



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF GROVELY, MITCHELTON & SAMFORD

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What an extraordinary (yet ordinary) privilege it is to grow up within the close-knit web of loving relationships we call family. There, within the nurturing womb of family, we human beings are able to discover a sense of self. There, where love and mutual care are in generous supply, people can begin to experience their own worth. Through the love of parental figures and siblings, we develop a personality and cultivate a sense of belonging. Each member finds the strength within their family to formulate a desire for achievement, the joy of accomplishment, even a sense of humour, and there begin to claim their fundamental stance for life.

Family is also the incubator in which one learns a sense of compassion for others. Within the safety of family, the seeds of sympathy for the needs and sufferings of others can be planted, and if properly tended, these seeds can grow into the good habit of serving the needs of others. Most importantly of all, perhaps, is the sense of God that is first experienced, or not, within the family. Even without uttering a word, parents can communicate by attitude and by action a sense of God that will accompany the child into adolescence and adulthood.

Although a good and vital family is indeed one of life's greatest joys, if we are honest we must also admit that one of the greatest human tragedies is the dissolution of the bonds that create and sustain family. A variety of factors can threaten, stretch or sever these fragile bonds - death, divorce, abuse, alienation, war, natural calamities. Nevertheless, all is not lost to those whose first experiences of family

have been less than what they might have been. In these instances, other families can become a source of edification and a place of welcome. The Parish family can surround us too with a key influence for growth in life, in faith, in hope. Three such families are presented in today's scripture texts.

Hannah and her husband and the high priest Eli must have created a good family life for Samuel, who was then able to find his voice and fulfil his role in God's plan of salvation (**first reading**). No doubt the example of his parents' and mentor's firm faith helped Samuel to face what would be a challenging future: from very humble beginnings, he would go on to become both priest and prophet and a key figure in the spiritual and political development of Israel.

Jesus, too, learned from Joseph and from Mary to be attentive to the overtures of God, however and through whomever these would be manifested in his life. In today's Gospel, Luke has portrayed their parental care for Jesus as well as their sensitivity to God. His mother kept all these things in her heart, Luke tells us; all those things she understood as well as those she did not. There in her heart, she entrusted herself, her husband, her Son and their future to God.

Holy Family Sunday, appropriately celebrated in the afterglow of Christmas calls us to remember our belonging to a third family, the family of persons we know as God. God chose to be revealed as Parent and Brother and welcomes each of us to realise that we are God's beloved children. Firmly convinced of this special status, 1 John (**second reading**) encourages us to live in a manner that will reflect our divine parentage. Our lives should also reflect the daily efforts we make to follow the way of our Big Brother in our love and service of others.

God's blessings on all our families through 2010.

*Happy New Year everyone!
Fr. Lourigan*

LITURGY TIMES

27th December — 2nd January

Grovely	St William's
Monday:	Mass at Mitchelton
Wednesday:	7.00pm Mass
Thursday:	9.00am Mass
Friday:	9.00am Mass <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>
Saturday:	7.00am Mass <i>Basil, the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops</i> 11.00am to 12 noon Reconciliation
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>Holy Innocents</i>
Tuesday:	8.30am Mass <i>Thomas Becket, martyr</i>
Friday:	8.30am Mass <i>New Years Day</i> <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>
Saturday:	5.15 to 5.45pm Reconciliation
Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil
Sunday:	8.00am
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	7.30pm Mass <i>New Year's Eve</i>
Weekend Mass	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

This Week's Readings

Holy Family

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

Next Week's Readings

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

GROVELY NEWS



Recently Deceased:

Trevor Taylor, Peter Schmidtchen, Marjorie Green, Joan Murphy, Keith Holmes, Denis Towner, Ralph van der Heide.

Anniversaries:

John McMahon, Joy Rumball, Noela Hoskins, Mark van Twest, James & Catherine Paterson.

Baptism:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Riley Mannix Rivanera, Jake Sames, Isaac Hastie, Cooper & Jack Phease James & William Griffith and welcome them into our faith community.

The Second Collection

amounted to \$6178.25
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:

1st Coll: Gavin Taylor & Mike Hogan
2nd Coll: Jim D'Arcy, Denise Quinlan, Geraldine & Dennis McLaughlin

Monday Morning Mass:

The usual Monday Mass will not be celebrated this week at Grovely. Mitchelton has Mass at 8.30am.

Transport Needed:

An elderly couple from Ferny Hills require transport to 9.30am Mass at St. William's on Sundays from 3rd

SAMFORD



Recently Deceased:

Marjorie Green

MITCHELTON NEWS



Recently Deceased:

Trevor Taylor, Barbara Curtis, Keith Holmes.

Anniversaries:

Marta Grzesiak, Kiah Peters.

Baptism:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Alexandra Luxford, Sophie & Mitchell Kerr and welcome them into our faith community.

Collections:

1st Coll. \$ 294.00
2nd Coll. \$1159.50

Counters:

This week: Group E - Joan Koch
Next week: Group F - Michael Saide



Family Rosary:

This week: Bel & Phil Ventura
Next week: Melda & Gil Clarete

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Parish Office Hours Christmas / New Year

Friday 25th Dec
to
Tues 29th Dec } Closed

Wed 30th Dec Open until 1pm
Thurs 31st Dec Open until noon
Fri 1st Jan Closed

BULLETIN NOTICES:

Next week's deadline is noon **Wed 30th** for a two page edition - names for prayers and meeting information only. Any news articles will be held over until the next four page edition of 10th January.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to our Advent and Christmas liturgies. The liturgies throughout Advent arranged by Liturgy Teams, musicians, environment people and presiders prepared us well. And the enthusiasm and commitment of the same with the help of the generous volunteers who came to the three churches to prepare for the Christmas Masses placing extra chairs, cleaning and festive environment all together made our welcome for the Christ Child a joyous event.

Our parishes are blessed with many generous people.

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New Year's Day Masses

Friday 1st January

Samford: Vigil Thurs. 31st Jan 7.30pm

Mitchelton: Fri. 1st Jan 8.30am

Grovely: Fri. 1st Jan 9.00am

