

Year C/1  
24th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
15 September 2019  
Liturgical Colour: Green



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## BUT THERE WITH THE GRACE OF GOD GO !!

In the mid-sixteenth century, it is reported that the English evangelical preacher, John Bradford, would utter the phrase, "There but for the grace of God goes John Bradford!" as he watched dishevelled, miserable prisoners being led to the gallows to be beheaded. The saying has since then "morphed" into the vernacular phrase "There but for the grace of God go I". It is based on a perverse adaptation of 1 Cor 15:8-10 where Paul reflects on his conversion from being a persecutor of Christ's followers to becoming one of their protectors - and it was God's grace within him that saved him.

No doubt you have seen someone, a friend, family member, or even a total stranger, succumb to some bad luck. Maybe it was illness, or an accident, or a marriage/relationship breakdown, or something for which you are rather relieved that it didn't actually happen to you - but did to someone else - and you feel sorry for them. But, Phew! Thank God, God is on your side! "There but for the grace of God go I!"

Could there ever be a more inappropriate portrayal of God's will and benevolence than to claim falsely that God's saving grace falls only on the "chosen ones" - and boy-oh-boy am I glad I am one of them! NO! Of course it doesn't - God's grace and salvation through Jesus Christ is available to all, no matter how lucky or unlucky, no matter how talented or untalented, no matter how holy or unholy they are or have been. And it is never diminishing! God loves creation perfectly and yearns for us sinners to turn back to God and repent - by changing our hearts to be open to receiving God's transformative love.

Jesus tells us today that we have a loving, forgiving God to relate to, to commune with. A God who will always seek us out, no matter how insignificant we are, and will forgive us, no matter how evil we have been, inviting us back into relationship with God. It is up to us to turn and choose God for God has already chosen us and wills only good for us - not bad luck! In terms of the parables then, are we a diminutive coin? A lost sheep? A sinful selfish son or daughter? All three? Maybe so. But as disciples of Christ, we know that our relationship with God is not repudiated by God because of our sinfulness. But that we are challenged through these parables to recognise the privilege we are given as God's loved creatures - even when adversity befalls us. And thus, in turn we are challenged to seek out those we look down on judgementally; on those we don't want to know; on those who revile us. And to love them - just as Jesus shows us today.

Rather, then, let's change the cry to "But there with the Grace of God go I!" as we see, judge, and act on every person and event in our lives.

Deacon Peter

## LITURGY TIMES

16th Sep - 22nd Sep

Grovely	St William's
Monday	09.15am Mass Cancelled <i>Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>
Wednesday:	10:30am <i>Anointing Mass Regis</i> 06.00pm Adoration 07.00pm Mass
Thursday	09:00am Mass <i>St William's School Mass Yr Level St Januarius</i>
Friday:	07:00am Mass Cancelled 10:30am <i>Keppera Sanctuary Mass</i> <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon</i>
Saturday:	07.00am Mass <i>St Matthew Apostle, Evangelist</i> 05.00pm - 05.45pm <b>Reconciliation</b>
<b>Next Weekend's Sunday Masses</b>	
Saturday:	06:00pm Vigil
Sunday:	06:30am, 08.00am, 09.30am, 05.30pm.

### Oxford Park St. Joseph's

Sunday: 09.30am Mass

### Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday 09:00am OLD School Mass and Celebration for OLD *Sts Cornelius & Cyprian*

Tuesday 08:30am Mass  
*St Bellarmine*

Friday 08:30am Mass  
*St Andrew Kim Tae-gon*

Saturday: *St Matthew Apostle, Evangelist*  
03:45pm - 04:15pm  
**Reconciliation**

#### Next Weekend's Sunday Masses

Saturday: 04.30pm Vigil  
Sunday: 08:00am

### Samford Sacred Heart

Thursday: 06.00pm Mass  
*St Januarius*

#### Next Weekend's Sunday Mass

Sunday: 08.00am Mass

## Changes to Liturgy Times

Please check the weekday Liturgy Times carefully

### This Week's Readings 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11; 13-14  
1 Tim 1:12-17  
Lk 15:1-32

### Next Week's Readings 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7  
1 Tim 2:1-8  
Lk 16:1-13

## GROVELY

### Counters this week:

Dermott O' Moore; John and Marie Rooney; Damian Carter; Leo Brown; Tris van Twest.

### Meditation Group

7pm Tuesday in the Church, in the Benedictine Fr. John Main OSB tradition. Enquiries Bob 0428813483.

### Rosary will be prayed in the home of

Bertha D'Souza, 39 Corrofin St, Ferny Grove at 7pm on Tuesday.

### Baptism:

We joyfully announce the baptisms of Max Polkinghorne, Charlotte & Lucy Bridge, and Sienna Feekings and welcome them into our faith community.

## MITCHELTON

### Counters this week:

Group D: Leo Brown

### Counters next week:

Group A: Noel Rafter

### Family Rosary:

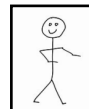
This week: Leanne McDowall

Next week: Cornelio Morataya

## COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



### "EVERGREENS"



### CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS:

Two tickets have become available for the Carnival of Flowers bus trip on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Ticket cost:** \$41.00pp includes lunch and morning tea. If you wish to join 46 other parishioners on this fun day, please contact John or Joan below.

### NEXT MEETING:

Evergreens gathering in the Daley Ctre. on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. AFTER a cuppa under the sails honouring Tris van Twest's retirement after 12 yrs as Parish Finance Officer.

Contact: John & Joan Broderick  
Ph: 0455503713  
Email: jobrod@bigpond.net.au



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

#### Notification for Parents 2019-2020

If you missed the Sacramental Program Parent Workshops last week, please contact the Parish Office ASAP to meet with me in the coming week during my office hours.

If you do not contact the office then I will presume that you have decided not to continue with the program as it will be too late to join after next week.

Thank you.  
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Sacramental Coordinator  
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TODAY!  
15 Sep 2019

### YOUTH LED MASS

Our Youth will be leading the 5:30pm Mass at St. William's on 15<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome.

Please bring a plate to celebrate after Mass (e.g. lasagna, pasta bake).

### REFLECTION DAY'

**New Wineskins**  
shaping our responses to today's faith challenges'

**Date:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 9am-4.30pm

**Venue:** Grange Bowls Club, 79 Sellheim St, Grange.

**Cost:** \$25

**Speakers:** Alison Healey, Kevin Treston, Fr Orm Rush & Fr Bill O'Shea, Janet Galos, & Lyn Horner

**Topics:** Active contemplation; Church history; Vatican II; 21st Century spirituality; & Collegiality at the local level.

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BEUHD> by 18/09/19.

**Enquiries:** Judy 0407580174/, or email: [moutonbrown@gmail.com](mailto:moutonbrown@gmail.com)

## Baptism Preparation

All parents wishing to have their child baptised in the Parishes of Mitchelton & Grovely, are asked to attend the Baptism Preparation Programme before the date of baptism.

## Faithful Departed

### Recently Deceased:

Ray McNamara, Carmel Casey, Joan Saunders, John Weier.

### Anniversaries:

Lynne Madden; Agnes Buchanan; Elsie O'Callaghan

## We pray for the Sick

### We pray for:

Rebecca Agar, Vincent Arthur, Maureen Campbell, Fr David Catteral, Dominic Condon, Kathleen Edden, Lachlan Floyd, Kieran Hogan, Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, Carina Venning, Rudi Wagenwood, Rosemary Yow.

**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.

### The Catholic Leader:

#### Keeping faith with you

- Bushfire crisis threatens South East Queensland and New South Wales;
- Less than one month out from the Brisbane Assembly and excitement is building for the large scale discernment experience on October 4 and 5.
- Catholics protest at crude picture of Mary with Marian hymns at Griffith University;
- Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge stands by Suva Archbishop Peter Loy Chong at ACU's Brisbane Campus, saying ecological crises are not just relevant to science or politics, but to religion too.
- Springfield parish is inviting everyone to join them for a Divine Renovation open house on September 21 to learn about parish renewal.
- Call for nominations for The Community Leader Awards 2019 – see page 18 for a full-page form or visit [www.theleaders.com.au](http://www.theleaders.com.au) to nominate online.



## FAITH MATTERS—GSM

In his new book, "Opening Doors – A Seeker's Reflections on the Rooms of Christian Living", Kevin Treston uses a multitude of quotes from Scripture to support his views. Each chapter is a door for you to open to discover a wealth of information to strengthen your relationship with Jesus.

**The book distinguishes between "dwellers" and "seekers"** and this passage from the book explains the difference.

"...I choose the term 'seekers' to describe those willing to enter the series of rooms. In his book 'A Secular Age' (2007), Charles Taylor, the emeritus professor at McGill University, uses the term 'Dwellers' for those who are content to live out their Christian life according to fidelity as to how they understand traditional beliefs.

"Taylor distinguishes these from 'seekers' who are searching to reconcile their Christian faith with new knowledge and emerging levels of religious and personal consciousness, the social sciences and cosmology".

The book may be purchased for \$22 at the Grovely parish office anytime, at the church shop at both Grovely and Mitchelton (after weekend Masses) or by ringing Pat on 3351 1163.

### Plenary Council

The Council website homepage ( [plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au) ) headed "Let's Listen and Discern" allows you to click on each of the 6 themes and then click on "snapshot". This is recommended reading if you wish to continue to be involved as we move through this next stage of preparation – Discernment.

Meetings are starting to happen in parishes using the "discernment" method. There is a definite process for this and a copy of the 2 hour process has been placed on the Faith Matters website. Go to "Plenary Council page" on the home page, then to "articles" and click on "Let's Listen and Discern". The process looks daunting and lengthy but, together, we can work it out.



## Social Justice Group

Continuing on from last week, an issue of social justice is the opportunity for everyone to be able to read and write and International Literacy Day is celebrated every year on 8 September. Many organizations are passionate about ensuring that everyone everywhere, especially disadvantaged young people, have access to the exciting opportunities opened up by being able to read and write. Last week we mentioned The Indigenous Literacy Foundation and The Pyjama Foundation.

Finally, twenty years ago, Dolly Parton established **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** which operates in many countries including Australia. Inspired by her father who, despite being one of the most intelligent men she'd ever known could not read, the Imagination Library programme improves early childhood literacy for children by giving them a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book each month from birth to age 5. <https://au.imaginationlibrary.com>

### GSM Parish Pastoral Council

Another **Gathering Day** will be held with the ministries of the parish towards the end of October. We had a very successful get together in February with Peter Pelicaan as presenter. We hope to have Peter back again to open up the theme of 'Catalyst'.

Are you a new ministry, new leader or just want to be involved with the Gathering Day? Please leave your **name and details** at the **Parish Pastoral Council email address**, on the front page lower left.

The Council will have a turnover of some of its members at the end of the year. **We are seeking nominations for new members.** Don't be shy. Put your name forward or the name of a friend who you know would be good on the Council. Leave written details at the office please.

Sue O'Brien  
Chair of GSM PPC

# COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

## GROVELY 16th Sep - 22ndSep

Monday	10:00am 07:00pm	Daley Ctr Daley Ctr	Faith Circle ST Will SVDP Mtg
Tuesday	09:30am 07:00pm	Daley Ctr Church	Playgroup St Will Christian Meditation
Wednesday	07:30pm	Library	Social Justice Grp Mtg

## SAMFORD 16th Sep - 22ndSep

Monday	06:30pm	Church	Samford Choir
Friday	09:00am	Church	John Main Meditation Prayer Group

## MITCHELTON 16th Sep - 22ndSep

Monday	09:00am 06:30pm	Meeting Place Meeting Place	OLD SVDP Mtg SW/OLD PPC Mtg
Tuesday	07:00pm	Church	Treble M Choir



**Plenary Council 2020**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



### KEPERRA SANCTUARY MASS

A Mass will be held on Friday 20th September at Keperra Sanctuary commencing 10.30am.

### MASS FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A Mass for Anointing of the Sick will be held on Wednesday 18th September at the Regis Nursing Home, Ferny Grove commencing at 10.30am.

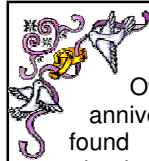


What Old Testament prophet took forever to make a point?

"I say... uhh..."



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



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Over the past few years our anniversary celebration has found a home in our parish calendar. The day provides, in a special way, an opportunity for the parish to say

*Congratulations and to give thanks*

for the many blessings that have been given to each couple and to our community. This special day of stories, flowers and morning tea is for parishioners from our three communities - Mitchelton, Grovely and Samford.

**Sunday 6th October, 2019  
9.30am Mass at Grovely.**

**Celebrating your 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or over 50 years of marriage?**

**R.S.V.P. Sue Allen on 33552667 Ext 2 or email  
[pcgrovely@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pcgrovely@bne.catholic.net.au)  
by Wednesday (25 September) so we can include you.**

If we do not already have one, we would appreciate your wedding photo and a current photo for us to copy, and details of your marriage - name, date and place. Bring to the office or email to [pcgrovely@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pcgrovely@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Sisterhood Catholic Women's Retreat Day

Sisterhood and the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia would like to invite you to the Brisbane Sisterhood Catholic Women's Retreat Day. **Theme: Finding God in every season....**

**DATE: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**TIME: 12:30PM to 6 PM**

**VENUE: St Mary MacKillop Centre, St Williams Catholic Parish, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra**

**COST: \$25 (afternoon tea provided)**

**CONTACT: Von Hosking 0401 815 853 [info@sisterhood.org.au](mailto:info@sisterhood.org.au)**

**REGISTRATION: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEHHC>**

### September 15, 2019 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31)*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

### Bible Quiz

What does James say we should do if we lack wisdom?

*Answer next Week*

*Last Week's question:*

What does the name Emmanuel mean?

**Answer:**

God is with us (Matt 1:23)

### EUTHANASIA—WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT IT e-PETITION

The State Parliamentary Health Committee has been asked to give weight to the views of the community in its final report about the suitability of introducing Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation similar to that now operating in Victoria. A tangible way to share your views with them via a newly raised e-petition "Euthanasia – we can live without it."

While this is a privately generated petition started by medical professionals, the local Church is in agreement with its call for properly funded palliative care across all metropolitan and regional areas of Queensland as the only outcome to pursue.

It is a fairly simple process to add your voice to the Petition link here:

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3176>

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

St. Stephen's Cathedral  
5th October 2019.

Rosaries (two mysteries) 10.30AM  
Marian Mass 11.30AM

Process around the streets approx 12:15PM (Elizabeth St, Adelaide St, Edward St, Cathedral)

Benediction to conclude at the Cathedral.