

The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped

Church Appeal Next Weekend.

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and Church Appeal. The Movements caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.



There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for our services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical, and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

Oxford Park Retirement Village

We currently hold vacant Units at our Retirement Village and encourage all who are seeking comfortable and peaceful accommodation to contact us.

If you are interested in a viewing or for more information we are happy to help!

CONTACT DETAILS

Oxford Park Retirement Village
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Linda.nicholson@caritascare.org.au

Pastoral Care Volunteer

Do you want to serve Christ in his Kingdom? Do you have an urge to visit seniors? If so, you do not have to look far.

There is a volunteer position at Oxford Park Retirement Village in early 2012. It only takes a few hours of your spare time each week.

Please contact Emma - Mobile 0411 885 078 Mon - Fri morning.

This position is completely voluntary and it will not lead to employment.

GROVELY ATRIUM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Give your child or grandchild the gift of peace this year, with an enrolment at The Grovely Atrium—a place of peace and prayer, where a child can deepen their own relationship with God. This sacred space offers the child age-appropriate exploration of the Scripture and Liturgy of our faith tradition, via sensorially-rich materials, in a Montessori environment, and facilitated by fully-trained catechists.

Limited places are now available for Term 1 for the following age groups:

- 3-5 years
- 5-7 years
- 7-12 years

Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Love quiet reflection? Become a catechist or assistant. Full training is provided and the commitment is just 2 hours per week for approx 32 weeks of the school year. Contact the Parish Office.

The Dominican friars will be holding a **retreat for young men** aged 18—30 at the Presentation Spirituality Centre, 26 Kooralgin St Manly from 10—12 February. It will be led by Fr. Dom Murphy OP and Fr. Paul Rowse OP. Theme: "Wisdom". Cost \$200—includes meals and accommodation. For more information contact Br. James Baxter OP—james.baxter@op.or.au

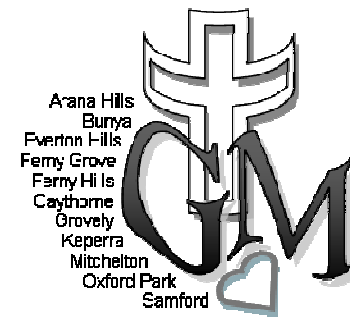
GRILL A PRIEST - This month at Faith on Tap: Brisbane. Is there a question you've been itching to ask a priest but never had the opportunity? We'll now's your chance! With a focus on vocations we'll delve deep into their minds. Our special guests so far include:

1. The good Jesuit & Brisbane exorcist Fr. Gregory Jordan sj
2. The freshly ordained Fr. Paul W. Catchlove
3. And even a young seminarian on his way to the priesthood

So join us at **The Pineapple** as we grill a priest (NOT in the style of St. Lawrence!) on **Monday the 9th of January 2012**. RSVP: www.facebook.com/events/200253116731896/ Hope to see you there from Marisa and the FoT team. www.facebook.com/FaithOnTap Ps. FoT is for young adults between 18-35 years***(Priests and Religious of all ages are welcome)*

Knights of the Southern Cross - Members are reminded that the next monthly meeting will be held at Our Lady's Church Everton Park on Thursday 12 January 2012 commencing at 7.30 p.m

Epiphany of the Lord 8th January 2012



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane

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Epiphany - An All Inclusive World View



The shepherds bid you farewell. They departed earlier today, returning to their flocks. The magi, the wise men from the East, greet you. On the feast of the Epiphany we celebrate their arrival, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We are entirely dependant upon the gospels of Luke and Matthew for the scene represented in the traditional Christmas crib. Luke tells us about the shepherds, but doesn't mention the magi; Matthew tells us about the visit of the magi, but doesn't mention the shepherds. But the gospels of Luke and Matthew agree about this—the first people to visit the newly-born Messiah were **outsiders**.

Shepherds were despised by the religiously orthodox people of Jesus' time. The nature of the shepherd's job meant that he remained with his sheep day and night. It was quite literally a full-time job. Shepherds were therefore unable to observe the full rigours of the Jewish law. To put it in contemporary jargon, they didn't keep a kosher kitchen. Nor were they free to travel to the temple in Jerusalem for the great religious festivals. They were 'often considered as dishonest, outside the Law'. Shepherds were beyond the bounds of religious respectability—ritually and literally unclean or, in the words of one author, 'mangy, stinking [and] bathless'.

The Magi were also outsiders., They didn't belong. They were not Jews. They came from 'the East' possibly Persia (now Iran), and some scholars suggest that they may have been Zoroastrians. So, the only two gospels which tell us anything at all about the birth of Jesus agree on this one fundamental point: the infant King of the Jews was revealed first to outsiders. Matthew and Luke

thereby sound a note which resonates throughout their gospels: Jesus constantly reaches out to the marginalised—to tax collectors and sinners, to lepers and the lame, to the blind and deaf, to the poor and downtrodden. And that is indeed a magnificent epiphany—a manifestation of God's compassion.

The ancient Israelites (Isaiah—first reading) gradually came to realise their role was to be chosen by God to bring light and truth to the world. So there could never be patronising judgment that others were inferior or excluded. Isaiah's vision of a cavalcade of nations coming home to God began to be realised in Jesus. The continued realisation of this universal vision is up to those who know the privilege of believing in God and in Jesus.

Ephesians (second reading) is an assurance that it has been God's plan all along to embrace all humankind with the gift of salvation. We might think, "Surely tyrants and despots are excluded" or "Surely there's no place for atheists or agnostics" or "Surely God did not intend for the chosen ones to rub shoulders with the disreputable and the depraved." But despite our tendency to provincial attitudes and our ever-narrowing ideas of who belongs to the people of God, this feast enunciates without equivocation that God wants *all* to be included in the loving and gracious embrace of salvation.

Notice how dialogue is a key tool of mission since Vatican II. There is a wisdom of the Spirit already in the "outsider". Ecumenism is a strong platform in a Church that respects the kingdom breaking in "beyond our experience". So is inclusivity in our local living of the Gospel. And on the big front of world affairs, it is why it is important for the nations of the world to seek mutual wisdom as everyone is an "outsider" to the other. Isn't China important in all this—it is one quarter of humanity.

That's the challenge of Epiphany 2012—wise men and women of a New Year. To find the light—welcome all.

St William's Columbarium & Memorial Wall

A permanent resting place within the environment of the parish Church, for those parishioners gone home to God

For more information on how to reserve a place for the future, contact the Parish Secretary, Michelle Giuliani on 3355 2667

Certificate

of Appreciation

This certificate is presented to

Our Lady of Dolours & St William's Parish

for its generous support of Catholic Mission's appeal program in 2011, and contribution of \$8394.85

On behalf of the communities, children and church leaders who benefit from this generosity, we give thanks.

Dennis McGowan (Bishop)

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Reach out. Give life.

LITURGY TIMES	
9th—15th January	
Grovely	St William's
Monday:	9.15am Mass <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
Wednesday:	NB: No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass
Thursday:	9.00am Mass
Friday:	7.00am Mass
Saturday:	7.00am Mass 11.00am—12 noon Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am 5:30pm
Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday:	8.30am Mass <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tuesday:	8:30 Mass
Friday:	8:30am Mass
Saturday:	5.15—5.45pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	6.00pm
Sunday:	8:00am
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	7.00—7.25pm Reconciliation 7.30pm Mass
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

This Week's Readings	
Epiphany of the Lord	
Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	
Next Week's Readings	
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. William's Church
Wednesdays 5.45pm

In recess Dec 28—Jan. 25

(to begin again in February.)



GROVELY NEWS



The Second Collection amounted to \$6870.50
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:

1st Coll: Vera Arthur & Bernadette Bowles
2nd Coll: Alexis & Wayne Lambley, Don Soans-Ireland & Pat Nixon

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Mary Matthews, 34 Acacia St. Everton Hills at 7pm on Tuesday



Happy New Year Everyone!
2012 means bigger, better WHY!

Our first Youth Night of the year will be on 27th of Jan. at 6:30pm for 7pm start
Don't forget about our Youth Mass on 22nd of Jan.



St Vincent de Paul - Grovely 2011.

The Grovely Conference would like to thank all those who contributed in some way, to assisting Vinnie's in their work throughout the year.

The Students, Teachers, and Parents of St William's and St Andrew's Schools, the Parish Office crew, the many who contribute their time or resources to the monthly Fundraising Markets, the Church Shop, the Weekend Bread Run, the local Vinnie's Shop volunteers, the Bush Poet gang, and the St William's and Sacred Heart Parishioners and Social Club, also the Golden Valley Keperra Lions Club.

Our Conference assisted over 345 households (approx. 1000 persons) with, clothing, furniture, and other emergency needs such as:

- 350 emergency food hampers,
- 295 Food bank hampers,
- 910 bags of donated bread,
- 42 donated Christmas hampers, and
- Education expenses for 33 school students.

When unexpected emergencies occur, Vinnie's Volunteers are there offering help, giving them a hand up, not just a hand out, and the families being assisted are so very grateful that someone cares and is committed to helping them - Thank you all so much.

St. William's Parish Prayer Groups:

Monday: St. William's—Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary prayed after 9.15am Mass. A little group meets for private prayer and devotions

St. William's—Marian Rosary Group meets on the second Monday of each month, 10.30am to 12 noon for prayers, gospel reading and rosary. If you would like to join with us all are most welcome. Enqs. (including venue) please phone Ann 3351 2829 or 0413 291 534.

Tuesday: Sacred Heart—Come for as long as you can! 9—10am
1st half hour - Rosary and Chaplet;
2nd half-hour - Adoration.
Enqs. Trish Waters 3351 4432

St William's—**Christian Meditation**
The meeting starts at 7pm with a short prayer, silent meditation and a recorded or read inspirational talk and discussion
Resumes this Tuesday

Friday: St. William's—Novena Prayer at 11am. Devotion to our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Catholics Returning Home

The Catholics Returning Home Program is a ministry of compassion and reconciliation. It is designed to reach out and invite those who, for whatever reason, have been estranged from their parish community.



Please pick up a brochure or contact the parish office to register your interest.



YYY87.6FM are back to a bigger and better year. Listen to the Eclectic Mixers and the Big Band Program this week. Clear the floor and dance!

You can also get us on our website
yyyfm.org.au

SAMFORD



Nathan Quinlan (John & Lyn's eldest son) died suddenly earlier this week. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Quinlans at this time. The funeral will be at Samford later in the week. (Watch the Courier Mail).

MITCHELTON NEWS



Collections:
1st Coll. \$ 312.75
2nd Coll. \$1291.65

Counters:
This week: Group B—Phillip Zabaraukas
Next week: Group C—Leo Brown

Family Rosary:
This week: Maria Smillie
Next week: Lalie & Mick Bojar

Mitchelton - Grovely - Samford

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased:

Nathan Quinlan (*John & Lyn's son*), Cecelia McNamara (*Ray & Helen's daughter*), Alma Dwyer (*Dan & Pat's mother*), Kevin Dwyer (*Dan & Pat's brother*), Mary Campbell (*Mena's sister*), Judy Mammino (*Dr. John's wife*), John Hopsick (*Pam's husband*), Clea da Costa (*Jose's mother*), John Mitchell, Alexis Rowe, Michelle Phipps, Michael Bulbeck, Bob Shelley, Sr Rosa Cunningham SGS, Bob Hales.

Many family members of our Parishioners recently went home to God with their funerals being held last week. There are two more next week—Nathan Quinlan and John Hopsick. (Times as yet to be determined.) Our prayers and sympathy are with all their families during this time.

Anniversaries:

Les Gill, Denis & James Nash, John & James Hogan, Duncan Robertson, Sarah van Vorhees, Fr. John Harvey OSFS.



Adult Faith Education

Here we are, at the start of another year, each of us hoping that although there will be the inevitable ups and downs in life, we will experience more ups than downs in 2012 and that we will have grown as a person by this time next year.

We also hope and pray that our relationship with God will have become deeper and more personal as well - perhaps the main purpose of our life - knowledge about God is just one of the steps in this process, an important one, true, but only one step on a journey.

The adult Faith Education team (AFE) is aware of this - we are on about education of adults in their Faith but at the same time the goal has to be that whatever we do is meaningful in assisting you to grow more deeply into God's unconditional love for you. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge is futile when it comes to relating to God.

When one of our greatest theologians, St. Thomas Aquinas, was approaching the end of his life, he observed that all his writings and all the knowledge he had brought to the Church at that time, was as nothing, compared to the loving relationship God had developed in him.

Yes, God had developed this relationship in him as he does with us - we do our best but any deepening of the relationship will come from God and God alone. One sign of this process can be seen when many people in their prayer life gradually move from a prayer of using words to one that uses no words - as the old man in the church said to the parish priest (St. John Vianney) when he asked him what he was saying during the long time he sat in the church... "I look at him and he looks at me".

These people still use words in prayer but the other form of prayer becomes the main one and with this comes a growth in the relationship with Christ. God calls each of us to this deeper relationship.

Position Vacant

Our Parishes are looking to fill the position of

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

24 hours/week
Available in late January

All details are available in the JOB PACK now accessed

- At the Parish Office—call in
- Ask Michelle for one via email grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

Applications close—20th January 2012

Any enquiries to:
Fr. Frank Lourigan PP
St. William's Church Grovely
67 Dawson Parade
KEPERRA, Q. 4054

Ph: 3355 2667



Baptism

Any 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.

Next Programme Date: This Thursday 12th January 7.30pm in the Daley Centre, located at St. William's, Dawson Parade, Grovely.

(Roster for this week Jan Whiteway & Tracie Gallagher)



A.F.E. TEAM MEETING

This Thursday

7.30pm

Parish Library

REMINDER: OUR CHURCHES WILL BE LOCKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS