

11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
17th June 2018



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane
PARISH TEAM

The Catholic Parishes of
GROVELY-SAMFORD and MITCHELTON
Western Hills Communities from Gaythorne to Mt Glorious

Clergy:

Fr. Nigel Sequeira PP
Phone: 3355 2667

Fr. Lucius Edomobi
Residing at O.L.D. Presbytery
Phone 3355 1349

Rev. Peter McDade, Deacon

Administration Coordinator:

Mrs. Katrina Bailey (Mon - Fri)
Phone: 3355 2667
grovelly@bne.catholic.net.au
Newsletter items to:
bulletin.grovelly@bne.catholic.net.au

Pastoral Associate:

Local Safeguarding Rep:
Mrs. Sue Allen (Wed - Fri)
Phone: 3355 1665
pcgrovelly@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Coordinator:

Mrs. Marie-Louise Singson
(Mon - Wed) mornings & Thurs
Phone: 3355 1665
sc.grovelly@bne.catholic.net.au

Finance Officer:

Mr. Tris van Twest (Mon - Fri)
Phone: 3355 2667
finance.grovelly@bne.catholic.net.au

PARISH OFFICE

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054
Ph 3355 2667 Fax 3855 3455
Email: grovelly@bne.catholic.net.au
www.gsmparishes.com.au

Hours: Mon 8am—1pm; Tues—Fri. 8am—4pm

Grovelly Presbytery

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054

Mitchelton Presbytery

11 Suez Street, Mitchelton 4053

St William's School

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054
Ph 3355 5122 Fax 3354 3330

St Andrew's School

Cnr Hogarth & Upper Kedron Roads
Ferry Grove 4055
Ph 33516886 Fax 3851 1054

Our Lady of Dolours School

2 Willcocks Street, Mitchelton 4053
Ph 3355 7763 Fax 3855 2641

Mt. Maria College

54 Prospect Rd, Mitchelton 4053
Ph 3550 3400

YYY Radio FM 87.6

Ph 0466 964 664
Email: operations@yyfmradiio.org
www.yyfmradiio.org

Sowing Good Seed



In Mark's gospel today, Jesus uses the parable of the Seed growing by itself and the Mustard Seed to compare the kingdom of God. These parables, according to St Mark, point to what the Kingdom of God is becoming and how God's kingdom will grow. When Jesus said: "...and the seed would sprout and grow..." (v. 27), His message is clear: The Kingdom of God even if it requires our collaboration is first and foremost, a grace and a gift coming from God. It is not primarily a product of human effort. It is the grace of God always active.

The kingdom he invites us to is a simple and peaceful one which grows gradually and steadily. It is open to all who seek it with a sincere heart. God owns, controls, and sustains everything within it. The focus of this parable is not on the work of the farmer who planted the seeds, but on the work of the seed, which obtains its growth from a mysterious source and grows so slowly that one can hardly notice it.

In this kingdom, God is present and doing His thing in a manner that we can hardly explain. The only thing we need to do is simply to sow a seed of faith in Christ Jesus, and God himself will be in charge of the rest. Only those who have faith and believe in Christ will be admitted into this kingdom.

The tiny mustard seed has grown into a tree but it has yet to gather many more under the shelter of its branches. Christ asks every one of his followers to help him to bring all people into the safety of his kingdom on earth, so that they may be enabled to enjoy happiness forever in his heavenly kingdom.

Now, can we say that God's kingdom has already begun to grow especially in our own lives? Are we already practicing love, compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation with one another? Can we accept ourselves of who we are in the presence of God? As a modern-day disciple of Christ, do we help others grow in their own faith? If our answers to these questions are on the positive, then we are not far from the Kingdom of God. God is already near to us.

Finally, dear Friends, we are reminded that the church of Christ is like a tree planted in the world. From the smallest of seeds it becomes the noblest of trees and a physical evidence of God's kingdom which fills the earth. We are therefore encouraged to seek this kingdom with Faith, as we continue to pray for the 2020 Plenary Council in Australia.

Peace be with you!

Fr Lucius Edomobi



Appreciation!

Today marks the last weekend of **Fr Stephen Byrnes'** part-time ministry in our parish, following his new appointment as the Associate Pastor of Wilston - Gordon Park with pastoral responsibility for Enoggera. **Fr Stephen** is also retaining his ministry as the chaplain to Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital. Please join us to say thank you to **Fr Stephen** for his generosity and many years of pastoral care to our parish.

LITURGY TIMES

18th June - 24th June

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9:15am Mass
Wednesday	10:30am <i>Regis Ferny Grove Anointing Mass</i> 6:15pm Adoration - <i>Silent Prayer before the exposed Eucharist until</i> 7:00pm Mass
Thursday	9:00am Mass <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious</i>
Friday	7:00am Mass <i>Sts John Fisher, bishop, and St Thomas More, martyrs</i>
Saturday	7:00am Mass <i>St Paulinus of Nola, bishop</i> 5:00pm - 5:45pm 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 Romuald, abbot</i>
Friday	8:30am Mass <i>Sts John Fisher, bishop, and St Thomas More, martyrs</i>
Saturday	3:45pm - 4:30pm Reconciliation

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	4:30pm Children's Mass
Sunday	8:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Thursday	6:00pm <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
----------	-----------------------------------

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday	8:00am Mass
--------	-------------

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 6.15pm - 7.00pm
St. William's Church



Mass is broadcast over Radio Triple YYY 87.6 FM
Sat 5.00pm & Sun 10.00am

This Week's Readings

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 17:22-24
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34

Next Week's Readings

The Nativity of St John the Baptist



Is 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

GROVELY NEWS

Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Layla Millier, Vincent Millier and Emily-Rose Skelton and welcome them into our faith community.

Rosary:

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Margaret & Joseph Eardley at 7pm on Tuesday.

Counters this week:

Damian Carter, Dermott O'Moore, Leo Brown & John & Marie Rooney

MITCHELTON NEWS

Family Rosary:

This week: Bernadette & Mathew Weatherby
Next week: Camille & Kevin Anderson

Counters this week:

Group E - Leo Brown

Counters next week:

Group A - Michael Kuilboer

SAMFORD NEWS

Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of April Nash and Hilton Nash and welcome them into our faith community.

Morning Tea at Samford:

Morning tea will be held after the 8am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Samford next Sunday 24 June. Group A are rostered.

Every Sunday in June:

Creative Samford Artist, Dianne Minnaar, will give a free talk on the 16 month journey of making the Samford Stations of the Cross. See bottom of page for more information.

GROVELY-SAMFORD & MITCHELTON



Sincere thanks to the Treble "M" Choir for their wonderful entertaining afternoon of melodies from the past. Those attending were full of smiles throughout and promised to return. Thank you ladies for your selfless dedication to producing enjoyment. Again sincere thanks from Our Lady of Dolours Conference for the donation of the proceeds of the Concert which amounted to \$2,700 which will go to supporting the less fortunate of the Parish.

Come one, come all to a family friendly joint parish event.

FAMILY MOVIE SCREENING OF WONDER

Sunday July 22, from 11:30am

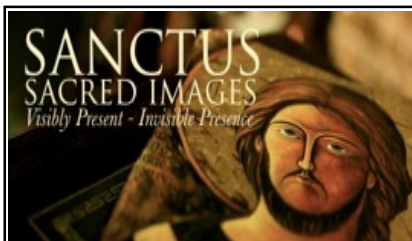
at the St Mary MacKillop Centre, St Williams. Enjoy a delicious curry, excellent movie and a fun day out with your family and friends! Please see a member of the Timor Leste Companions group for tickets after all Masses at Grovely, Samford and Mitchelton or if you require any further support with purchasing online. Tickets will be available for purchase following masses on the weekend of the 30 June, 1 July and subsequent masses there after and at the event. If you could please note your desire to attend through RSVP to timorlestecompanions@gmail.com

Cost is \$20 per family, \$10 per adult or \$5 per child for entry. Delicious curries for \$10, sausage sizzle for \$2 and soft drinks \$2, other snacks will also be available for purchase. Event organised by the Timor Leste Companions Group as a Fundraiser to support our Sister Parish... St John de Brito, Liquica, Timor-Leste. If you can help out or have any queries, please contact Danielle Przybylo: 0408 156 119

DATE CLAIMER: 6pm Mass Saturday 30th June

Invitation to the parishioners of Grovely, Samford and Mitchelton from Fr. Frank Lourigan to celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Fr. Frank Lourigan invites parishioners to celebrate with him on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee of Ordination at the **6pm Mass on Saturday 30th June**, at St Williams Church. After mass a light fork supper will be served in the Mary McKillop Centre.



Every Sunday in June at Samford Heart Catholic Church

Every Sunday throughout June, creative Samford Artist, Dianne Minnaar, will give a free talk on the 16 month journey of making the Samford Stations of the Cross. Every Sunday in June from 10.00am to 10.30am. info@sanctussacredimages.com 0421 800 151

Faithful Departed

Recently:

Fr John Egan, Edmer Ablola,
Sister Patricia Murphy OLN,
Brother Vic Larkin CFC, Lynette Quinn,
Angelina Lobo, Joyce Aland,
Patrick Costigan, Gary Dahl,
Raymond Brady, Dennis Farrell.

Anniversary:

Narelle King, Graham Rampton,
Isidro Suarin

Funerals:

The Memorial Mass for Edmer Ablola was held at St William's Church on Saturday 16 June at 3.00pm. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with family and friends.

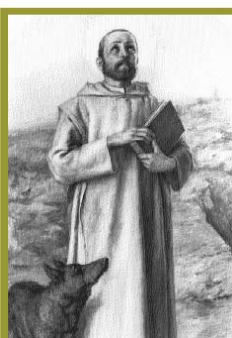
Prayers for the sick



We pray for:

Colyn Berton, Fr David Catterall,
Dominic Condon, Kathleen Edden,
Roslyn Fischer, Ben Kriesch,
Hannah Kroehnet,
Stephanie MacFarlane, Linda Moffatt,
John Myles, Ron Needham, Jen Nilon,
Jim O'Leary, Joyce Powell,
Cindy Roberts, Laurie Sayers,
Beverley Scully, Billie Watt, John Weier

PLEASE NOTE: All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office. **Please note that names on the sick list will be removed after 4 weeks.**



FEAST DAY OF ST. WILLIAM

25th June

9.30am
Monday

All are welcome to join the parish staff for Morning Tea in the parish office after Mass to celebrate.

Bible Quiz

What was the name of the man Jesus' mother was engaged to at the time she became pregnant?

Answer next week

Answer for last week: Who lied when he was asked to reveal the source of his great strength? *Samson (Jdg 16:15)*



Adult Faith Education

Date claimer July 17, 24, 7.30 pm in the Daley Centre – Fr. Chris Hanlon, well known Church Historian in the Archdiocese, will speak for 2 nights on the period of the Catholic Reformation – particularly the wonderful upsurge in spirituality and missionary activity which occurred in the century or so after this momentous event. More next week.

There is still a lot of time during which people have the opportunity to contribute to the discussion leading up to the Plenary Council later in 2020 and early 2021. No need to rush it.

The website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au seems to have the facility available just for a computer response. Some people have been wondering about what they can do if they do not have a computer or are not up to using one.

The AFE team contacted Lana Turvey-Collins, Plenary Council Facilitator, about other methods of responding, apart from the computer. In her reply she noted the following:

- Some people have been responding with pen and paper.
- The postal address is PO Box 747 North Sydney NSW 2059.
- People have been printing the Listening and dialogue guides out and meeting just in their homes or at a cafe. These are on the website.

There is a lengthy period of time in which to do something about this and no doubt other guidance will come from both the parish and the Archdiocese as to how to proceed. From the Plenary Facilitator's response above, it does seem that quite a bit of enthusiasm is gathering momentum.



Social Justice Group

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Social Justice Statement of 2016-17 entitled *A Place at the Table* tells us about the most disadvantaged in our society, **unemployed older workers** through automation and computerisation, **women with limited retirement savings** if they spent long periods out of the workforce raising and caring for family members, **grandparent carers** looking after family members, sometimes under emotional and financial stress, **homeless** and **Aboriginal and Torres Islander peoples**.

Can we offer support to people in these groups through friendship, care and sometimes tangible support? Could you think of one act you could perform this coming week to engage with someone outside your normal social group or comfort zone?

Matthew in 11:28-29 tells us that Jesus said *Come to me all, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls.*

The next Social Justice Group meeting is Wednesday 20th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Library, new members welcome.



Timor Leste Companions Group

Yes, it's on again!

Our TLC Group is calling on the parishes Grovely, Mitchelton & Samford in conjunction with St Williams, Our Lady of Dolours, St Andrews schools and Mt Maria College to demonstrate once again their generosity and kindness by supporting our sister parish of St John de Brito with suitable donations of:

- Clothing (lightweight and small sizes only please)
- Footwear (especially children's sporting shoes (joggers and soccer/football boots))
- Laptops
- Sporting goods
- School stationery supplies
- Educational games / teaching aids (especially for pre-school kindy)
- Toys, puzzles & games
- Back packs
- Linen & towels

Please consider aiding in this very worthy appeal over the coming months to help our needy brothers and sisters in Liquica. Good quality items only please. Items can be left at the Parish Office or by contacting TLC members for collection. Martin Powell 0434 724 897 or Michael 0407 785 940 or email - timorlestecompanions@gmail.com

GROVELY-SAMFORD & MITCHELTON NEWS

GROVELY 18th June - 24th June

Monday	10:00am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
	7:00pm		St W SVDP Meeting
Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	St W Christian Meditation
	7:30pm	Library	Social Justice Group
Saturday	3:00pm	Library	Timor Leste Meeting
Sunday	1.30pm	SMMC	Verse for Vinnies

SAMFORD 18th June - 24th June

Monday	6:00pm	Church	Samford Choir
Friday	9:00am	Church	John Main Meditation Prayer Group Kath 3289 1245 Heather 3289 2393

MITCHELTON 18th June - 24th June

Monday			PPC Meeting
Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	Treble M Choir

Sacramental Program Information

This weekend, the children who are being confirmed in a month's time are being given a copy of the "Our Father", one of the prayers said at their Baptism. This will be said at their Confirmation, it is recited at mass every Sunday and it was the prayer taught by our Lord Jesus to His disciples. This prayer that comes to us from Jesus is truly unique. It is of the Lord and the only Son gives us the words of our filial prayer – Jesus is the Master of our prayer and at the same time He gives us the Spirit by whom these words become in us "spirit and life". As Word incarnate, He knows in His Human Heart the needs of His human brothers and sisters. Jesus Himself is the model of the prayer. In Baptism and Confirmation, the handing on of the Our Father signifies our new birth into the divine life. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, it is to put forward our petitions and obtain mercy.

Please continue to keep the children and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit empowers them more with the gifts of *wisdom and understanding, fortitude and knowledge, reverence and wonder of the Lord, counsel* and for the Holy Spirit's guidance as they continue to join us at our different masses at the 3 churches in our Parish especially for their special masses in the month of July. Please keep them in your kind thoughts in the coming few weeks and include them in your daily prayers during their time of preparation.

The children who have begun their journey towards Confirmation together with their parents are now very busy with their books, prayers and preparation. Children, please remember to keep working in your books, you should be ready to move on to Topic 2 next week.

Topic 1 - My Baptism and Confirmation.

Topic 2 - The Holy Spirit - The Gifts of The Spirit and The Fruits of the Spirit

Topic 3 - Jesus and Our Faith - The Nicene Creed - Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Topic 4 - Confirmation - The ritual of Confirmation - The oil of Chrism, The sign of peace, your Sponsor.

For all sacramental families; dates to remember:

Sat 23rd June	"Nicene Creed" Mass	4:30pm	Our Lady of Dolours
		6:00pm	St. Williams
Sun 24th June	"Nicene Creed" Mass	8:00am	Sacred Heart
		8:00am	St Williams
		9:30am	St Williams
Sat 21st & Sun 22nd June	"Baptismal Renewal" Mass	Same As Above	
24th - 26th July	Children & Parents Workshops	4:30 - 6:30pm	St Williams
2nd & 3rd August	Confirmations	5:00pm & 7:00pm	St Williams

Marie-Louise Singson, Sacramental Coordinator. Ph: 3355 2667



Verse For Vinnies

Verse for Vinnies has had Aussie Champions, but never one current you hear, but this lady **Sue Pearce**, has that honour, the title she won in the year. Sue will travel from south of the border and this is my firm guarantee, that you'll hear why this Sue is the champion like her judges you too will agree. For her diction is clear and decisive she'll trigger rich memories for you. There'll be humour, reflection and pathos, you'll be glad that you came to hear Sue.

And that **June 24** is the show date St Williams on Dawson Parade. And the dough from the show will all go as you know to those battlers so needy of aid.

Sunday June 24 \$15 1.30pm
67 Dawson Parade Grovely

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."

The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and help you when you need him."

The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little.

Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?"

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." - 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us - our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?