

Year A/2  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
16 August 2020  
Liturgical Colour: Green

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**Great Is Your Faith**

(Matthew 15: 21 - 28)

Jesus goes to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman meets Jesus and begs Him to heal her daughter who's tormented by a demon. Jesus' disciples want to silence her.

As a Jew, Jesus knows the old barrier between God's people and the pagan neighbours. But Jesus also knows his mission of sending his disciples to "go out to the whole world and make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28: 19). So, Jesus just tests the love of the mother for her child. He told her that he is only there for the insiders – "the House of Israel". Jesus seems to treat the foreign woman like an outcast, an unwelcome outsider, but she is not worried about that insult. She remains persistent in her supplication.

While the Jewish leaders reject Jesus, she shows faith and acknowledges him as Lord, as she keeps pleading: "Lord" and "Son of David, help me." This makes a wonderful and surprising change.

Jesus gives her what she wants: "Woman, you have great faith". Indeed, she has.

In the Gospels, this is the only time Jesus loses an argument to the Canaanite woman.

This "border" story shows us how the division between Jew and Gentile is soon to be removed. This mission of Jesus to "the lost sheep of the House of Israel" will soon become the mission to "gather into one the scattered children of God" throughout the world as in the Prayer of Eucharist III.

"Jesus did not come to destroy the Jewish faith, but to fulfill it". (Mt 5:17)

In telling this story, Matthew shows us how in the first place Jesus' life and ministry were centred around his own people. But it was a ministry intended for the salvation of the whole world.

Faith in Jesus Christ calls us to remove all barriers in our mind, heart and actions, and to show love and mercy to everyone. The practice of mercy reveals the face of God to the world. God's mercy is limitless and does not recognize boundaries. God's loving kindness is for everyone and heals all our wounds.

Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child in her womb?  
Even should she forget, I will never forget you" (Is 49: 15)

Fr Van Huong Nguyen

Adapted From "The Living Word", Redemptoris Publications, pg 59 (August 2008), & "365 days with the Lord", St Pauls Philippines (2003)

**Congratulations and welcome to the newest member of our community;  
Lina Blazak!**

**Many thanks to those who have journeyed with her over the past months - family,  
sponsors, support people and the wonderful RCIA Team.**

## LITURGY TIMES

17th - 23rd August

**Grovely St William's**

### Next Weekend Masses

Thursday: 7:45am Mass  
Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 7:00am Mass  
9:00am Mass  
5:00pm Mass

**Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours**

Monday: 8:30am Mass  
Tuesday: 8:30am Mass  
Wednesday: 8:30am Mass  
*Saint John Eudes*  
Thursday: 8:30am Mass  
*Saint Bernard*  
Friday 8:30am Mass  
*Saint Pius X*  
Saturday: 10:30am Adoration &  
Reconciliation  
4:00pm Vigil Mass

### Next Weekend Masses

Sunday: 11:00am Mass

**Samford Sacred Heart**

### Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

### Mass Updates

Due to upcoming Sacramental events, **there will be no places available** at the following Masses on August 22 & 23:

Our Lady of Dolours:  
Aug 22 at 4pm  
St Williams:  
Aug 23 at 7am, 9am & 5pm  
Sacred Heart:  
Aug 23 at 8am

### Pope's Prayer Intentions: August

#### The Maritime World

*We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen, and their families*



### This Week's Readings:

#### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56: 1, 6 - 7  
Rom 11: 13 - 15, 29 - 32  
Mt 15: 21 - 28

### Next Week's Readings:

#### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22: 19 - 23  
Rom 11: 33 - 36  
Mt 16: 13 - 20

## GROVELY

### St Vincent de Paul Grovely

Please place donations to SVDP in a **marked SVDP envelope** before putting it in the collection box. Loose donations will be assumed to be for the St Williams collection.

## SAMFORD

### Columbarium

The Samford Sacred Heart Parish Columbarium Committee has accepted a Columbarium design presented by local architect Tim Guyer and will now engage a builder to construct the Columbarium and the Memorial Walls on the southern side of the Church. **A presentation to the Parish community** by the Committee and Tim Guyer will take place outside the Church after the 8am Mass on **Sunday August 16** Enquires to John Quinlan 0407 774 979

Because of COVID restrictions, it will be necessary to register your intention to attend the presentation with the Parish office on 3355 2667.

**Baptisms:** We joyfully announce the baptism of Charlie Falconer and welcome him into our faith community.



### Faithful Departed

**Recently:** Jane Garcia, Anne Shanahan, Annelie Honsig, Keiran Hogan, Lynette Kerridge

**Anniversaries:** Vi Cecil McKee, Ellen May Peters, Joan Mary Peters



### We pray for the Sick

**We pray for:** Nita Leigh, Billie Barron, Maureen Campbell, Dominic Condon, Kathleen Edden, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, Teresa Pitman, Betty Feldman, Louise Rhode, Joanne Campbell, Damien Robertson

**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.

### Bible Quiz

What was the relationship of Mary (Mother of Jesus) to Elizabeth?

*Answer next Week*

*Last Week's question:*

What happened to the man who built his house upon the sand?

*Answer:*

*His house fell flat (Matthew 7:27)*

### Mass Bookings

With the easing of COVID restrictions, more people can attend Mass. Due to the size of the churches, the numbers are as follows:

Sacred Heart: 50  
Our Lady of Dolours: 60  
St Williams: 85

To guarantee a seat at a weekend Mass, booking is essential. Contact the parish office on **3355 2667** or email **bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au**

We will be taking bookings on a weekly basis, so you will need to register each week. **Bookings for weekend Masses close Thursday 9pm.**

To allow for contact tracing, we require your name, phone number and address. You will receive an email or phone call to advise you of your allocated Mass.

All people attending Mass will be divided into groups. Please avoid moving between groups and adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times. There will be a Marshal that will record your time of entry/exit, direct you to your seating area and coordinate end of Mass cleaning. **If you are interested in being a Marshal, contact the parish office for more information.**

At each Mass we ask that you sign-in, use the hand sanitiser provided, respect the social distancing guidelines, stay home if you are unwell and follow the procedures and protocols in place.



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am - 11:30am  
*Our Lady of Dolours*

### Sacramental Program

First Communion Workshops:

Our Lady of Dolours: **Aug 19** at 3:30

First Communion Masses:

St Williams: Aug 23 at 7am, 9am, 5pm

Sacred Heart: Aug 23 at 8am

Our Lady of Dolours: Aug 22 at 4pm

Enrolment & Confirmation Workshops:

St Williams: Sep 8 at 9:30am &

Sep 8, 9 & 10 at 7:15

Our Lady of Dolours: Sep 8 at 6pm

*Marie-Louise F. Singson*

Sad news...I lost my job as a stage designer. I wasn't very happy but left without making a scene 😊

### August 16, 2020

#### 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." (Romans 11:29)*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.