



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 17th July

No Mass

Tuesday 18th July

7.00pm Mass - [St Mary's Hostel mass cancelled]

Wednesday 19th July

9.00am Mass

Thursday 20th July

9.00am Mass

Friday 21st July

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 22nd July

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 23rd July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Mass - Booval

8.15am Mass - Riverview

9.30am Mass - Booval

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

Baptisms by appointment.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th July, 2017

Though this Gospel is commonly called the Parable of the Sower, the story really isn't about the sower but rather what happens to the seed in the differing soils into which it falls. It is assumed that the sower has thrown widely the rich and fruitful seed – what soil will allow growth?

Jesus describes three outlooks on life that will stifle the growth of the Kingdom of God in our lives.

Firstly, there is distraction. Constant novelty can give the illusion of growth. In the midst of constant change we are stimulated by passing things and can mistake this for transformation. The work of grace within a person requires entering into oneself, facing one's liabilities and dealing with them – this is often boring, messy and difficult - and it takes time.

Secondly, there is difficulty. The Kingdom of God demands that we commit ourselves to certain values. These values challenge us personally in difficult ways and can make life uncomfortable for us in the wider society. If we focus on the hardships we encounter, rather than on the power of the Word, we will be overwhelmed and give up.

Thirdly, there is comfort. The desire for the ease which comes with wealth, status and privilege can stifle our sense of what the Kingdom of God really is about. Our hearts have an innate neediness, which is our hunger for God. We need to be 'at ease' with our neediness and not try to ease the neediness with false comforts.

Jesus does not directly describe the good soil, except to say that it allows the seed to grow to abundance. We do not make the growth of the Kingdom of God within us – rather all we can do is not allow distraction, difficulty and comfort to stifle the growth of grace within us. *Sr Kym Harris osb*

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING 2017 Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a Combined Safeguarding Training for those needing to do their initial training and those needing a refresher training (those who completed their initial training in 2014), facilitated by Troy Tornabene, on **Wednesday August 23**, 6-9pm for initial training or 7-9pm for refresher training **OR Sunday August 27** 10.45am-1.45pm for initial training or 11.45am-1.45pm for refresher. Sorry for the change of date – hope this doesn't cause an issue. I was unaware when booking the training that the previous date of Wednesday the 16th was Exhibition Holiday in Brisbane and Troy had not realised it either. He would obviously be wishing to spend this day with his family. Thanks for your continued commitment to ensuring our parish is a safe and caring environment for all. I look forward to catching up with you at one of these training dates.

Donna Conway – Local Safeguarding Representative.

Thank you for your support of the annual Propagation of the Faith appeal last weekend

As you listen to the Gospel for this weekend, please know that your contributions to the recent Catholic Mission appeal are very much like the seeds that fall on soil and which will produce an abundant crop. On behalf of those who will share in the fruits of your generosity, thank you!

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane & Toowoomba Diocese

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18th July at 9.30am: Craft Group

Thursday 20th July at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting



BAPTISM - This weekend we welcome into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism *Willow de Thierry*.

WALTZING MATILDAS are heading down to Point Danger for a "Whale Watching" Adventure on **Tuesday 25 July**. Leaving Parish Centre **8.00am**. Cost \$40. Bring a cup, hat, sunglasses, water bottle and binoculars (if you have them!) Bookings and cancellations—ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 mob. 0408 773 734.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."

MATTHEW 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It affects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.



Time for a Smile—

A blonde and a redhead have a ranch. They have just lost their bull. The women need to buy another, but only have \$500. The redhead tells the blonde, "I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under that amount. If I can, I will send you a telegram." She goes to the market and finds one for \$499. Having only one dollar left, she goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. She is stumped on how to tell the blonde to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, she tells the telegraph operator to send the word "comfortable." Skeptical, the operator asks, "How will she know to come with the trailer from just that word?" The redhead replies, "She's a blonde so she reads slow: 'Come for ta bull.'"



Vocations Novena (V9) Campaign 8

A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved

B: For they were like sheep without a Shepherd

A: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready"

B: "But the labourers are few"

A: Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest

B: O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in Your harvest

A: And shepherd for the people.

Amen



SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL FETE Sunday 23rd July, 2017

Major Raffle Prize tickets to be sold at
Booval Fair Sunday 16 July. 9am-2pm

1st Prize: Visa Gift Card valued at \$1000

2nd Prize: Lenova Tablet valued at \$247

3rd Prize: HP Stream II Laptop valued at \$233

4th Prize: Fuji Instax Camera Pack valued at \$129

The Sacred Heart Parish and School Fete

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We are calling for donations of home baked goods for this years cake stall.

Cakes, slices, biscuits, loaves, cupcakes, muffins...anything home baked!

All baked goods must be labelled with all ingredients and if they have been frozen, please include an "F" on the label.

All baked goods can be dropped off at the Amare Centre on Saturday 22nd July between 9am – 12pm or on the day of the fete.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact Kate Bradford on 0413 401 882. I am able to provide packaging materials if required.



The Tea/Coffee Shop at this year's Fete will be run and organised by the Parish. Can you help for an hour or so on the day or if you are unable to assist in this way you may be able to help by making cakes, slices etc. **Please contact the Parish Office on 3282 1888 or fill in the forms in the foyer of the Church if you can help either on the day or by supplying food. It is important that you fill in the forms so we know how much food will be coming in and how many helpers we will have.** Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Our next week end will held **4 to 6 August 2017.**

Watch our video - <https://youtu.be/9NiW1PXumTQ>

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane's bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wvme.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW - The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes, it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.