



## Confirmation / First Communion Children's & Parents' Workshops

Reminder for our Confirmation and First Communion Families to attend their upcoming Workshops.

This will be the last one before the celebration, so please be there. Also, if you have not provided the name of your sponsor, bring that to the next workshop. Lastly, your workbooks have been due for a month. Please put that in before the celebration.

<b>Group B</b>	Friday	April 29	3.30pm	St. William's, Grovely.
<b>Group C</b>	Tuesday	May 3	3.30pm	St. William's, Grovely.
<b>Group A</b>	Wednesday	May 4	3.30pm	Our Lady of Dolours, Mitchelton
<b>Group D</b>	Thursday	May 5	3.30pm	St. William's, Grovely
<b>Group E</b>	Friday	May 6	3.30pm	St. William's Grovely
<b>Group H</b>	Monday	May 9	3.30pm	St. William's Grovely
<b>Group F</b>	Tuesday	May 10	3.30pm	Sacred Heart, Samford
<b>Group G</b>	Wednesday	May 11	3.30pm	Sacred Heart, Samford.

• **Centacare Enoggera Respite Centre** is recruiting volunteers. Please see the noticeboard for details, or call Lesley Gordon, Community Program Manager on 3354 0999.

• **Knights of the Southern Cross** Interested men are invited to attend a Branch Information Night to be held at Our Lady's Church Centre, 18 Halle St. Everton Park on 12th May at 7.30pm. Members of the Branch are urged to make a special effort to attend this function and bring a friend.

• **Australian Christian Meditation Community Day** – Sat. 7 May *Walking a Labyrinth*. Facilitator: Rick Zweck. Pastor Caloundra Lutheran Church. St Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap. 9.30am – 3pm. Suggested donation \$10; lunch to share. Contact: Marlyn Chester. Mob 0439 678 881; email marlches@bigpond.net.au

• **St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace** Family Open Day to be held at the College on Wednesday 11th May 3:30pm—7:00pm. Welcome booth at Rogers St entrance.

• **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend for married couples Santa Teresa, Ormiston, BNE 20 – 22 May 2011  
Ph: Terry & Rhonda Boyle 07 3352 3328  
[boyletj@powerup.com.au](mailto:boyletj@powerup.com.au) or  
[www.wmme.org.au](http://www.wmme.org.au)



We do apologise for having to close down the podcast, but unfortunately we cannot afford the fee to A.P.R.A. at this stage. We will re-open it when we can.

**SANCTUARY**  
**A New and Contemporary Catholic Conference for Women.**  
*Theme: "Be still and know I am God"*  
Sat. 14 – Sun. 15 May  
Mt Alvernia College, Kedron.

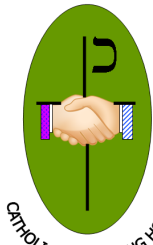
Keynote Speakers: Sr Therese Mills, Jan Heath, Kym Keady & Karen Atkins

Ladies, we struggle today with the multiple demands on us as women, at all ages and walks of life. Come and discover ways to listen for the 'quiet, gentle voice' of our loving, creator God. The conference includes keynote sessions, workshop electives, times of prayer, reflection, music, multimedia, Sunday Eucharist and opportunities to experience sisterhood. We hope you will join us! For more information and to register online go to [www.emmanuelcommunity.com.au/h2h](http://www.emmanuelcommunity.com.au/h2h)  
Presented by HEART2hearts a ministry of Emmanuel Community. Contact [h2h@emmanuelcommunity.com.au](mailto:h2h@emmanuelcommunity.com.au) or (07) 3217 5199

• **St Joseph's Nudgee College** will be holding its main Open Day for 2011 on Saturday May 7, 2011. Session 1 at 9am and Session 2 at 11am. Families interested in attending may complete RSVP form on [www.nudgee.com](http://www.nudgee.com).

• **Marriage & The Culture War** Marriage is now so misunderstood; sadly it is viewed simply as any non committal expression of 'love' rather than a life-long contract between a man and a woman. Because that bond is strengthened by our commitment - as God intended - it ensures children are nurtured in the best possible way, benefitting them, their parents and our nation, the Australian Family Association invites you to the *Marriage & The Culture War* conference, **Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Mercure Hotel, Brisbane starting at 9 am, finishing with a dinner and keynote address."

## 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.

## Changes This Week

**Fr. Frank will be on leave until Thurs. 5th May**

**Emergency contact - Fr. Gerry Hefferan**  
(O.L.D. Presbytery—3355 1349 or  
Mob: 0437 775 088)

Check Liturgy Times for cancelled Masses

Parish Office Hours as usual—closed for Public Holidays

## Market News

**DONT FORGET!!**  
**NEXT MARKET SAT 14TH MAY**  
**8AM - 12 NOON**

Held in the New Hall, Daley Centre, Under the Sails and Gazebos on both sides of the church!!

Come and join us for a lovely morning of love and laughter. Browse the beautiful Art and Craft for sale, nibble on a sausage sizzle, or join us in our coffee shop for coffee and cake, (best in Australia!) Our newest ventures, Curry Corner, Sno Cones and Popcorn will also be operating.

Something for everyone, don't miss it!  
**PROMOTING LOVE AND LAUGHTER!**  
Enquiries to Marg or Edwyn 3351 4454

## Annual Archbishop's Fundraising Dinner for NET Ministries

Archbishop John Bathersby is hosting the annual fundraising dinner for NET Ministries on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**. This important event raises money to help NET Ministries achieve its vision of encouraging young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church. At this year's dinner we will thank Archbishop John for his support of NET during his 20 years as Archbishop.

**Venue:** Tattersall's Club,  
Edward St, Brisbane  
**Dress:** Dinner attire

**Date:** Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm for 7pm  
**Cost:** \$135 per person  
(3 course meal plus wine)

**RSVP:** by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
Phone: 3217 5299 or Fax: 3217 5288  
Email: [dinner@netministries.com.au](mailto:dinner@netministries.com.au)  
[www.netministries.com.au](http://www.netministries.com.au)

2nd Sunday in Easter  
1st May, 2011



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

**Clergy:**  
Fr Frank Lourigan PP  
Ph 3355 2667 Fax 3855 3455  
On leave until 5th May

Fr. Gerry Hefferan  
Ph 3355 1349  
(February—August)

Rev Peter McDade, Deacon

**Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator:**  
Mrs Jan Whiteway (Wed - Fri)  
Ph 33541826  
[pcgrovely@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pcgrovely@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Parish Secretary:**  
Mrs. Michelle Giuliani (Tues to Fri)

## OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**Finance Officer:**  
Mr Tris van Twest  
(Mon to Wed & Fri)

**Assistant Secretary:**  
Mrs Gail Bowley  
(Mon am, Thurs pm & Fri)

**Sacramental Co-ordinator:**  
Mrs Marie-Louise Singson  
Monday & Tuesday 8.30am—1pm  
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## PARISH OFFICE

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## Grovely Presbytery

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054

## Mitchelton Presbytery

11 Suez Street, Mitchelton 4053

## St William's School

67 Dawson Parade, Keperra 4054  
Ph 3355 5122 Fax 3354 3330

## St Andrew's School

Cnr Hogarth & Upper Kedron Roads  
Ferry Grove 4055  
Ph 33516886 Fax 3851 1054

**Our Lady of Dolours School**  
2 Willcocks Street, Mitchelton 4053  
Ph 3355 7763 Fax 3855 2641

## YYY Radio FM 87.6

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## FAITH - So Empowering - So Elusive



not mind only, but heart and emotions and will as well. Thomas' cry was a doxology; I mean a paean of praise, of adoration. It was a yes to his Lord, a total gift of himself to his God.

Such faith is an experience. Personal, of course—a one-to-one experience of God. But notice: The experience took place in the midst of a community coming to birth, disciples who had journeyed to Jerusalem with Jesus, had shared his Supper, had watched him die from near or afar.

And there too is a clue to faith and its coming to birth. Many families that have worked and tried so hard to pass on faith seem often disappointed. Lots of sons and daughters seemed to have moved away from the faith or more concretely the practice of it in the Church. Some people believe that organised religion is the enemy of personal religion—that the experience of the Church does not lead to experience of God—that if one craves direct contact with divinity then don't seek it in Catholicism. There are the form and trappings of real religion but not a one to one relationship with God. There you have laws that imprison, structures that suffocate, all sorts of intermediaries between you and God: dogma, Mary, sacraments, priests.... Go rather inside yourself, to your own trusting head, to another whose idea you trust, to nature or the environment. There experience God in the fullest truth!

Well, I'm sorry to reflect. It is not the God who has revealed Godself to us. Listen to the Easter experience of the early believers. Listen to the account in Acts today: "They devoted themselves to (they persisted in) the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, the breaking of the bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Four facets to their experience of God.

A living faith within a community of faith! That is the only valued trigger for this extraordinary gift to prosper. To touch God one doesn't need to rush helter-skelter from Our Lady of Dolours or St William's to the bush, to a mountain, to a glorious sun risen beach. If your faith is alive, you will touch the risen Christ as Jerusalem's first Christians touched him: in his world and in your fellowship, in his flesh and in the Our Father you raise to God hand-in-hand with your brother, your sister. If your faith is alive...

Easter only one week old and doubting Thomas is our inspiration—a fascinating fellow, with some hang-ups!

Why wasn't he around on Easter Sunday, when Jesus first appeared, breathed his Spirit on the disciples, empowered them to forgive sin? What made him so sceptical, so mulish, when trusted friends like Peter, James and John told him "We have seen the Lord" (Jn 20:25)? We do not know. What we do know is that the doubter uttered the most perfect affirmation of Christ's nature in all the gospels. "Lord and God" translates the name of Israel's God (cf. Ps 35:23); "Lord and God" would become the common Christian confession of Christ, Son of God equal to the Father.

How did it happen? Easy, one might say; easy as falling off a log. After all, wasn't his Lord and God standing in front of Thomas? Was it not obvious he had risen from the dead? Only a fool would deny the evidence of his eyes.

Not so fast, not so obvious! Thomas did not "see" God; what he saw was a man. A unique man, I admit, a wonder man in risen flesh who appeared out of nowhere and walked through the doors and still wore the wounds of his dying. Nevertheless, all Thomas could see with his eyes, all sheer reason could reveal to him, was a man. Remember when Jesus' friend Lazarus came forth from the tomb in Bethany? Not a single spectator shouted "My Lord and my God!" An infinite gulf separates "You are risen" from "You are God." The cry of Thomas went far beyond the evidence.

Because it exceeded the evidence, "My Lord and my God" was an act of faith; and faith for Thomas, as for us, was a gift, impossible without God's gracious giving. It was a response to God's self-revealing. Not simply the assent of his intellect to what God had certified: "I firmly believe that you are my Lord and my God." Faith is not a narrow head-trip. Faith in its fullness is a response of the whole person—

LITURGY TIMES	
2nd May — 8th May	
<b>Grovely</b>	<b>St William's</b>
Monday Labour Day:	No Mass or liturgy
Wednesday	5:45pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Liturgy of the Word With Communion
Thursday:	9.00am Mass
Friday:	7.00am Mass
Saturday:	7.00am Mass 11.00am—12 noon <b>Reconciliation</b>
<b>Next Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	6.30am, 8.00am 9.30am & 5.30pm
<b>Mitchelton</b>	<b>Our Lady of Dolours</b>
Monday Labour Day:	8.30am Mass
Tuesday:	8.30am Mass
Friday:	8.30am Mass
Saturday:	5.15—5.45pm <b>Reconciliation</b>
<b>Next Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8.00am Mass
<b>Samford</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>
Thursday:	7:00pm <b>Reconciliation</b> 7:30pm Mass
<b>Next Weekend Mass</b>	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass
<b>This Week's Readings</b> 2nd Sunday of Easter	
Acts 2:42-47 1 Pet 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31	
<b>Next Week's Readings</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter	
Acts 2:14,22-33 1 Pet 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35	

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This Wednesday Evening:  
St. William's Church

5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7.00pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord



# Welcome!

Fr Dan Grundy

Who will be presiding at Masses at Grovely this weekend while Fr Frank is away.

## GROVELY NEWS



### Recently Deceased:

Thelma Tidbold, Melinda Melville (*Sue Graham's sister-in-law*), Veluna (Vee) Priggs (*N.Z.*), Lola Spain, Veronica McCarthy.

### Anniversaries:

Jim O'Rourke, Shannon Blackburn, Walter and Mary Waldby.

### Baptism:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Ariordan Hayes, Olivia Kelly and Charli Parry and welcome them into our faith community.

### The Second Collection

amounted to \$7322.35  
We thank all who contributed.

### Counters this week:

1<sup>st</sup> Coll: Sue Skehan & Jan Whiteway  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coll: Monica & John Birchley, Lester Whiteway.

Rosary will be prayed at the home of Margaret & Joseph Eardley at 7pm this Tuesday.  
Ph 3351 0956

### Altar Servers:

New roster available in servers' box in the sacristy.

### St. William's Christian Meditation Group:

Meditation resumes on 3rd May. All welcome. Enquiries Bob O'Neill 3355 2436.

### Mass at Keperra Sanctuary

This Friday 6th May at 10am.



### DATE CHANGE:

**\*\*NOW Friday 20th May\*\***

6.30pm meet for 7pm start.

Chill Out Night in the Daley Centre.

"Spooky party night!" Dress-up as your favourite Halloween character.

Games, movie & scary treats.



## 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:** (For parents having their first child baptised) this Thursday 5th May 7.30pm in the Daley Centre, located at St. William's, Dawson Parade, Grovely.

(Roster for this week Kaylene C.)



You cannot do everything,  
but you can do something  
- Oscar Romero

ST WILLIAM'S  
Social Justice Group

As highlighted on the front page of the Catholic Leader of 10 April the **Romero Centre at Dutton Park** is appealing for volunteers to help normalise life for asylum seekers at Brisbane's two detention centres. These men, women and children - 45 at the Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation at Pinkenba and more than 100 in a wing of the Virginia Palms Motel, Boondall - need support in such areas as the learning of English and familiarisation with Australian culture.

Essentially it is about spending some time with them which will help them integrate more effectively into our community and at the same time providing a valuable way for the asylum seekers' stressful situation. As the article stated "It's a simple thing to do - just to spend time with these people and it gives them new hope".

Volunteering can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly - whatever time you can give. More volunteers are needed immediately and a training session will be held on **Thursday May 5, 6pm- 8pm** at the Romero Centre - for more details contact Kerrie Manning (Volunteer Coordinator) on 3846 3250 or email [volunteer@romerocentre.org.au](mailto:volunteer@romerocentre.org.au)

In addition the Romero Centre plans to start a program soon where volunteers take approved asylum seekers on excursions in the region and more volunteers will be needed once this is approved. If you would like to be informed about this program please contact Mike on 3851 1641 or email [lagniapp@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lagniapp@bigpond.net.au)

## Mass for Anointing of the Sick

Thursday 12th May 9.30am

St. William's Church  
Parishioners of Mitchelton and Grovely  
All Welcome

The Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated during Mass.

Some ask "How sick have you to be to qualify?" It is a sacrament of healing for what in us yearns for fullness of health; it is certainly not reserved for those who are extremely ill, though of course, the sacrament is especially concerned for the very ill.

(Let us know at the Office 3355 2667 if transport is needed)

## MITCHELTON NEWS



### Recently Deceased:

Alma Russell, Bart Skinner, Elsa Macarthur, Neville (Bomber) Brown .

### Anniversaries:

Dermott Maloney.

**A funeral Mass for Alma Russell** will be held this Tuesday 3rd May at 1pm

### Collections:

1<sup>st</sup> Coll. \$ 202.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. \$1367.30

### Counters:

This week: Group A—Michael Kuilboer  
Next week: Group B-Phillip Zabarauskas



### Family Rosary:

This week: Juliet & Ross Blackwell  
Next week: Shirley Cunningham



A man's watch was left behind at church before Passion Sunday. Please contact the Parish Office to reclaim.



### Raffle... Raffle

SVDP is conducting a raffle of a painting by our own renowned artist, Madonna Moloney.  
2nd prize is a Myer Voucher.

Tickets on sale at Church entrance.  
Raffle will be drawn in time for Mother's Day

Families of Parish and School community are invited to a **BYO Brunch to Lunch in Teralba Park, Pullen Road, on Sunday 12 June, 2011.**

How often have you said, "We must get-together sometime!" Recently a group of Our Lady of Dolours mothers did some reminiscing over Sunday afternoon coffee. Out of this... plans to organise an annual day when everyone can be united again. Spread the good news to all your contacts, to pack their picnic basket and chairs and come along to our Pentecost Day Picnic in the Park from 9.30am and be warmed by winter sunshine and re-connection with OLD friends.

If you want to know more or can supply contact numbers of OLD families  
Phone: Christine Simpson 3351 1030  
Judy Connolly 3289 1760  
Nita Leigh 3855 2141

## Divine Mercy Devotions

Sunday 1st May  
Our Lady of Dolours, Mitchelton  
10.00am—12.15pm  
Enquiries Ph: 3855 3246.

## SAMFORD



### Recently Deceased:

Thelma Tidbold

### Rosters:

New rosters are available for collection. On the **old** roster, for May 8 Ext. Min. of Communion, could group 2A please fill in if possible. Thanks.

### Prayer Group -

Come for as long as you can!  
9 - 10am Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Samford  
1<sup>st</sup> half hour - Rosary and Chaplet;  
2<sup>nd</sup> half-hour - Adoration.

### Community Seminar:

This seminar in the series will focus on Suicide Prevention and Awareness, and will be facilitated by Paul Norton from LifeLine. Wed. 4 May 7:30 to 9pm (With a light supper provided afterward). 44 Mt Glorious Rd Samford. Sponsored by Samford Valley Community church Phone (Office): 3289 2832 John Dansie (Student Minister): 0408 397 266. The seminar is free, but all donations will go to support the work of Lifeline.

## Mitchelton - Grovely - Samford



## Day of Prayer for Chaplaincy Service

A High Court challenge threatens the existence of the 500 chaplains in state schools across Queensland. This will have a direct impact on the care of children in schools.

Our state schools in the area (all 7) depend on our support financially and with prayer to give children the opportunity of this service. Today we as a community pray for our local chaplains and their work, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the discernment of the future of the Chaplaincy Service in Queensland and throughout Australia.

## Grovely State School Chaplaincy Service

**Coffee & Cake Evening**  
Hear all about the Chaplaincy program, how it operates and functions and how support is needed to continue this vital service

**Wed 11th May 6:30pm**  
Grovely Performing Arts Centre  
Grovely State School,  
Dawson Parade, Keperra  
Cost :Free

**RSVP 4th May for catering purposes**  
School Office 3354 6333  
Chaplain Cathy 0426 887 575



## Adult Faith Education

### Little Rock Scripture course - St Matthew

If numbers are sufficient, Grovely AFE will present this course and it will be held at the house of Elizabeth Constantine.

9.30am - 11.30am on these Tuesdays.  
May 10, 17, 24, 31  
June 7, 14  
July 12, 19, 26  
Aug. 2

Cost per person is \$20 - includes a study set of 2 books and access to the course DVD during the meetings. Ring Elizabeth on 3351 0831 to join.

This is a comprehensive course of 10 sessions on the Gospel used this year for the "Ordinary" Sundays, most of which occur in the second half of the year. A participant would come out of this course with a sound appreciation of this Gospel.

### National eConference date claimer

These events have been happening for about 2 years now - 2 per year. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> one.

Each successive one has seen many more people joining in during the day via their own computer or in venues across Australia and in a number of other countries. These eConferences have become a powerful form of adult education for many people.

### Topic: The Holy Spirit - Giver of Life

The date is Thursday May 19 10.30am - 3.15 (There are breaks between the sessions across the day) People can access any of the sessions in their own time later on - a useful thing to know for those who work or cannot access the "real time". More details next week.

### The Sacrament of Forgiveness - DVD

Those wishing to borrow the DVD to watch at home should ring Rosaleen on 3351 6601. Definitely worth looking at.

## A message from Archbishop John:

"I ask that you remember in your Masses and prayers this significant occasion of the beatification of Pope John Paul II on the weekend of the 30th April/1st May 2011."

