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We now begin the final week of preparation for Christmas. The prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist have shown us how to prepare. Now we turn to our exemplar — Mary's wisdom, faith, strength, courage, tenderness and love are found in those beautiful and powerful words —“Let it be done to me according to your word”.

“Don't be afraid!” or it's variations is found over one hundred times in the Scriptures, It is the one we hear today, The Lord said it to Abraham before making a covenant with him: “Don't be afraid” (Gen 15:1). Gabriel said it to Daniel when he was frightened: “Don't be afraid” (Dan 10:12). An angel said it to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist: “Don't be afraid” (Lk 1:13). Gabriel said it to Mary, “The Lord is with you”: “Don't be afraid” (Lk 2:10). Jesus said it to Peter fearful at breaking the net: “Don't be afraid” (Lk 5:10). Jesus said it when the disciples thought he was a ghost walking on the waters: “Don't be afraid” (Mk 8:50). Jesus said it to Peter, James, and John at the transfiguration: “Don't be afraid” (Mt 17:7).

The Scriptures and the Gospels are all about overcoming the fears in our lives and trusting in God's plan for our Salvation. The nullifier to such fears is the realisation that “God is with us!”, God-in-our-flesh. ‘The incarnation’ tells us that fear, for all its value, is not the primary characteristic of a Christian. At the heart of Christianity is love: to love as Jesus loved.

The Christian life is to be a ceaseless effort to love more and more the way Jesus loved. If we love him, he lives in us. He lives in us when in those gentle acts of reaching out to those around us, in building bridges in fractured relationships, in forgiveness, in caring, with a kind look or a prayer. However, wherever. And all this within a fresh yearning to risk, to open ourselves to God, to God's world, to God's children - just like Mary.

“Bringing Christ to Birth” by Meister Eckhart

What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine Son takes place unceasingly but does not take place within myself?

And, what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace and if I am not also full of grace?

What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his Son if I do not also give birth to him in my time and my culture?

Nigel Sequeira

Christmas Blessings to All

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Michelle Giuliani

Chambert

Franklin

Frank Louison

Marie-Louise

F. Singson.

Sue Allen

Katrina Bailey

LITURGY TIMES

25 December - 31 December

Grovely St William's

Monday 7.00am *Christmas Mass*
9.00am *Christmas Mass*
Wednesday 7.00pm Mass
Thursday 9.00am Mass
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

Monday 9.30am *Christmas Mass*
Sunday 9.30am Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8.00am *Christmas Mass*
Tuesday: 8.30am Mass
Friday 8.30am Mass
Saturday: 3.45 - 4.30pm
Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4.30pm Mass
Sunday: 8:00am Mass
11pm *Adoration*
12.00am *Midnight Mass*

Samford Sacred Heart

Monday 8.00am *Christmas Mass*
Thursday 7.00pm Mass
Next Weekend Mass
Sunday: 8.00am Mass

This Week's Readings Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16;
Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Eve **Christmas Day**
Is 9:1-7; Is 62:11-12;
Titus 2:11-14; Titus 3:4-7;
Lk 2:1-14 Lk 2:15-20

Next Week's Readings The Holy Family

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40

GROVELY NEWS

The Collection:
amounted to \$ 5803.85
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:
Gavin Taylor, Mike Hogan, Denise
Quinlan, Geraldine & Dennis McLaughlin

St Williams Meditation is now in
recess and will resume at 7 pm Tuesday
16th January 2018

Emmanuel. God is with us. Today and
every day. May your Christmas be joyful!
And may God's peace be with you and
yours throughout the New Year.
Emmanuel! -The Adult Faith team Pat,
Aileen, John, Rosaleen and Fr Nigel

**The Grovely Conference of the St
Vincent de Paul Society** has again
been very active throughout 2017 in
seeking to provide a hand up to those
doing it tough in our Community. During
the year we have conducted 570 visits,
assisting 1660 people of which 848 are
children under the age of 16. It would
simply not be possible to do our work
without the support of all the generous
people who have joined with us
throughout the year. **Thank you** to
Father Nigel for supporting us and all the
Parishioners who have made donations,
cooked for us or attended a fundraising
event. **Thank you** to our schools St
Andrews Catholic Primary School, St
Andrews Community Association, St
Williams Catholic Primary School for
your support and Noel and Ann Stallard
who give their time and their talent at
Verses for Vinnies.

GROVELY-SAMFORD & MITCHELTON NEWS

Faithful Departed

Recently:
Gladys Miller, Chris Lamb,
Jack Dearlove, Canon Dolan,
Aleykkutty Varkey Nadukkudy,
Bishop John Gerry, Jack Taylor ,
Peter Crawshaw, Irene Maguire.

Anniversary:
Barry Feldman, Midy Giuliani,
Florence O'Hara, Michael Reading,
Mark van Twest, Errol van Twest.

Funeral:
The funeral for Chris Lamb was held at
St William's Church on Friday 22nd
December at 10.30am. Our sympathy
and prayers are with family and friends.

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:
Colyn Bierton, Fr David Catterall,
Peter Tsui, Gerry Cavanagh,
Dominic Condon, Noelene Ellis,
Michelle Faustmann, Ray Harman,
Lucy Jackman, Linda Moffatt,
Ron Needham, Jen Nilon, Sue Povey,
Joyce Powell, John Weier.

MITCHELTON NEWS

The Collection:
amounted to \$ 1449.50
We thank all who contributed.

Family Rosary:
This week: Isma McIntyre
Next week: Juliet Blackwell

Counters this week:
Group F - John O'Sullivan
Counters next week:
Group G - Cathy Dore

Family Mass Christmas Eve. *Stay for
supper and bring a plate. Children can
dress as wise men, shepherds or angels.*

2018
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Give thanks to God for 2017 with
Adoration and begin 2018 with
Celebration of the Eucharist.

Our Lady of Dolours
December 31st - 11 pm Adoration
January 1st - 12 midnight Mass
All welcome



**The Parish Calendar
is available from the
Parish Office**

Please call to arrange
delivery/collection of your group's
copies, advising number required.

Parish Office Hours Christmas/New Year

The Parish Office will close at 12 noon
on Friday 22nd December and will
reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2018,
when normal hours will recommence:

Monday: 8am—1pm
Tuesday to Friday: 8am—4pm

**In an emergency please call the
Parish Office number: 3355 2667**



The St Williams Church may be closed
at times over the holidays. Please ask at
the Parish Office during office hours
should you wish to access the Church.

Christmas Collections ALL CHURCHES

Collections during our Christmas
Celebrations are distributed to
assist the local poor.

We thank you for your generosity

