

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

PLEASE TAKE YOUR NEWSLETTER WITH YOU, DON'T PUT IT BACK



### But That's Not Fair! You're Not Fair Dinkum!

That game of cricket or footy "in the backyard of me mum's" is full of cherished, if not great, memories. The competition was fierce; stakes were high; the rules were different from yard to yard. So much an Aussie tradition, it has been immortalised in song and art. In 2012, Greg Champion released the ballad, "I made a hundred in the backyard of me Mum's". And the Chappell brothers, Ian, Greg and Trevor, signed a lithograph of them entitled "Backyard At Mum's", shaping up as young batsmen. For all of us Aussie men and women, it evokes a reminiscent desire to be back there playing some sort of sport with our friends, sisters, brothers, and maybe even mum and dad. Until that game-shattering cry goes up, "But that's not fair! Mum! Dad! Billy won't go out!"

Sometimes Mum or Dad would rule "Well, give Billy another go". Hrrmmph! Billy, with his wide Cheshire-cat grin would then be subjected to the most brutal barrage of bruising body liners, toe-crushing full tosses, and ear-piercing screams of "Oowwzzzaaaat!" after every delivery. He rarely lasted another over. Then the shout, "Billy's out! – he's gawn this time!" Situation normal again. Phew!

Our sense of "fair play" is well honed. You play by the rules with a commitment to ethical behaviour within those rules. And most importantly of all, accept the ref's decision without complaint, whether you agree with it or not. OK. OK. It seems to apply less today in professional sport – but you know what I mean.

In that exquisite book of Isaiah, where we are blessed with many beautiful images of how God relates to us, today we hear that God's rules are not our rules; that God's way is not our way; that God's thoughts are as far above ours as the heavens are above the earth. The message is plain and simple. We are God's creatures and subjects. We cannot impose our rules/thoughts/expectations on God.

In life's game of cricket in the backyard of our God, we have to follow God's rules just as we did Mum's and Dad's – even when we cannot understand them, and maybe even disagree with them! God's ways are utterly different from human thinking. We have to think – God is all-knowing. God will forgive when no human could find it in their heart to so do.

In Matthew's Gospel today we are given a striking example of this where servants grumble about being treated, from their perspective, unfairly by their employer. Maybe there isn't anyone in today's day and age who would think the early workers were given a fair shake. Driven by envy, they expect that same payment or more for the work they've done when compared with the late starters. How often do we fall into that trap? Some people seem to be gifted with everything and we get less or even nothing, or possibly punished for "being good" (see Job 3:3). And it can be difficult in our humanness to rise above that sense of desolation or isolation unless we have a humble recognition of the intrinsic worth of each one of us as individuals – as God's loved creatures.

It comes down to trust in our relationship with God. We trust that God is generous and forgiving. We trust in the unbreakable fidelity God has to our baptismal covenant with God. We acknowledge our vulnerability in trusting God – knowing God is fair dinkum.

Can't you just hear God saying it? "Give Billy another go!"

God Bless,  
Deacon Peter



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GROVELY-SAMFORD and MITCHELTON**  
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## LITURGY TIMES

21st - 27th September

**Grovelly St William's**

### Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

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

**Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours**

Monday: 8:30am Mass  
*Saint Matthew*

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass  
*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*

Thursday: 8:30am Mass

Friday: 8:30am Mass

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

## CHANGES TO LITURGY TIMES

Please check the weekday  
Liturgy Times carefully

### Can't Make It To Mass?

Watch Online:

**Sunday Mass** is being streamed live at **10am** from the Cathedral of St Stephan and can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website or YouTube channel. There is also **Weekday Mass** at **8am**.

Watch on TV:  
'Mass for You at Home' can be viewed on Channel 10 at **6am** on **Sunday**

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

### Next Week's Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55: 6 - 9  
Phil 1: 20 - 24, 27  
Mt 20: 1 - 16

### Next Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 18: 25 - 28  
Phil 2: 1 - 11  
Mt 21: 28 - 32

## GROVELLY

### Mass Coordinators

The Grovelly community needs a coordinator for each Mass. With the change of mass times and restrictions imposed by COVID-19, attention to some details need to be attended to. Are you interested? We would love to hear from you. Contact Jan or Katrina at the parish office on 3355 2667 or email [pcgrovelly@bne.catholic.au](mailto:pcgrovelly@bne.catholic.au)

### Church Shop

Good news! The Church Shop is reopening after every Mass from this weekend. Please sanitise on entry and note that only 3 people including the assistant can be in the shop at one time.

## SAMFORD

### Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptisms of Oliver Mulcahy and welcome him into our faith community.

### Taize Prayer

**A Service of Prayer, Silence & Song**  
Come and join us for Adoration with singing chants from Taize!

**Date:** September 27

**When:** 6:30pm

**Where:** St Williams Church

Please contact the parish office to book.

### St Vincent de Paul Grovelly

Please place donations to Saint Vincent de Paul Grovelly in a **marked SVPD envelope** before putting it in the collection box at the back of the church. Loose donations will be assumed to be for the St Williams collection.



### Pope's Prayer Intentions: September Respect for the Planet's Resources

*We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner*



## COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

### 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: 77  
Our Lady of Dolours: 100  
St Williams: 100

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

### Mass of Enrolment

This week, the children who are celebrating their Confirmation are receiving a special blessing and prayer as they come closer to celebrating their special day in their journey of faith. Through the blessing, the children are reassured that God's enduring love for them has made them worthy recipients of the ineffable gifts of the Holy Spirit. After the blessing, the children will receive a Mass Book that also reassures them of the importance of Mass in their lives. We ask for prayers from our parishioners as the children prepare for Confirmation.

### Sacramental Program

Enrolments into the Sacramental Program are now CLOSED.

Please return your completed Confirmation Celebration Preferences Form to the Parish Office as soon as you can. Remember to indicate your 2nd and 3rd choices, as mass numbers are limited due to COVID restrictions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

*Marie-Louise F. Singson*

A six year old boy goes to work with his father on a bring your child to work day. About 30 minutes after arriving, the kid starts crying loudly and the whole office gathers around. The father asks his kid; "what's the matter son?"

The kid replies "where are all the clowns you say you work with?"



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

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



## Faithful Departed

### Recently:

Rosemary Norton, Efen Dariano, Fran Fitch, Ron Power, Pino Formenton

### Anniversaries:

Leo Donohue, Christopher Peters, Mary Peters



## We pray for the Sick

**We pray for:** Nita Leigh, Maureen Campbell, Kathleen Edden, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, Teresa Pitman, Betty Feldman, Alexander Graham, Louise Rhode, Cecelia Edwards, Margaret Jones, Yvonne Yzelman, Stuart Smith

**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.

### Intercessory Petitions

An Intercessory Petitions Box has been placed at the back of all three churches. The Intercessory Prayer Group meets the third week of each month and the boxes will be collected and the petitions prayed for. All petitions will be totally private as the boxes will be sealed. **God knows our needs before we even write them. So be assured, they will be unread and burned at a later date.** We hope parishioners find this a useful tool.

### EVERGREENS

An invite to Evergreens to a cuppa and a chat!

Obviously with certain circumstances, we are limited to a gathering of 10 people. We have tried meeting in the park and today, 10 of us gathered in our courtyard. We would like to extend this invitation to all in due course.

Wednesdays are our preference, however, Friday is another option.

Contact John & Joan Broderick if you are interested: 0455 503 713 or [jobrod@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jobrod@bigpond.net.au)

### Bible Quiz

Who suggested that Jonah be thrown overboard?

*Answer next Week*

*Last Week's question:*

What does the word "gospel" mean?

*Answer:*

*Good news (Mark 1:1)*



## FAITH MATTERS—GSM



The Faith Matters website is [www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au](http://www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au)

A number of parishioners would be aware of the quarterly "Madonna" magazine, published for 120 years by Jesuit Communications. One must read article is always the editor's article by Fr. Chris Gleeson S.J. This magazine has been the spiritual mainstay of many catholic parishioners across decades. There are reflections on the readings of the day, articles about faith-filled men and women, stories of spiritual dilemmas and growth etc.

Unfortunately, this magazine may need to cease publication because of higher costs. This will probably happen unless it is able to double its readership by September 30 of this year.

One promotion at the moment is a gift subscription by a current subscriber to a relative, friend etc., – cost for the year is \$53. For more information about the magazine and for those who wish to subscribe, go to:

[www.madonnamagazine.com.au](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au)



## 2020 ANNUAL

# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

This weekend, the 19th and 20th of September, our Church is delighted to be supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and local community.

**Donations can be placed in the labelled box at the church entrance.**

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

For more information, go to: [catholiccampaign.com.au](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)



### Be blessed and bless others with your gift

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift today will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.

### Church Marshals

A big thank you to our church marshals! They have risen to the challenges that we are all facing due to COVID-19 and their help is very much appreciated.

However, due to the increasing number of people attending Mass, we would like to extend the invitation to all parishioners under 70 to volunteer their time to be a marshal.

Duties include:

- Completing the Daily Mass Checklist
- Signing people in and out of Mass
- Ensuring Social Distancing requirements are met
- Organising volunteers to clean the church after Mass

If you are interested in being a marshal or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office: 3355 2667

**Attention:**

Photographers, Writers and Artists

Season of Creation

1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate Season of Creation. Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN) invite you to share creative works celebrating Creation. Creative works could include prayers, photos, videos, poems, short stories, drawings, paintings, art, music, - anything creative. More info at [www.fb.com/QCEnvNet](http://www.fb.com/QCEnvNet)

All photographs and creative works will be displayed on the QCEN Facebook page. A selection will be exhibited at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane. The theme for this year is "Jubilee for the Earth", to advocate for life sanctification and give rest to all creation. Contact Craig Batty if you have any questions: 0414 744 558

Upload your creations at [www.fb.com/QCEnvNet](http://www.fb.com/QCEnvNet)

Or email to [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au)

Or post to Queensland Churches Together, PO Box 2096, Toowong, Qld 4066

Photos and artworks should be submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> August



**How can I prevent the spread of COVID-19 away from the parish?**

Coronavirus is transmitted from person to person, usually when an infected person coughs/sneezes. Transmission may occur from contaminated surfaces, so it is important to frequently wash your hands. Please be understanding if fellow parishioners do not wish to shake hands during the sign of peace.

To protect yourself and others from infection, practice good hand and respiratory hygiene including:

- Cleaning your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based rubs
- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing/sneezing
- Avoid contact with others, such as touching
- Staying home if you are unwell

If you have been overseas in the last 14 days and feel unwell please call 13 HEALTH, your GP or local hospital to arrange an assessment.

More Information from Health Authorities

You can access the latest information and advice from the Queensland Government (please google Queensland Government Novel-Coronavirus) and Australian Government.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane will also provide regular updates to parishes and via the website ([archbne.org/zhz](http://archbne.org/zhz))

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
A Vocation View**

*"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."  
Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!*



To talk to someone about your vocation, contact our office or visit our website: 1300 133 544 [vocation@brisbane.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@brisbane.catholic.net.au)

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER**

The Catholic Leader is offering a **free subscription** to their digital newspaper during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Their aim is to give their readers a sense of connection, inspiration and renewal in the faith at a time when living in the faith has changed.

Go to [catholicleader.com.au/covid19free](http://catholicleader.com.au/covid19free) and register to receive your free delivery of the digital newspaper in your inbox every Thursday morning. You will also receive a link to all digital newspapers published during the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020.

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

**September 20, 2020**

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*"So the last will be first and the first last." (Matthew 20:16)*

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

**Two Minute Homilies:**

This week, Father Anthony Mellor gives the homily for the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

*"God is generosity in ways that we cannot comprehend, or even dare to imagine."*

Two Minute Homilies can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane YouTube channel or by going to: [brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/)