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Ordinary Time
3rd February 2019



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The Prophetic Mission

In Today's Gospel, the first reaction of the people in the synagogue to Jesus' words was one of astonishment. They were amazed that one of their fellow villagers could speak with such eloquence and authority. Luke says they were "amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips," because they knew him only as a carpenter from a poor family, with no formal training in Mosaic Law. But their amazement turned into displeasure when Jesus took upon himself the identity of a prophet, different from the image of the miracle-worker that people wished to see. Like the other prophets of the past, Jesus directly called upon people to relinquish their selfishness, faithlessness, their lack of justice and mercy (Mic 6:6-8), and their sinfulness. Hence, their displeasure turned into anger when Jesus claimed that he was the promised Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. They challenged his Messianic claim, asking, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" They could not understand how a mere carpenter could be the Messiah who would liberate them from Roman rule and re-establish the Davidic Kingdom.

Jesus explained their attitude by saying "No prophet is accepted in his native place." Jesus clearly establishes himself as a figure in the prophetic line.

So is the task of our teachers and our Catholic schools—a prophetic ministry that has meaning only if it finds its source in Christ. It is appropriate for our parish to pause at the beginning of the school year to "call" and "commission" our teachers and school leaders and to **ask the Spirit of Christ to fire their efforts among our youngsters and their families.**

Let's pray most of all for the spirit of prophetic teaching. Much energy goes into provision of Catholic schools. Unless there is a distinctive difference, unless our style is founded only on Christ's view of the person, the world, living and relationship, we've missed the point. Ours are not schools for private education as distinct from public education. Ours can only be distinctive in the centrality of Christ's prophetic teaching style, and Catholic as the living expression of Christ's living body on earth—the community of believers.

That is why parish, family and school need be so intimately linked.

You can't be educated in a Catholic way, unless one is initiated into a living community of Christ's believers; you can't be educated in a Catholic way unless families live their faith life fully too; you can't expect to grow in truth, love, knowledge, life and wisdom unless nourished by Word and Eucharist.

Pray for a prophetic educational way in our parish, our families and our schools. And pray for our teachers and school leaders—that they teach well among us in the name of Christ.

We are delighted to welcome our Teachers and Staff from our Parish Schools - St William's, St Andrews and Our Lady of Dolours, teachers from Mt. Maria College, and our State School Catechists. This weekend we will commission them in their ministry amongst the children of our community.

Nigel Sequeira

LITURGY TIMES

3rd February—10th February

Grovely St William's

Monday 9:15am Mass

Wednesday 6:15pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass

Thursday 9:00am Mass
St. William's School Mass

Friday 7:00am 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 8:30am Mass

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Evenings
St. William's Church

Wednesday afternoon
6.15pm - 7.00pm

Come for 10 minutes.. stay longer

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



Readings for this Week
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Cor 12:31—13:13
Lk 4:21-30

Next Week's Readings
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

Is 6:1-8
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 5:1-11

GROVELY

Family Rosary:

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Emma & Amel Girjes at 10 Lapilli St, Keperra at 7pm on Tuesday.

Counters this week:

Sue Skehan, Jan Whiteway & Lester Whiteway, Monica & John Birchley.

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary:

This week: Noel Guillermo
Next week: Avin & Daryl Parke

Counters this week:

Group C – Michael Saide

Counters next week:

Group D – Dermott O'Moore

COMBINED COMMUNITIES NEWS

Pastoral Parish Councils Merger

Towards the end of last year I tabled the idea of merging the two parish councils (Our Lady of Dolours and St. William's). The current two parish councils each serve their own parishioners but, increasingly, the issues coming before the councils are ones which affect the whole community.

I feel that the current situation, with two separate parish councils, can be made more efficient by merging. If you have any concerns about the way forward, please join us for a discussion after the 8:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Dolours on February 10th. Fr. Nigel

Little Kings Movement

"The Little King's Movement" once a year conducts a Parish Appeal, a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. This appeal is this weekend **2/3 February**. 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.

Upcoming Events

- 14 February—Anointing Mass at St. William's
- 22February—Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers
- 23/24 February—Blessing of 1st Communion Children at all Masses



The Parish Calendar is available from the Parish Office

Please call 3355 2667 to arrange delivery/collection of your group's copies, advising numbers required.

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 Friday 22 February**



Two men are walking their dogs – one has a German Shepherd, the other a Chihuahua. The Shepherd owner suggests going to a bar for a drink. The other man says, 'They won't let dogs into the bar.' The first guy says, 'No? Watch this.' He puts on dark glasses, acts like his German Shepherd is a guide dog, walks into the bar and orders a drink. Nobody says anything.

The other guy takes out his dark glasses, puts them on and walks his Chihuahua into the bar. The bartender says, 'Sorry, we don't allow dogs in here.' The man says, 'It's OK, it's my guide dog.'

The bartender roars laughing and says, 'That Chihuahua is your guide dog?' The guy looks startled and replies, 'What! They gave me a Chihuahua?'



Faithful Departed

Recently:

Mary "Mena" O'Carroll, Margaret Murphy, Peg Bourke, Vicente Odarve, Lois Mazzer, John Campbell, Mary Boydell.

Anniversary:

C. Brian Crank
Justin Tobin

Funeral:

The funeral Mass for Mary "Mena" O'Carroll will be held at Our Lady of Dolours Church on Tuesday 5th of February at 1:00pm. Our sympathy and prayers are with family and friends.



We pray for the Sick

We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Colyn Berton, Maureen Campbell, Fr David Catterall, Kathleen Edden, Chris Ellis, Katie Gilmour, Peter Kennedy, Teresita Lumampao, Lynne Marr, Linda Moffatt, Ron Needham, Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, 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.**



AUSTRALIA DAY THANK-YOU

A big thanks to everyone who helped make our Australia Day Mass and BBQ a great success. We also helped Father Frank celebrate his 75th birthday. Thanks to Kath Moore for making a wonderful birthday cake for him.

Bible Quiz

What was the name of the tower that the people were building when God confused their language?

Answer next Week

Last Week's answer: Who did Jesus say was the "father of lies"? *The devil (John 8:44)*



Adult Faith Education

Since Luke's Gospel is the one we use most of this year, perhaps a few points about the outline of his Gospel would not go astray. Who better to quote from than Fr. Francis J. Moloney and his very readable introductory book to the New Testament – "A friendly Guide to the New Testament". To borrow the book from the AFE lending library, ring Pat 3351 1163.

There are many similarities in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but there are also some significant differences. The major difference occurs from Ch. 9:51 to Ch. 19:44 which is his account of the journey of Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem. It is in this section that most of the Luke's different material from Matthew and Mark's is found. A previous newsletter item referred to the many parables that are found only in Luke.

Also mentioned before is Luke's account of Jesus' birth – his Gospel is the only one to give us the many details which gave rise to the story of the Christmas Crib, started by St. Francis of Assisi. (1181 -1226).

This journey theme is continued by Luke when he wrote the Acts of the Apostles a bit later, where he details the journey of the early Church.

An article by Fr. Myron J. Pereira in La Croix, called "Rebalancing the Church's Monarchical Structure" made a few strong points we might like to think about as we respond to the Plenary Council. He was talking about the sexual abuse scandal in the Church, particularly in Europe, Australia, U.S. and Latin America. He argues that the laity (also a part of the Church) needs to be brought into the higher level decision-making processes of the Bishops.



Fr. Pereira is a media consultant for various agencies, was the Director of Media for the Church in India and is highly regarded.

"Guaranteeing lay participation"

"One solution would be for bishops to share power and leadership with lay people. From this point forward, lay Catholics should be welcomed, not as an ad-hoc response to the current crisis but as a fundamental structural support for a fully synodal Church. Bishops must encourage the laity and support their initiatives so that they can assume their rightful place in the Church, as defined by the precepts laid out in Vatican II. Guaranteeing lay participation with equal authority to that of the Church hierarchy must be a part of the restructuring plan.

"In other words, we need to see an end to the monarchical structure of the Catholic Church".

Other writers are also talking about the potential and positive impact women would have if they were represented at the higher levels of Church decision-making. Perhaps if this had been the case, the sexual abuse scandal may not have reached the level it did.

There are only four and a half weeks to go when your chance to have a say will cease.

The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

- Pope Francis makes his mark on Panama – meeting with young locals and pilgrims around Panama
- Australia Day honours showcase the work prominent and quiet-achieving Catholics undertake around the country
- World Youth Day encourages thousands to take up their vocations
- Venezuelans on the verge of democratic breakdown as desperate people scramble for food amid a deepening economic crisis
- Emily's Voice estimates 70,000 deaths from abortion last year as Queenslanders feel the fallout of last year's abortion law change

COMBINED COMMUNITIES NEWS

GROVELY 4th February - 10th February

Monday	7:00pm	Daley Centre	St W SVDP Meeting
	10:00am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	St W Christian Meditation
	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
Thursday	7:30pm	Library	Timor Leste Companions

SAMFORD 4th February - 10th February

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

MITCHELTON 4th February - 10th February

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

Sacramental 2019 news:-

For Year 3 Parents:- we will start the Sacramental program in May 2019 with a Parent Information Evening and the Sacrament of Confirmation. **You do not need to do anything now.** You will get a letter in April to invite you to attend the Parent Information Evening.

For our Year 5 Parents: This year you will get an invitation to bring your child to celebrate First rite of Reconciliation. We will celebrate this Sacrament in October 2019. Watch out for that.

For our Year 4 Parents and families:-

Welcome to 2019 and to the last part of the Sacramental Program for this year, Celebrating First Communion. It still is the most significant and most beautiful of all Sacramental celebrations. Jesus' ultimate sacrifice becomes so real and so personal for all of us. And for the children, receiving Holy Communion under both species for the very first time is ever so special. It is for all. And for the families who have taken them on this journey it is such a precious prize at the end of this journey to witness their child receive Holy Communion - the body and blood of Jesus. It is witnessing their child be united with Jesus in a way they never have before! It is a holy and a joyful occasion. So let's keep going....

I hope you all got your placement letters and workshop dates .

Just reminding you our dates for the upcoming masses that you will need to attend.

Saturday/ Sunday February 23/24 – Blessing Mass for all the 1st Communion Families. 6pm, St. William's Grovely, 8 am – St. William's, Grovely and Sacred Heart, Samford, 9:30 am St. William's, Grovely

Saturday/ Sunday March 9/10 – Mass of the Liturgy of the Word- 6pm, St. William's Grovely, 8 am – St. William's, Grovely and Sacred Heart, Samford, 9:30 am St. William's, Grovely

Saturday/ Sunday March 16/17 – Mass of the Liturgy of the Eucharist- 6pm, St. William's Grovely, 8 am – St. William's, Grovely and Sacred Heart, Samford, 9:30 am St. William's, Grovely

Saturday/ Sunday March 24/25 – Prayer Partner Weekend Masses - 6pm, St. William's Grovely, 8 am – St. William's, Grovely and Sacred Heart, Samford, 9:30 am St. William's, Grovely

Workshops:

Tues 23 rd April, 2019	1 st Communion Workshop Gr. B & C	3:30pm	St Williams Grovely
Wed. 24 th April, 2019	1 st Communion Workshop Gr. D & E	3:30pm	St Williams Grovely
Fri .26 th April, 2019	1 st Communion Workshop Gr. F	3:30pm	Sacred Heart, Samford
Mon 29 th April, 2019	1 st Communion Workshop Gr H	3:30pm	St William's, Samford
Tues 30 th April, 2019	1 st Communion Workshop Gr G	3:30pm	Sacred Heart, Samford
Wed 1 st May, 2019	1 st Communion Workshop Gr J	3:30pm	St Williams Grovely

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories

and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other

and a discerning heart o hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,

that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray

For us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Plenary Council -

Go to 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".

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".