

**Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
17th February 2019**



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# Blessed are the ...

Dr. Harold Treffert is the director of the Winnebago Mental Health Institute in Wisconsin. In an article entitled "The American Fairy Tale," he discusses five dangerous ideas we have about the meaning of happiness. First, *happiness is things*. The more you accumulate and have, the happier you will be. Second, *happiness is what you do*. The more you produce and earn, the happier you will be. Third, *happiness is being the same as others*. The more you are fashionable and conform with the times, the happier you will be. Fourth, *happiness is mental health*. The fewer problems you have and the more carefree you are, the happier you will be. Fifth, *happiness is communicating with electronic gadgets*. The more you can communicate with a television set, a phone or a computer, the happier you will be. According to Dr. Treffert, these five myths about happiness are the cause of many mental health problems today. If happiness cannot be found through these five myths of "The American Fairy Tale," then where do we find it? Jesus gives us the answer when he outlines the beatitudes in today's reading from Luke.

Luke presents the Sermon on the Plain as following immediately upon the choosing of the twelve apostles. In both the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew and the Sermon on the Plain in Luke we have the essence of Jesus' teachings to his chosen apostles.

The introductory portion of the sermon consists of blessings and woes that reflect the real economic and social conditions of humanity (the poor--the rich; the hungry--the satisfied; those grieving--those laughing; the outcast--the socially acceptable). Each beatitude consisted of a pronouncement of blessedness (*makarios*) followed by who is blessed and why. These beatitudes of Jesus were taught in Aramaic. In Aramaic they are not simple statements; rather, they are exclamations, i.e., "O the blessedness of the poor in spirit!". In our current language it may be phrased as "Congratulations to ..." the poor, the hungry etc. as a way of celebrating the blessed person's success. Luke proposes that material poverty leads us to greater detachment from the things of this world, thereby allowing us to attach ourselves to spiritual values.

Sometime before she died, someone asked St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), "Why do you spend so much energy on the poor, the hungry, and the weeping of those in Calcutta?" She responded, "Jesus says the poor are the blessed ones. I take him at his word. I treat them as the royalty of God's kingdom, because they are." To grow into becoming a Christian is, in no small part, to be converted into seeing the world as God sees it. It is to be given new eyes to look upon people and events from an eternally loving perspective. When that begins to happen, you begin to see that God has an opinion about how life should be lived, what Churches should be doing, and how people should act. You begin to see that the future belongs to those whom God blesses. They include the poor, the hungry, the hopeless, the damaged, and those whose only salvation is found in the God who comes to redeem.

This weekend is a recruitment weekend for our St. Vincent de Paul conference, a practical way to help the battlers in our community.

With every blessing,

*Nigel Sequeira*

## LITURGY TIMES

17th February—24th February

### Grovely St William's

Monday 9:15am Mass

10:45am *Moonah Park Anointing Mass*

Wednesday 6:15pm Adoration  
7:00pm Mass

Thursday 9:00am Mass

Friday 7:00am **Mass Cancelled**

6:00pm *Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass*

Saturday: 7:00am Mass

#### Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm Reconciliation  
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

Friday 9:00am Mass - School  
and Parish Yrs. 2 & 3

Saturday 3:45pm Reconciliation

#### Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

### Samford Sacred Heart

Thursday 6:00pm Mass

#### Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

### Wednesday Evenings Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. William's Church

Wednesday afternoon  
6.15pm - 7.00pm

Come for 10 minutes.. stay



Readings for this Week  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

Jer 17:5-8  
1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20  
Lk 6: 17, 20-26

Next Week's Readings  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
1 Cor 15: 45-49  
Lk 6: 27-38

## GROVELY

### Family Rosary:

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Harry and Mary Moyler at 44 Matthau Place, McDowell at 7pm on Tuesday.

### Counters this week:

John & Marie Rooney, Damian Carter, Dermott O'Moore, Leo Brown, Tris van Twest.

### Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Emelia McCullough, Paige Silarski and Quinn Silarski and welcome them into our faith community.

### GROVELY CHURCH SHOP

The **Lenten Little Black Books** are available \$4 each.

This year the parish will not be doing the Tuesday night Lenten Program, so the booklet for the program, Compassion, can be purchased from the shop at \$10 for those wishing to do the program individually at home.

### Save the Date

*Parishioners who are volunteers in our many ministries are invited to a **thanksgiving Mass and Supper at St. William's from 6pm on Fri 22 Feb.***

### Ash Wednesday Mass Times



#### Wednesday - 6th March

St. William's: (with school) **9:00am**  
**7:00pm**

Our Lady of Dolours: **8:30am**

Oxford Park: **10:30am**

Sacred Heart: Thurs 7th **6:00pm**  
(Ash Wednesday Liturgy)

## Upcoming Events

- 22 February - Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers
- 23/24 February - Blessing of 1st Communion Children at all Masses
- 1 March - World Day of Prayer 9:30am at Keperra Baptist Church
- 3 March - Family Mass with children's choir - St. William's

## MITCHELTON

### Family Rosary:

This week: Isma McIntyre  
Next week: Isma McIntyre

### Counters this week:

Group E – Leo Brown

### Counters next week:

Group A – Noel Rafter

### O.L.D. Sacramental Program:

*First Holy Communion:*

Workshop 1 – Mar 2 at 3:30

Workshop 2 – Mar 9 at 3:30

Workshop 3 – Mar 16 at 3:30

Workshop 4 – Mar 23 at 3:30

Holy Communion will be celebrated on April 24 at 4:30 mass.

## SAMFORD

The **Samford Coordinators meeting** will be held this Sunday, 17 February 2019, after the 8 am Mass.

### Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Toby Eiser and welcome him into our faith community.

The **Lenten Little Black Books** are available for purchase today and next 2 Sundays at \$4 each. They begin on March 3 and include the Sunday Gospels for Lent.

### Samford Columbarium

#### Date Claimer - Sunday 10th March

Samford parishioners are invited to participate in an open meeting on the above date, following our 8am Mass. At this meeting, the Planning Committee will present possible options for the Columbarium that respond to the feedback provided by Parishioners from the Columbarium Survey. This meeting will also provide an opportunity to validate that feedback and for the Committee to discuss the pros and cons of the options. Your input from the day will assist the Committee in determining the preferred option.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

### Friday 1st March

The World Day of Prayer for 2019 will be held at the Keperra Baptist Church, 980 Samford Road, Keperra on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March and will commence at 9.30 am. The service this year "Come – Everything is Ready" has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. Everyone is welcome. Join with us in praying for the church in Slovenia and the World. Morning tea will follow.





## Faithful Departed

### Recently Deceased:

Amorsolo Parco, Robert Matthews, Nola Sturtridge, Sister Monica Flanigan, Len McDonald, Jackie Watkins, Mary "Mena" O'Carroll.

### Anniversary:

Mary Day Winter

### Funeral:

The Funeral Mass for Robert Matthews will be held at St William's Church, on Friday 22nd February at 11:00am. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with family and friends.

The Funeral Mass for Nola Sturtridge will be held at Our Lady of Dolours Church, on Friday 22nd of February at 11:30am. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with family and friends.



## We pray for the Sick

### We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Colyn Bierton, Christine Bunn, Maureen Campbell, Fr David Catterall, Kathleen Edden, Chris Ellis, Katie Gilmour, Kieran Hogan, Peter Kennedy, Teresita Lumampao, Lynne Marr, Linda Moffatt, Ron Needham, Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, John Rhule, Carina Venning, Rudi Wagenwood, 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.**



Do you have a spare hour or two a week? Would you like to join the local SVDP Conference and help us help those in need? At this weekend's Masses a SVDP member will speak to explain our role in the community. Perhaps you have some spare time, and would like to join one of the committed teams who assist those in the local area seeking emergency assistance. You will also be told how you can join the local Conference and make a difference. Please contact us for any further questions:  
Grovely—Janelle—0416169218  
Mitchelton—Michael—0411212518  
Samford—James Baxter



## Adult Faith Education

### Details of the Lent Program this year – starting after Ash Wednesday March 6.

The Monday AM session will run but the Tuesday night session will not occur – just for this year.

Last year's Monday group should contact Sue O'Brien – other people wishing to join this group should ring Rosaleen Prouse 3351 6601.

Some other small groups may run – contact Rosaleen as above.

The Lent booklet for parishioners in groups will be supplied (pay \$10 at first session).

People wishing to purchase this booklet for individual use during Lent can do so from the St. Vincent de Paul shop at Grovely (after all weekend Masses) or at the Grovely parish office, Price \$10.

This booklet is excellent for anyone wishing to prepare for Easter.

An alternative is to purchase the well-known "Little Black Book for Lent" at the shop at both Grovely and Mitchelton (\$4).

As usual, the Lent prayer card is available for free for all parishioners at all weekend Masses during Lent – a different card and prayer each week.

### Plenary Council Item

**Why are we having a Plenary Council?** Pope Francis has invited the Australian Church to a dialogue; the contemporary society of Australia has changed significantly, and the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse has been a significant and influential event that requires deep consideration and response.

When the Aust. Catholic Bishops announced the decision to hold a Plenary Council, Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge, said that "the Church is not the presence in our society it once was. We need to be aware of that and make decisions accordingly. The culture in which we proclaim the Gospel is very different to what it was even 20 or 30 years ago.

**How is a Plenary Council Different from a Synod?** A Plenary Council is the highest form of gathering of local church and has a legislative and governance authority. The decisions that are made at the Council become binding for the Catholic Church in Australia. A Synod does not have this legislative and governance authority.

**When is the Plenary Council?** It will be held in two sessions: the first in late 2020 (possibly October) and the second in mid 2021 (possibly in May).

Our responses before March 6 this year will be critical since the collators of these responses have to draft the themes for discussion at the First session of the Council.

Keep praying to the Spirit for the success of the Council and respond by computer <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> or via the cards at the back of the church by March 6th.

## Inner Peace In Divine Love Retreat

Invitation to encounter our Creator God in our daily life.

5 Mondays in Lent 11 March to 8 April

Daley Centre 1.30 pm—3 pm  
Contact Parish Office 33552667

See church notice board for more information.

The Parish Pentecost Picnic Needs You!! The Parish Pastoral Council would like to extend to everyone who would like to be involved in organising the Parish Picnic on Sunday, 8th June to contact Margaret on 0428 896 617 or email [moshe11@eq.edu.au](mailto:moshe11@eq.edu.au)

### Bible Quiz

Whose name means "father of a great multitude"?

Answer next Week

Last Week's answer: What is the common name of the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples? *The Lord's Prayer.* (Matt 6:9)

# COMBINED COMMUNITIES NEWS

## GROVELY 18th February - 24th February

Monday	10:00am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
	7:00pm	Daley Centre	ST W SVDP Meeting
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
	7:00pm	Church	St W Christian Meditation
Wednesday	7:30pm	Library	Social Justice Group
Thursday	7:30pm	Library	Adult Faith Education Meeting
Sunday	1:30pm	SMMC	Verse for Vinnies

## SAMFORD 11th February - 17th February

Monday	6:00pm	Church	Samford Choir
Friday	9:00am	Church	John Main Meditation Prayer Group

## MITCHELTON 11th February - 17th February

Monday	9:00am		OLD SVDP Meeting
Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	Treble M Choir

### Sacramental 2019 news:-

The following dates of Masses For 1st Communion Families that you need to attend: Masses Sat/Sun 6pm ST W 8 am St W and SH, 9:30 am ST W

**Feb 23/24 – Blessing Mass Mar 9/10 – Mass of the Liturgy of the Word**

**Mar 16/17 – Mass Liturgy of the Eucharist Mar 24/25 – Prayer Partner Masses**

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop Gr. B & C	3:30pm	St Williams
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop Gr. D & E	3:30pm	St Williams
Fri .26 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop Gr. F	3:30pm	Sacred Heart
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop Gr H	3:30pm	St William's
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop Gr G	3:30pm	Sacred Heart
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop Gr J	3:30pm	St Williams

### Workshops:

#### **O.L.D. Sacramental Program:**

#### **First Holy Communion:**

**Workshop 1 – Mar 2 at 3:30 Workshop 2 – Mar 9 at 3:30**

**Workshop 3 – Mar 16 at 3:30 Workshop 4 – Mar 23 at 3:30**

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### **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)*

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."



**CALLING ALL 3-5 YEAR OLDS!**

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- Learn some independent life skills

Then we have the place for you!

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**Contact Clare for more details M: 0432204479 or**

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### **Plenary Council -**

Go to [www.stwilliams-afe.com.au](http://www.stwilliams-afe.com.au) for information to assist with responding to the Council. Click on "Plenary Council" (top left on home page) and then on "articles".

### **VERSE FOR VINNIES**

Now you really should go to our next Vinnies Show as it's Suzie and Mel from the West. It's four years since they've been which is almost obscene for this pair are up there with the best.

But this two-sheila show 'round Australia does go and they even do cruises at sea.

So to get them at last has been really a blast and who knows when the next time will be.

They've both been Aussie Champs done the Festival Camps and perform with the top echelon.

They'll be humour galore for what they've got in store will resemble a huge laugh-a-thon.

So it's Suzie Carcary that you're coming to see and beside will be Melanie Hall.

They're a scream, they are fun and you'll see when you come these two-sheilas are not very tall.

So we'd love you to come to this Sunday of fun as it's all Aussie Verse that you'll get.

And the dough from this show will all go as you know to those battlers we're prone to forget.

**Sunday Feb. 24 1.30pm 67 Dawson Parade Grovely \$15**

