



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 12th March

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 13th March

No Mass

Wednesday 14th March

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 15th March

9.00am Mass

Friday 16th March

8.30am Stations of the Cross

9.00am Mass

10.30am Mass - St Mary's Hostel

Saturday 17th March

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 18th March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

6.30am Rosary - Riverview

7.00am Mass - Riverview

9.00am Mass - Booval

5.00pm Mass - Booval

Marriages by appointment - at least six months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

11th March, 2018

Dear parishioners and visitors,

In today's gospel John says "The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." The chronicler in the first reading says the same thing about the chosen people long ago: "But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His warnings, and scoffed at His prophet." What God demands from each one of us is our acceptance that we have strayed away from the ways of God, and our readiness to correct the mistake.

One day, King Frederick II, King of Prussia, visited a prison in Berlin. The inmates jumped at the opportunity to plead their cases directly to the king. One prisoner sat quietly in the corner. This aroused the king's curiosity. The king approached the man in the corner. "What are you in for?" he asked. "Armed robbery, your honour." The king asked, "Are you guilty?" "Yes sir," he answered. "I entirely deserve my punishment." The king then gave orders to the guard: "Release this guilty man. I don't want him corrupting all these innocent people."

Only when we admit our guilt, it can be washed away. One of the greatest promises of scripture is: "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) Repentance is the first step toward new birth mentioned in today's gospel. That is the only means to leave the ways of darkness and to walk in the path of light.

The man who reacts in hostility to Jesus loves the darkness rather than the light. When we compare ourselves with good people, we will be able to see our limitations. The man who is engaged on an evil task does not want any light shed on him; but the man engaged in an honourable task welcomes the light. **When we are able to accept Jesus as our light, it will change our lives.**

First of all, it will give us peace with God. When Adam disobeyed the commands of God, he fled from Him. When Cain raised his hands against his brother, he ran away to a distant land, fearing God. When kings of Israel indulged in idolatry, they avoided the presence of the prophets, who brought God's message. So, Jesus invites us to overcome this estrangement. He wants us to find God as a loving father, and to be at home.

Secondly, it will give us peace with men. If we have been forgiven we must be forgiving. It enables us to see men as God sees them. It makes us and all men into one great family joined in love. It is the only answer to the unrest that we see in our society, in our nation and in the world at large.

Finally, it will give us peace with ourselves. In the last analysis a man is more afraid of himself than of anything else. We know our own weakness; we know the force of our own temptations; we know our own tasks and the demands of our own life. Therefore, we try to avoid a confrontation with ourselves. Many people find short cuts to escape from themselves. But, they are all short-lived. The only lasting solution for this is to accept Jesus as our guide, and amend our ways. Make a decision that we don't do anything that we don't dare to do in public. This is a little step that we can take in this season of lent to make us sons and daughters of light.

Many Blessings

Fr. Joji Thomas MCBS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated on
Fridays at 8.30am
before the 9am mass during Lent.

DIARY DATES



Tuesday 13th March - 9.30am: Craft Group
7.30pm: Choir Practice
Wed. 14th March - 7.00pm: Finance Committee meeting

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Monday 19th March at 7.00pm

Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies - Timetable

[All ceremonies will be held at Booval]

HOLY THURSDAY

7.00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am – Stations of the Cross
[Amare Centre – School Hall]
3.00pm – Passion of the Lord



HOLY SATURDAY

6.00pm – Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY

7.00am – Mass of the Resurrection [Riverview]
9.00am – Mass of the Resurrection



BAPTISM - This weekend we welcome into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Lucinda Toohill**.

PALM SUNDAY/EASTER ROSTERS - Could you please fill in the sheet in the foyer of the Church if you will be available for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Next trip **Tuesday 20th March** to Laidley Pioneer Village Museum and Mulgowie for lunch. Leaving 8am. Cost \$40. Please wear comfortable footwear and bring a hat and water bottle. Bookings and cancellations please phone Anne Hall 0408 773 734.

AL-ANON meets every Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Centre
For more information Ph: 1300 252 666

An enjoyable evening was had by all who came along to listen to Katrina from the Redlands Centre for Women last Tuesday evening - I'm sure we all went away feeling very inspired after her informative talk. Special thanks to Anne Ryan for organising the evening and for providing the delicious supper.



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Evangeline featured in Project Compassion 2016. With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen to the role of Senior Artswoker at Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, now a multi-level contemporary arts centre and major employer for young people in her remote Northern Territory community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Come along and join the men of the Parish for breakfast on **SATURDAY 17th March 7am-9am**. Guest speaker: Mike Wilkinson. Cost: \$5.00. If you would like to come please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church or phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888.



For further information please phone Martin Smith 0421 525 232.

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 22nd March 2018 @ 7.00pm

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

ALL WELCOME

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest.

How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

A VOCATION VIEW - When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

Time for a smile: -



What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

Same middle name.

