

5th Sunday of Lent
April 7th 2019



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THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

Dr. A.J. Cronin was a great Christian physician in England. One night he assigned a young nurse to a little boy who had been brought to the hospital suffering from diphtheria (*Diphtheria is a contagious disease, spread by an infected person's coughing, sneezing or open wounds. Symptoms include a sore throat and breathing problems*) and given only a slight chance to live. A tube was inserted into the boy's throat to help him breathe. It was the nurse's job periodically to clean out the tube. As the nurse sat beside the boy's bed, she accidentally dozed off. She awakened to find that the tube had become blocked. Instead of following instructions, she was immobilised by panic. Hysterically she called the doctor from his home. By the time he got to the boy, he was dead.

Dr. Cronin was angry beyond expression. That night Dr. Cronin went to his office and wrote his recommendation to the board demanding the immediate expulsion of the nurse. He called her in and read it, his voice trembling with anger. She stood there in pitiful silence, a tall, thin, gawky Welsh girl. She nearly fainted with shame and remorse. "Well," asked Dr. Cronin in a harsh voice, "have you nothing to say for yourself?" There was more silence. Then she uttered this pitiful plea, "...please give me another chance." Dr. Cronin sent her away. But he could not sleep that night. He kept hearing some words from the dark distance: "Forgive us our trespasses."

The next morning Dr. Cronin went to his desk and tore up the report. In the years that followed he watched as this slim, nervous girl became the head of a large hospital and one of the more honoured nurses in England. (*A J Cronin, Adventures in Two Worlds.*) Thank God for a second chance, and a third chance, and fourth chance! Do you need to encounter God's forgiveness? Jesus died on a cross to make it available.

Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We can be judgmental about people and tend to ignore Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. We too should learn to hate the sin and love the sinners showing them mercy, compassion, sympathy and acceptance, leading them to Jesus' ways by our own lives.

Nigel Sequeira

LITURGY TIMES

7th April - 14th April

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9.15am Mass
Wednesday	6.00 pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass Cancelled
Friday	7.00am Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	7.00am Mass 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 11:00am Funeral for Pam Hopsick at Madonna Villa
Friday:	8:30am Mass 9:00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	12pm to 2pm Adoration 3.45 - 4.30pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	4.30pm Mass
Sunday:	8:00am Mass
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday	6.00pm Mass Cancelled
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

This Week's Readings
5th Sunday of Lent Year C

Is 43: 16-21
Phil. 3: 8-14
John 8: 1-11

Next Week's Readings
Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-7
Phil. 2: 6-11
Lk 22: 14—23: 56

GROVELY

Counters this week:

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

GROVELY CHURCH SHOP

We have a limited number of **The Little White Books** for **Easter**. These contain six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospel (Year C), and begin on Monday, April 22, following on from The Little Black Lenten Books. Cost is \$4.

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers are still needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. If you can help please put your name on the roster at the back of the Church.

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary:

This week: Shirley Cunnington
Next week: Quang & Hoa Pham

Counters this week:

Group B—Philip Labaruskas

Counters next week:

Group C—Michael Saide

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED OVER THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Volunteers are needed for the various ministries involved during the Easter Triduum. If you are able to assist, please put your name down on the lists at the front of the church. Thank-you.

*Experience the gifts of Grace and Peace
this Lent at Our Lady of Dolours Church,
Saturdays from 12noon - 2:00pm for
silent Adoration.*

COMBINED COMMUNITIES NEWS

Parish Pastoral Council Updates:

- Parish Picnic — Pentecost Sunday, June 9 after 9:30am Mass. BYO Food and Rug
- Children's Liturgy of the Word workshop with Carole Danby was a great success
- Weekday Mass schedule up for review. Survey to come.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

COMMUNAL CELEBRATIONS FOR LENT
Grovely Tues 16 April 6:30pm



*Adoration with
Meditative Singing
using chants from Taize*

**A wonderful way to spend
more time with Our Lord**
Palm Sunday April 14th
St William's Church
From 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Alpha Program for Youth

The Alpha program is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith. To ask questions, and share points of view in an open, friendly environment. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and this year we will start it at Mt Maria College — every Friday fortnight 3 - 4.30pm in MK04 starting 3rd May. If you are between the age of 12-17 years you are invited to attend. There will be food, drinks, a video segment, games and conversations. The conversations will explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from Life-Is this it? And How can we have faith? To Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us? Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. If you would like to be part of it register with the parish office on 07-33552667.

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

invites you to the annual



CHRISM MASS

Thursday 11 April @ 7.00pm

**THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST STEPHEN**



*A celebration for the
entire Archdiocese*



ALL WELCOME

Stations of the Cross

**St William's:
Friday 7.00pm**

**Our Lady Of Dolours
Friday 9:00am**

COMBINED COMMUNITIES NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased:

Br Richard Lenehan, Joseph Baker, Linda Moffat, Gunther Friedrich, Cayetana Morataya, Pam Hopsick.

Anniversary:

Gary Weber, Walter Reininger, Mignon Weber.



We pray for the Sick

We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Rizal Barberan, Colyn Berton, Maureen Campbell, Fr David Catterall, Kathleen Edden, Joan Farrell, Lorraine Friskie, Kieran Hogan, Corazon Huet, Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, 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.

Palm Sunday & Triduum

WE ARE IN NEED OF PALMS PLEASE :



Large palms to decorate the church and mall. Small hand held palms for the community to take home...(traditionally pine/cypress tree branches). All greenery can be delivered to the Parish Office Wed. 10 April.

Welcomers are needed are invited for the Triduum celebrations.

Please add your name to the rosters available at the back of the church.

Good Friday

HELP PLEASE: Good Friday: Rosemary is required for the Good Friday Liturgy. If you can help please let the office know. Delivery on Thursday 18 April. **Help is also needed to cut up the rosemary:** 9am Good Friday morning. Bring your secateurs. We need able bodied people to assist 9am Friday with **setting up extra rows of chairs** outside the Church.

If you can assist with any of the above, please contact Katrina at the Parish office 3355 2667.

Supper after Easter Vigil:

Please bring a plate to share.



Adult Faith Education

Don't forget to pick up your 5th week Lenten prayer card at church entrances – encountering the God of tender care.

Three world Religions trace their origins back to Abraham – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In recent times Pope Francis has reached out, on 2 occasions, in an effort, as he says, "to build bridges, not walls" between the Religions.

The first was the signing of a document with Ahmed el-Tayeb, the grand imam of Egypt's Al-Azhar, the highest seat of learning in Sunni Islam. On this occasion, the Pope used the opportunity of the historic visit to sign a statement, with Ahmed el-Tayeb, expressing their hopes for world peace and human understanding.

The other day, on the return flight from Morocco, he answered journalists' questions on a wide range of topics, especially about his visit to Morocco, which had the purpose of speaking about Christian-Muslim relations, but also the plight of refugees and migrants in today's world. Again he spoke of the need for countries to build bridges and not walls.

This use of the return flight from countries he visits, to allow about 45 minutes of questions from journalists, has been a master stroke of Pope Francis.

In answering a question he added, "I am content, because in these two journeys [to the United Arab Emirates and Morocco], I have been able to speak about that which touches me so much in my heart: peace, unity, fraternity."

He also praised Morocco's tradition of interfaith co-existence and its efforts to promote a moderate form of Islam.

Sacramental Program

REMINDERS :- For our 1st Communion Families

Coming workshops:- after the school holidays

Group B & C – April 23 Tues – 3:30- 5:00 pm - St. W Church, Grovely

Group D & E – April 24 Wed – 3:30- 5:00 pm - St. W Church, Grovely

Group F & G – April 26 Fri – 3:30- 5:00 pm - Sacred Heart Church, Samford

Group H – April 29 Mon – 3:30- 5:00 pm - St. W Church, Grovely

Group J – May 1 Wed – 3:30- 5:00 pm - St. W Church, Grovely

We ask our dear Parishioners to please continue to keep the Sacramental children in your prayers. By the end of the month of April, they will be celebrating their 1st Communion. Please keep them and their families in your daily prayers and if you were blessed to have one of them as your prayer partner, remember to please write them and tell them that you are keeping them in your prayers. Thank you to our kind Parishioners who have already written to their Prayer Partners.

A reminder for our Year 3 parents and above with children who have not yet celebrated their sacraments...please keep this date free to attend

Sacramental Parent Information Night:

Wednesday MAY 15 7:15 for 7:30 pm at Mary Mackillop Centre

R.C.I.A.

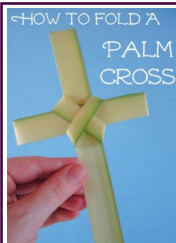
**This week: 9:30am St. William's
3rd Rite of Healing and Strengthening**



Next weekend, on Palm Sunday our candidates will be on retreat, beginning 9.30am in the Daley Centre.

As a community, we pray that they may be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit and prepare themselves thoroughly to celebrate the Easter sacraments.

Candidates: Katrina Anderson, Kristen Clements and Ross Holman.



HOW TO FOLD A PALM CROSS

Everyone is invited to make a folded cross to bring to mass on Palm Sunday for it to be blessed and taken home. Extra crosses for others would be appreciated. Find instructions on *YouTube (Palm Cross Tutorial)* or <https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-fold-a-palm-cross-in-10-easy-steps/>

Enquiries Jan Whiteway 33513430

COMBINED COMMUNITIES NEWS

GROVELY 7 April - 14 April

Monday	10:00am	Daley Centre	AFE Lenten Program
	1:30pm	Daley Centre	Faber Lenten Retreat
	7:45pm	Church	Grovely Choir
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
	7:00pm	Church	St W Christian Meditation
Thursday	7:30pm	Library	Adult Faith Meeting

SAMFORD 7 April - 14 April

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

MITCHELTON 7 April - 14 April

Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	Treble M Choir
Sunday	6:45pm	Church	OLD Choir

The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

- Gattion-Laidley parishioners celebrate Our Lady of the Valley's centennial—a spiritual home to generations of Catholic families
- New figures from the National Centre for Pastoral Research shows a drop in regular Mass attendance amongst the Australian Catholic population
- Brisbane Archdiocese partners with Youngcare and Moreton Bay Regional Council in housing project for young Qlders with high care needs
- Parties pledge to get more electric cars on roads by 2030
- Technology and social media hindering children's intellectual development and psychological happiness

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday April 18
Our Lady of Dolours Mass 7.00pm
St. William's Mass 7.00pm
(Adoration until 9.30pm at both churches)



Good Friday April 19
Stations of the Cross - : Our Lady of Dolours 10.00am
Sacred Heart 10.00am
Liturgy of Passion - Our Lady of Dolours 3.00pm
St. William's 3.00pm
Oxford Park (Irish Room) 3.00pm



Holy Saturday April 20
Our Lady of Dolours 7.00pm (Vigil) Mass - **No 4.30pm Mass**
St. William's 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass - **No 6.00pm Mass**

Easter Sunday April 21
Regular Mass times all Churches
Grovely - 6.30am; 8am; 9.30am; 5.30pm
Samford - 8am
Mitchelton - 8am
Oxford Park (Irish Room) - 9.30am



5th Sunday of Lent

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honour.

VERSE FOR VINNIES

There's a bush poets' show, where you really should go at St Williams on Dawson Parade. Verse for Vinnies' the gig, it will be really big. as the funds go to those needing aid. **Robyn Sykes** is the star and she's come from afar Binalong down the New South Wales' way. She's a poet renown, and can be quite a clown at the end you will wish she could stay. She's among Aussie Champs, done the Festival Camps and performs with the top echelon. There'll be humour galore, for what she's got in store will resemble a huge laugh-a-thon. And it's Robyn's first time, for this lady in rhyme, to perform at this top Vinnies' gig. So we'd love you to come, to this Sunday of fun and make Robyn's first crowd really big. And you really must see, the great afternoon tea as there's some who will come for this treat. And the fifteen bucks fee, goes to Vinnies you see for those battlers with life on the street.

Sunday April 28 at 1.30pm 67 Dawson Parade Grovely



"Do you smoke, drink or curse?" The priest asked the old farmer. It was a hesitant, "Well, every once in a while." "You know, John, I don't smoke, drink, or curse..." "Yes Father, but you don't farm either...!"

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2019 - April

For Doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Renowned Catholic Scripture Scholar Jeff Cavins is visiting Brisbane to conduct **The Great Adventure Bible Study**

When: 5th May 2019
Where: St. James's Catholic Church, Coorparoo
Time: 12.00- 5.00pm.
Cost: Free



Pick up your copy of the flyer at the back of the church or visit <https://parousiamedia.com/great-adventure-bible-tour-jeff-cavins/>
Bring a plate for a shared lunch
For more information:
Sonny 0421 437 752 or
Ross - 0408 781 929

Bible Quiz

What was the name of Abraham's first wife?

Answer next Week

Last Week's answer: Which small body part can "boast of great things"?
Tongue (Jam 3:5)