

Year A/2
7th Sunday In Ordinary Time
23 February 2020
Liturgical Colour: Green



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Love Your Neighbour As Yourself

One day a truck driver stopped at a restaurant for dinner and ordered a steak. Before he could eat the steak, in walked a motorcycle gang, with dirty leather jackets and long, unkempt hair. They took the man's steak, cut it into six pieces, and ate it. The driver said nothing. He simply paid the bill and walked out. One of the gang members said, "That man couldn't talk. He didn't say a word." Another one said, "He couldn't fight, either; he didn't lift a hand." A waiter added, "I would say that he couldn't drive either. On his way out of the parking lot, he ran over six motorcycles". Something in us loves that story, because we like retaliation. Jesus tells us not to retaliate and it's hard because it sometimes goes against our nature. We can use also sorts of words to ease our conscience, like "justice", or "they deserved it". However, the readings this week calls us to reflect on what our Christian discipleship means.

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy". It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is holy by becoming kind, merciful and forgiving.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

The second part of today's Gospel passage is perhaps the central and the most famous section of the Sermon on the Mount. It gives us the Christian ethic of personal relationships: love one's neighbours and forgive one's enemies. Above all, it tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others with kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve it. The Old Law never said to hate enemies, but that was the way some understood it. Jesus commands that we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us to demonstrate that we are children of a merciful heavenly Father.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer, takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians are welcome to receive the ashes.

Nigel Sequeira

LITURGY TIMES

24th February - 1st March

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9:15am Mass 10:45am <i>Anointing Mass at Moonah Park</i>
ASH WEDNESDAY	
Wednesday	9:00am Mass 6:00pm Adoration CANCELLED 7:00pm Mass
Thursday	9:00am Mass CANCELLED
Friday	7:00am Mass
Saturday	7:00am Mass
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday	5:00pm Reconciliation CANCELLED 6:00pm No Mass
Sunday	6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 5:30pm
Oxford Park	St. Joseph's
ASH WEDNESDAY	
Wednesday	10:30am Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass
Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday	8:30am Mass CANCELLED
Tuesday	8:30am Mass
ASH WEDNESDAY	
Wednesday	8:30am Mass
Friday	8:30am Mass CANCELLED
Saturday	3:45pm - 4:30pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4:30pm Mass
Sunday	8:00am No Mass
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday	6:00pm Mass (Ashes)
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday	8:00am Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 26 MASS TIMES

St William's:	9:00am 7:00pm
Our Lady of Dolours:	8:30am
Oxford Park:	10:30am
Sacred Heart:	Thurs Feb 27 6:00pm (Ash Wednesday Liturgy)

This Week's Readings Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



Lev 19: 1 - 2, 17 - 18
1 Cor 3: 16 - 23
Mt 5: 38 - 48

Next Week's Readings First Sunday Of Lent



Gen 2: 7 - 9, 3: 1 - 7
Rom 5: 12 - 19
Mt 4: 1 - 11

GROVELY

Counters this week:

Gavin Taylor, Denise Quinlan, Geraldine & Dennis McLaughlin

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Bertha D'Souza at 39 Corrofin St, Ferny Grove at 7pm on Tuesday

Meditation Group: Tuesday 7pm in the Church, in the Benedictine Fr John Main Tradition. Enquiries to Bob 0428 813 483 All Welcome

Baptisms: We joyfully announce the baptism of Clancy Douglas and Maya Groves and welcome them into our faith community.

Grovely Church Shop:

The Little Black Lenten Booklets (\$4) are available from Sunday Feb 23, with daily 6 minute readings that continue until Easter Sunday. These readings are a great way of doing something special for Lent.

MITCHELTON

Counters this week:

Group C: Michael Saide

Counters next week:

Group D: Dermott O'Moore

Family Rosary

This week: Isma McIntyre

Next week: Isma McIntyre

Baptisms: We joyfully announce the baptism of Fred Keetels and welcome him into our faith community.

Mitchelton Parishioners are cordially invited to the Lent program in the Daley Centre

SAMFORD

Samford Parishioners are cordially invited to the Lent program in the Daley Centre

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

CHANGES TO LITURGY TIMES

Please check the weekday Liturgy Times carefully

Family School Mass

There will be a Parish Family Mass at St William's on Sunday March 1 at 9:30am.



Students from St William's will lead a Family Mass at St William's, Grovely on Sunday March 8.

All welcome!

New Weekend Mass Times

These changes will begin in the 1st week of Lent (Feb 29/Mar 1)

Sat 4:30pm (Vigil):

OLD, Mitchelton

Sun 6:30am, 8am, 9:30am & 5:30pm:

St William's, Grovely

Sun 8am:

Sacred Heart, Samford

Sun 9:30am:

St Vincent's Nursing Home, Oxford Park

Sat 5pm Reconciliation and 6pm Mass at Grovely is **CANCELLED**

Sun 8am at Mitchelton is **CANCELLED**

Parish Pastoral Council Update

Volunteers' Thanksgiving Mass and Supper: The PPC warmly invites volunteers across the three Mass centres to join us for Mass, followed by supper to thank you for your work during the past year.

The Alpha Course is off to a wonderful start with a fun Launch Party. The rest of the course will take place in the Daley Centre each Thursday at 9am. Still time to come along and try it out!

At the last meeting the PPC discussed a possible new structure. A management style which could help streamline surplus meetings and help with planning budgets. More to come.

We welcomed three new members; Allan Duckwitz (OLD school rep), Sam Senaratna (St W's) and Lorraine Wynne (OLD).

Volunteers'/Thanksgiving Mass and Supper

This year, our volunteers Mass celebrates and gives thanks for the generous hearts of our vibrant parish. Across three churches, many ministries and faith sharing communities, people generously give of their time talent and treasure week by week and month by month. The Parish Pastoral Council very warmly encourage all of you who volunteer in many different capacities across the year to join us on **Friday February 28 at 6pm for Mass, followed by drinks and canapes in the St Mary MacKillop Centre.** We look forward to celebrating your commitment to Christ's call and the giftedness of your response.



RSVP by calling the parish office on 3355 2667 or by email at grovely@bne.catholic.net.au



Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased:

Genevieve Martin, Rebecca Agar, Bevan Horn, Kath Coyne

Anniversaries: Ross Hallinan, Judith Petrie



We pray for the Sick

We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Maureen Campbell, Dominic Condon, Kathleen Edden, Kieran Hogan, Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, John Mitchell, Susan Downey, Carina Venning, Maureen Wilson, David Finlayson

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.

Anointing of the Sick

A Mass for Anointing of the Sick will be held on **Monday Feb 24** at the Moonah Park Aged Care Centre commencing at **10:45am**.



There will also be a Mass for Anointing of the Sick on **Thursday March 5** at the Bellevue Care Centre at **10:30am**.

February 23, 2020 - 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."
(Matthew 5:44)

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy." When we pray for others, even "our enemies," maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Bible Quiz

What did the earth look like in the beginning?

Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

Who wanted to kill Jesus when he was a baby?

Answer:

Herod (the Great) (Matthew 2: 13)

A rule of grammar:

Double negatives are a no-no



FAITH MATTERS—GSM



Faith Matters www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au and
Plenary Council www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

To assist those people who may want to register for the two Lenten programs in the Daley Centre, here are the key details. Registration sheets are at the entrance to the 3 churches.

Two group sessions of 1.5 hours will be conducted:

Mondays (10am - 11:30am) – March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 20

Tuesdays (7:30pm - 9pm) – March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14

Some small groups have formed and are meeting in a parishioner's house. These people do not need to register, only individuals doing the Daley Centre programs. The \$10 cost of the Lent book will be taken at the first session in the Daley Centre at which time participants will receive the book. If you cannot come on a given night – no problem – simply ring the person running the program.

A prayer card will be available parishioners on each of the Sundays of Lent. Keep an eye out for it. For families, perhaps you could take one for your family.

These programs involve a serious time commitment and some parishioners may be unable to commit to this amount of time. **A commitment of 5 minutes each day is possible with the Little Black Book for Lent, currently in the shop for \$4.** Each day has a small scripture passage and comment on the right side of the page to think about, while the left side has a short story about something. The more critical part is the Scripture passage and what you do about it. It takes just 5 minutes – you could read it in public (train, bus, etc) and this is why it has a simple black cover.

This small reading each day, is a great way of "doing" Lent.

Parish library lending program: Books by Fr. Richard Rohr, Fr. Richard Leonard, Fr. John Thornhill, (practical DVDs on Catholic themes), Kevin Treston, Br. John Venard (The Battlers' God series) etc.

These books are in the Grovely church shop after the weekend Masses. Drop in to check out the various books' chapters and content etc and borrow on the spot.



Social Justice Group

The proposed Social Justice Group movie event for this Sunday has been cancelled.

PLEASE NOTE:

Leaflets, notices, and other papers are not to be placed in the Church without prior permission from Fr Nigel.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

At 3pm on Sunday March 1, the RCIA *Rite of Election* will be celebrated at St Stephen's Cathedral.



This year we have three catechumens; Diana Ward, Inga Mertens-Walker and Lina Blazak as well as five candidates; Karen Reed, Rosalyn Hill, Cassie Watson, Rachael Bloomer and Maurice Why participating in our RCIA program.

At the Rite of Election, the Church acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens for the sacraments of initiation and catechumens, who now become "the elect", declare their commitment to enter into a period of intense spiritual preparation for initiation at Easter. Our candidates also receive a special blessing for their journey into full communion.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this special time in their journey of faith.

Sacramental Program:

Thank you to all our families who have sent in their First Communion Celebration Forms. Reminder to our Sacramental Program Families who have not yet put their forms in to please put them in now. The 9:30am mass on the 1st Sunday of the celebration, May 17 is now full and closed. The 5:30pm mass is likewise full. Please understand that I have tried to accommodate all your requests. Unfortunately, a few won't get their first choice. Please understand that every effort was taken to give you the second choice.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. This weekend we will be working carefully on allocating you into your groups. We would also like to remind some Grovely families that they are most welcome to the Sacred Heart Samford First Communion masses.

Please don't forget to do some of the activities in the book when you have the time. Thank you.

With peace and blessings,

Marie-Louise F. Singson

Sacramental Coordinator

Faith Circle

Everyone is welcome to join us on a Monday morning 10am in the Daley Centre. We meet to share friendship over a cup of coffee and discussion of Sunday's gospel. See you there!

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GROVELY 24th February - 1st March

Monday	10:00am 7:45pm	Daley Centre Daley Centre	Faith Circle SVDP
Tuesday	9:00am 7:00pm	Daley Centre Church	Playgroup St William's Christian Meditation
Wednesday	8:30am 10:00am	Daley Centre Daley Centre	Mothers Prayers Evergreens Fitness
Thursday	9:00am 9:00am 1:30pm 7:00pm	Daley Centre Library Library Daley Centre	ALPHA Grief Support Liturgy Committee Aladdin's Cave Meeting

SAMFORD 24th February - 1st March

Monday	6:30pm	Church	Samford Choir
Friday	9:00am	Church	Samford Christian Meditation

MITCHELTON 24th February - 1st March

Monday	9:00am 4:30pm	Meeting Room Meeting Room	SVDP Liturgy Team Meeting
Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	Treble M Choir
Sunday	6:45pm	Church	OLD Choir

ALADDIN'S CAVE: ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR

It has been decided (in consultation with Fr Nigel) that we will schedule 2 Fairs this year on April 18 and October 10. The money raised will go to both our own parish (St William's) and our sister parish in Timor-Leste (St John de Brito).

Consequently, the TLC Group will not be coordinating so we are calling on parishioners! We need help with planning, organising and running the event. Specifically in the areas of Marketing and Promotion, Catering, and Logistics, but also just to pitch-in wherever required.

This will be a big undertaking, so we are looking for as many parishioners as possible to volunteer.

We are having an Open Meeting this **Thursday Feb 27 at 7pm** in the **Daley Centre**. Please consider coming along to find out more.

For further information, contact
Kevin: 0412873656 OR
Michael: 0407785940

EVERGREENS

DATE CLAIMER

Friday March 6 at 9:15am

Professor Nancy Pachana presents a seminar on the topic of Healthy Aging. This will include the psychology of successful aging, mental stimulation, confidence rebuilding and changing perceptions of age.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD.

Contact John & Joan Broderick for further info: 0455 503 713 or jobrod@bigpond.net.au

Mass For The Deaf

A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend the next Auslan-Supported Mass for the deaf.

Please join us for this special Mass and morning tea afterwards.

When: Sunday March 1 at 8:30am
Where: St Michael's Catholic Church, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington/Ashgrove.

Enq: dorrington@bne.catholic.edu.au

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat:

Inner Peace In Divine Love

At St William's

When: Mondays from March 2 - 30, 9:30am - 11am

Where: St Mary MacKillop Centre

Donation: \$50

Booking: call 3355 2667

At St Peter Chanel Church

When: Mondays from March 2 - 30, 7pm - 8:30pm

Where: St Peter Chanel Church Hall, 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap

Booking: call 3300 6099

For more information, go to www.faberspirituality.org.au

World Day Of Prayer Pray for Zimbabwe



Where: Seventh Day Adventist Church, Cnr of Ruby and Blackwood St
When: Friday March 6, 9:30am

The service this year, "Rise! Take your mat and walk!" has been prepared by the Christain women of the Zimbabwe.

Join with us in praying for the church in Zimbabwe and in the World. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Morning tea will follow.

Parking restricted, but available at the Presbyterian Church, Ruby St - please consider carpooling, train or walking.



You're Invited!

Where: Daley Centre

When: Thursday, 9am - 10:30am

Register at:

alpha.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Alpha is a series of free, interactive sessions exploring life, faith and meaning.

Come and try it out, no obligation.

All welcome, especially the parents of school aged children and teens



Mothers Prayers

Is it in your heart to pray for your children? Mothers of all ages and stages are warmly welcomed to Mothers Prayers. A traditional prayer group united with Mothers throughout the world, giving our children to Jesus, praying for our vocation of motherhood and for our children.

When: Wednesdays, 8:30am - 9:30am

Where: Daley Centre

This Week: we will be watching a short DVD about Mothers Prayers.

All Welcome!



The First 2020 Update:

In January, we farewelled Jay, our visiting Liquiça local. Jay loved his time in Brisbane and we thank you all for making him feel so at home here. This year we look forward to further assisting St John de Brito parish and school communities by funding essential repairs and other building projects.

Schools for Schools is scheduled to kick off again in 2020. Parish and school support for this initiative has always been strong, so we're confident we can once again support our sister parish schools with donations of stationery materials, sports equipment, sewing machines and other needed supplies.

Welcoming New Members! The Timor Leste Companions are a small group of parishioners committed to strengthening the bonds of friendship with our sister parish in Liquiça. We enjoy support from a wide network of parishioners and friends. We value your support and we welcome the energy and ideas of new members. Come to our next meeting, Thursday March 5, 7pm in the St William's Parish Library.