people who endure physical or mental suffering are sinners and their affliction is a punishment from God.

One can be in a state of suffering and still be close to God. Similarly, those who mourn are hardly happy, but they are honourable inasmuch as their sorrow comes from the loss of a loved one. To mourn is to have loved and this is an honourable and blessed state. This applies also to those who experience various kinds of sorrow like the forgotten, the lonely, who feel unloved and unwanted.

The gentle are also honourable people. Gentleness or meekness comes not from weakness but from a position of strength. The gentle: don't have to prove anything to others; they do not have to win or have the last word. The gentle are thoughtful of others, gracious, not defensive, and appreciate others. They are mature and considerate in all their dealings with others. Gentle people are truly blessed. To a society that often regards mercy as weakness or surrender, Jesus is saying that the merciful are strong and honourable people. They are big enough to forgive without counting the cost and can feel genuine compassion. The merciful are able to feel the pain of another.

The pure in heart are those who are straight. Their motives are always honourable and honest. The pure in heart are not devious and therefore are honourable. Those who look for the good, the potential in others are well suited to be peace brokers. They do not harbour grudges and their attitude toward others makes for peace and harmony.

Jesus is also assuring his followers that any persecution they suffer for their commitment to Christ does not bring shame. Suffering could certainly make one feel less a person and engender a feeling of dishonour, but Jesus is saying that not only is this an honourable situation but one for rejoicing, for their reward would be great in heaven. Jesus is saying that it is quite OK to be human and to suffer the ills and misfortunes that are part of our lot as humans.

Physical and mental sufferings are not automatic signs of divine disfavour; being human is not cause for shame. In a world obsessed with mastery and control it is important for us to see the value of vulnerability and imperfection. The Beatitudes assure us of the dignity of our imperfect humanity and inspire us to strive for justice, service of others and wholeness in our relationships. These things are truly positive and honourable and bring with them a multitude of blessings.

Being honourable with the gifts we have been given is the task of our teachers, our parish and our Catholic schools, a ministry that only finds its source in Christ. That is why parish, family and school need to be so intimately linked. You cannot, unless families live their faith life fully too, expect to grow in truth, love, knowledge, life and wisdom unless nourished by Word and Eucharist.

Nigel Sequeira

LITURGY TIMES

30 January - 5 February

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9.15am Mass CANCELLED
	10.30am <i>Funeral for Hugh Morrissy</i>
Tuesday	11.30am <i>St Andrew's School Mass at St Andrew's</i>
Wednesday	6.15pm <i>Silent Prayer before the exposed Eucharist until</i>
	7.00pm Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
Friday	7.00am Mass
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.
Oxford Park	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.30am Mass
Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday	8.30am Mass
Tuesday	8.30am Mass <i>St John Bosco, priest</i>
Friday	8.30am Mass <i>St Blaise & St Ansgar, bishop</i>
Saturday	3.45 - 4.30pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4.30pm Mass
Sunday	8:00am Mass
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday	7.00pm Mass <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday	8.00am Mass



This Week's Readings

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13;
1 Cor 1:26-31;
Mt 5:1-12

Next Week's Readings

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Is 58: 7-10;
1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

GROVELY NEWS



The Second Collection:

amounted to \$6473.40
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:

1st Coll: Sue Skehan
2nd Coll: Tony & Sharon Agar

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Sue & Rad Jarjees, 4 Canopus St, Bridgeman Downs at 7pm on Tuesday.

Baptism:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Cecelia Walters and welcome her into our faith community.

Faith Circle will resume on Monday

Feb 6 at 10am in the Daley Centre. We invite you to join us as we discuss the Sunday Gospel reading. We hope to see you for a chat and a cuppa .

St Williams Christian Meditation

Group meets at 7pm Tuesday in the Church, in the Benedictine Fr. John Main OSB tradition. There is a short reflective talk by a priest more often by Benedictine Fr. Lawrence Freeman OSB the World Wide Leader of Christian Meditation. For further info <http://www.christianmeditationaustralia.org/> or <http://wccm.org/>
All welcome /Enq: Bob O'Neill 33552436.

MITCHELTON NEWS



Collections:

1st Coll: \$307.90
2nd Coll: \$1823.25

Counters this week:

Group G - Rosemary Bieron

Counters next week:

Group H - Barry Giddens

Family Rosary:

This week: Jovy Guillermo
Next week: Avin & Daryl Parke.

SAMFORD



Sacred Heart Prayer Group :

Come for as long as you can!
9 - 10am Tuesday
1st half hour – Rosary and Chaplet;
2nd half-hour – Adoration.
Enqs: Trish Waters 3172 7002

The Meditation Prayer Group is held every Friday at 9am until about 9.40am. We find sitting in silence before the Blessed Sacrament is enriching to our faith. New members are most welcome. Enquires: Heather 3289 4716 and Kath 3289 1245.

Little King's Movement Parish Appeal

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding, and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

This is the major fundraiser for the year. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful. The Appeal is on this weekend at all Masses.

GROVELY 30 January - 5 February

Tuesday	7.00pm	Church	St. W Christian Meditation Group Enq: Bob 3355 2436
Thursday	7.30pm	Church	Baptism Preparation
	7.30pm	Library	Timor Leste Companions Meeting

SAMFORD 30 January - 5 February

Monday			Samford Choir
Tuesday	9.00am	Church	Sacred Heart Prayer Group Enq: Trish Waters 3172 7002
Friday	9.00am	Church	Meditation Prayer Group - Enq: Heather 3289 4716 Kath 3289 1245

MITCHELTON 30 January - 5 February

Tuesday	7.00pm	Church	Treble M Choir
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Faithful Departed

Recently:

Fr John Newman,
Lenore Spencer (*Alison Fernan's sister*)
Liz Brown, Greg Hunt, Maureen Sorum,
Mrs Annakutty Joseph, Reg Mitchell,
Hugh Morrissy, Phillipa Ross,
Mary O'Connor, Matthew Gerathy,
Tony Whitehart, Daphne Cavanagh,
Terry Little.

Anniversaries:

Greg Hill,
Se Margaret O'Brien (*Sister of Charity*)

Gemino (Jim) Ceccato
29/4/32 - 23/1/16

Anniversary of his Passing
Valerie and family extend their thanks
and gratitude to Parishioners and
Friends for their support and well wishes
over the past 12 months. Jim remains in
our memories, forever in our hearts.

Funerals:

The funeral for Hugh Morrissy will be held on Monday, 30 January, at 10.30am at St. William's Church. Our prayers and sympathy to his wife Joyce and family and friends.

The funeral for Maureen Sorum will be held at Moonah Park on Tuesday, 31 January at 10.30am. To Maria, family and friends our prayers and sympathy.



Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

(Please let us know when your loved one's name may be removed from the list)

Vincent Arthur, Ian Anderson,
Jeannette Baker, Maureen Campbell,
Patricia Carter, Gerald Cavanagh,
Heather Ceccato, Kellie Clayton,
Fr John Dobson, Noelene Ellis,
Joe Gorup, Peter Haiveta,
Cheryl Heunis, John Kavanagh,
Margaret Lally, Chris Lamb,
Laraman Ling, Nelinda Maroni,
Rita McCaskill, Madonna Moloney,
Marcia Morris, Gail O'Connor,
Trish Osborne, Joyce Powell,
Jeffrey Saks, Dody Singson,
Leona Taylor, John Weier,
Patrick Yzelman.

Please note: Due to the *Archdiocesan Privacy Policy* we are unable to place anyone's name on the sick list, without the consent from the person involved or their immediate family. Please understand that we must abide by this policy and the wishes of the person and family involved. Thank you.



Social Justice Group

Last Thursday 26 January we celebrated our national day: the anniversary of when the first European settlers arrived on the great southern land. It is almost 230 years ago, that a fleet of eleven ships commanded by Captain Arthur Phillip arrived from Great Britain. The passengers on these ships were mostly women and men convicted of crimes in Britain. When they landed at Botany Bay, they raised the Union Jack thereby marking the beginning of the colony of New South Wales. Thirty years later this new land was named 'Australia'.

It could be said that Australia was founded by between 1000 to 1500 convicts, marines, seaman, civil officers and free people sent from Britain, and that on Australia Day we celebrate the arrival of convicts. There are those, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who see this day as marking an invasion - when white people came and took away from them what was their home. And there are those from other countries around the world in more recent times for whom the arrival of the British in this land perhaps has little relevance to them. So what are we to make of Australia Day?

Discussions about this question may be had at various times and places in amongst the happy celebrations, the barbecues, the tennis and cricket games, and the general giving of thanks for the amazing, beautiful land that we live in and which nurtures us. In doing so, we are also witnessing some of the social justice issues that sit alongside the bounty and strength of our nation. (*Parts of this article drawn from reflections of Vince Gerhardy*)



Adult Faith Education

A few basic points about the **Adult Faith book-lending program** in the parish.

Some good books here – take a look!

If you have access to the internet, take a look at the AFE team's website www.stwilliams-afe.com – go straight to our website although it is possible, but less straightforward, to go through the parish website to get to the borrowing library.

Once on the website, go to "Library loans". Details of obtaining a loan precede the list of books. All books available are listed in 3 sections with the name of the person to contact at the top of each section. Below this we have given you some information about a number of the books.

We will add to the number of contemporary and classic faith and spirituality books, and to the short reviews of them, as time goes on. If you have no internet access we can supply a list of books for you on request – phone one of the team below.
Aileen 3851 1636; Rosaleen 3351 6601; Pat 3351 1163

Some people have been asking where they can buy a copy of Kevin Treston's latest book, "Who Do You say I Am?"

It cannot be bought in the bookshops. If you wish to have a copy of this book ordered for you for \$20, phone Pat on 3351 1163 within the next week.

Baptism Preparation



Any parents wishing to have their child baptised in the parishes of Mitchelton & Grovely, are asked to attend the Baptism Preparation Programme before the date of baptism.

Next Programme Date: This Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm in St. William's Church, Dawson Parade, Grovely.

Thank You!

To the Parishioner who so generously donated the organ. Thank you!

It is very much appreciated and it is being well used and enjoyed.

Baptism for Older Children

If anyone is interested in having their children join this program, please ring Sue Allen (Wednesday to Friday) for any enquiries and interviews. Phone 3355 1665.

The 6 week Program will start on **22nd February** at 3:30pm in the Daley Centre.

Lift to Mass:

Can anyone offer a regular lift to the 9.30am Sunday Mass for a female parishioner who resides at Keperra? Please call the Parish Office if you can assist on 3355 2667.

St. William's Parish, Grovely
 Sacred Heart Parish, Samford
 Our Lady of Dolours Mitchelton
 Sacramental Programme



Children who have celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation are now preparing for First Communion which will be celebrated in April/May.

We extend a warm welcome to new families in our Parish. Please contact Sacramental Coordinator, Marie-Louise Singson (Parish Office 3355 1665 Monday - Thursday) if you have any questions about our Sacramental Programme. (A copy of your child's Baptism certificate will be required for enrolment.)

Children in Year 3 will celebrate their Confirmation in August. An information letter will be sent to all Year 3 Families in Catholic schools and State schools in March and April. Families can also express their interest in joining the program by ringing Marie-Louise at the Parish Office.

**• Sunday 12 February, 2pm
 Lourdes Hill College Past Pupils Association**

Lourdes Day Mass and Annual General Meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel Lourdes Hill College, 2pm, afternoon tea to follow.

**• Sunday 19 March, 9am
 St Joseph's 50th/60th Year Reunion**

A special invitation to all Saint Joseph's students and families to our 50th/60th reunion.

Program:

9am Mass at St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Point.

10.30am Meet at the Pineapple Hotel. We have a special area put aside for our group at the hotel and a few surprises.

Lunch and drinks served at special rates for our group (pay as you go).

RSVP by Thursday 16 March to Jeanette Ayre (Collins) 38915659 or 0419 792 012,

Janey Duce 0415 293 951 or

John Collins 0403 182 685

john.collins@churchie.com.au



To the Parishioners at St William's Parish,

I would like to say a big thank you for all your support during the Christmas season. Your generosity has meant that we were able to give Christmas presents and food which provided much needed financial support to our women and children. Christmas can be a very difficult time for women in refuge as their children have the same wants and needs as other children and they want to be able to provide gifts even though many of them struggle financially.

Many women and children come into refuge with literally only the clothes on their back and a few belongings they have usually managed to hurriedly pack before fleeing their home. Women have to buy everything again including clothes, shoes, toys, school items and other essential items. Your gifts meant that our women could give their children gifts and that for a period of time, our children could forget that they are in a different environment away from all that they are familiar with and just be children. Your generosity and ongoing support have been very much appreciated.

Regards

Bernadette O'Byrne

Manager, **Windana Support Centre**



The Catholic Leader - \$2.00

- Queensland missionary tells of his life on the edge in Mexican city where 31 priests have been killed in the past 10 years

- Two 17-year-olds living on the streets in Brisbane give a glimpse of a growing problem facing Vinnies and other agencies

- Bishops tell Senate inquiry a change to marriage definition will impact all Church members

- Trump makes good on promise to ban US funds from being used for abortion

- Queensland pro-life group says now is crucial time to rally against possible changes to state abortion laws

- Couple battling misdiagnosis and effects of medication issues warning on dementia

- Euthanasia debate scares woman with only months to live

- Tips on finding the marriage partner for you

- Franciscan friar who lived in war-torn South Sudan returns home after 34 years

First football player: 'Hey, Tiny. Gimme the answer to that third one on page two; where it says fill in the blanks. Old MacDonald had a what?'
 Second football player: 'Farm, you dummy.'
 First football player: 'Oh, right. Farm. How do you spell it?'
 Second football player: E-I-E-I-O.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A VOCATION VIEW: A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart.

Who will bring joy and kindness today?

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