

Year A/2
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 August 2020
Liturgical Colour: Green

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Christ Walking on the Water by Julius Sergius Von Klever, 1880

Sit Down! Sit Down! Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat!

In the classic 1955 musical movie, "Guys & Dolls", Stubby Kaye attends a prayer meeting organised by the Salvation Army. His rendition of the song "Sit Down, You're Rockin' The Boat" is a highpoint of the movie. A famous line from the song "And the devil will drag you under. With a soul so heavy you'll never float. Sit Down, sit down, sit down You're Rockin the Boat!" expresses the conservative response to life's challenges – including temptation. Sit down and be quiet, and peace will reign. The boat of life on which we are all passengers, won't be rocked.

Yesterday was the feast day St Mary of the Cross McKillop, a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar. She rocked the boat. Her mantra, "Never see a need without doing something about it!" is a call to action, a call to rock the boat. Indeed, as we all know, the resistance she received from the Church of the time for doing the very work of a disciple, was extraordinary – she was excommunicated! She was accused of insubordination for refusing to agree to a change to the Josephites' constitution which would have left them homeless as an Order. Still, she maintained her faith in Christ as her Saviour, not the Bishop, and went on rocking the boat. The excommunication was withdrawn by the same bishop on his deathbed. Canonised in 2010 as Australia's first saint, she is the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

When our lives get out of balance from sickness, financial stress, family ill-will, relationship abuse, separation, grief, etc., we are sometimes lost as to how to deal with it. There are many ways we could respond including acceptance, denial, or confrontation. St Mary McKillop of course confronted her rocking boat graciously and with faith. By confronting her rocking boat, she resolved the issue. Sometimes there is nothing or very little one can do to resolve the issue so faith-filled acceptance could be appropriate. But denial is never a good option.

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus' disciples' boat is being rocked by a fearsome storm. Understandably, they were fearful of what could happen and were certainly sitting down so as not to rock the boat any further! But Jesus comes to them – as He always does – and challenges them in a sense to rock the boat even further! But they are so frightened they think He is a ghost (and not the Holy Ghost at that!) They deny the reality of Jesus' saving action. He calls to them "Do not be afraid" and yet still they doubt. Even Peter says "If it is you, Lord, command me to come to you on the water" showing his doubt that it really is Jesus. Still, Jesus invites Peter to come to Him. And then as Peter approaches with Jesus in his sight, knowing He is there, and obeying His command, he doubts and allows the rocking sea to overcome him. And still Jesus reaches out and saves Peter. He restores calm and peace to the Disciples' rocking boat.

The experiences of Peter, who could physically see Jesus and knew Him, and St Mary McKillop, who couldn't physically see Jesus but certainly knew Him, should give us great hope that Jesus is there for us in all our good times and challenging times. As His disciples there will be times that we indeed have to rock the boat. But we are doubters by nature.

So, let us take as our mantra: "Stand up! Stand up! Stand up and rock the boat!"

Deacon Peter

**Congratulations and welcome to the newest members of our community;
Diana, Inga, Finnegan, Karen, Ros, Cassie, Rachael & Maurice!**

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



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LITURGY TIMES

10th - 16th August

Grovely St William's

Next Weekend Masses

Thursday: 7:45am Mass
St Pontian & St Hippolytus

Saturday: 8:00am Mass
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am Mass
St Lawrence

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass
St Clare

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass
St Jane Frances de Chantal

Thursday: 8:30am Mass
St Pontian & St Hippolytus

Friday 8:30am Mass
St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

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

Sacramental Program

First Communion Workshops:

St Williams: Aug 10 at 3:30pm
Our Lady of Dolours: Aug 18 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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

This Week's Readings: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 19: 9, 11 - 13
Rom 9: 1 - 5
Mt 14: 22 - 33

Next Week's Readings: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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.

Baptisms: We joyfully announce the baptisms of Billy Macklin and Grace Brooks and welcome them into our faith community.

SAMFORD

Columbarium

The Samford Sacred Heart Parish Columbarium Committee has accepted a Columbarium design presented by local architect Tim Guymer 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 Guymer 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.



Faithful Departed

Recently: Mary Hood, Annelie Honsig, Keiran Hogan, Denis Casey (*Mary Murphy's Brother*), Anne Shanahan

Anniversaries: Daphne Fahey



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.

Thank You from the Hogan Family

We would like to sincerely thank Fr Nigel, Fr Frank, Rev Peter McDade, musicians, Family Group, and all those who have provided their many prayers, practical support and love during Kieran's long illness. The St William's Community has been a tower of strength to us throughout. May your goodness be richly rewarded.

Mike, Mary, Luke, Martin & Dominic

August 9, 2020

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29)

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Bible Quiz

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

Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

Which is the gate that "leads to life?"

Answer:

The narrow gate (Matthew 7:14)

At any moment, the urge to sing 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' is just a whim away. 😊
A whim away. A whim away.

Mass Updates

There will be Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at **8am** on **Saturday August 15** at St Williams.

Due to upcoming Sacramental events, there will be fewer places available at several Masses on August 22 & 23. See Sacramental Program Notice for times.

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.