



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 24th April

7.30pm Mass - Anzac Day vigil

Tuesday 25th April

No Mass

Wednesday 26th April

9.00am Mass

Thursday 27th April

9.00am Mass

Friday 28th April

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 29th April

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 30th April

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

23rd April, 2017

In the Gospel of John, the giving of the Holy Spirit is associated with the power to deal with sin. The power to forgive is given to all disciples and is to be the distinctive mark of Christians. This isn't the human forgiveness that can say 'it's okay' after an apology is offered and restoration is made. No, this is the power to deal with dirty, dark, raw sin. Jesus' forgiveness leads to a profound transformation of the heart that enables us to offer peace, love and benevolence to people who have deeply wronged us, irrespective of whether they repent or not. It is loving as God loves.

Julie Morris, in her book *Forgiving the Dead Man Walking* recounts her journey, her long journey, of coming to forgive Robert Lee Willie, a murderer and rapist, who had abducted her, repeatedly raped her and threatened her with death. The effect of the trauma in her life is clearly told: her life was a mess. Her anger lashed out in all directions, to her parents, to herself, to Robert Willie, to her God. Only as she forgave herself and others did her life grow to some form of equanimity. The struggle to forgive Robert Willie was long and hard and, at heart, it was a struggle to understand and enter into God's way of loving. Her forgiveness was not cheap. She carries her wounds, not as symbols of defeat, but as signs of the Spirit's power to transform our hearts in ways beyond our imaginings. She learnt to love as God loves.

This power to forgive is Jesus' Resurrection gift to each of us. We each have our own story, our pains, our wounds, times when we have sinned and when we have been sinned against. We know what dirty, dark, raw sin is. Still Jesus comes to us, showing us his wounds, breathing the Holy Spirit upon us and telling us that we too can love as God loves us. *Sr Kym Harris osb*

SAVE THE DATE! We are holding new and refresher training on the **Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy** and requirements. As you would remember, I spoke at mass last year about the Archdiocesan response to the need to protect the vulnerable members of our community. I also mentioned that we, as a community, would be called to implement some new processes in response to this need. With our Church and wider community reeling from the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, it is even more important that we provide a safe environment and are seen to provide a safe environment for all within our parish. Some of you may have already participated in training but it is now time to refresh that training. The ministries now required to participate in training has widened so many of you may need to participate in initial training. The list of ministries involved are: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (both in Church and to the sick), Choir Conductors (Child/Adult), Hospitality (morning tea, greeting), Altar Servers & trainers (18 years +), Readers, Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders, Cleaners, Counters, Finance Council Members, Organists with access to keys, Pastoral Council Members, Sacramental Preparation Co-ordinator & helpers, Sacristan, Youth Group Leader (CFC & Youth Group), Local Safeguarding Officer, Visitors to the Sick, Transport Ministry.

Initial training will take 3 hours and refresher training 2 hours. Our training has been booked for: **Saturday May 6 1.30-4.30pm (Initial); 2.30-4.30pm (Refresher - to be confirmed)** Please make every effort to prioritise this training. We will complete volunteer forms at the training as well (another requirement of our policy). Those requiring Blue Cards will also be identified and assisted with completing paperwork.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 25th April at 9.30am: **NO CRAFT GROUP**
Thursday 27th April at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting



WALTZING MATILDAS heading up to Esk/Toogoolawah on Tuesday 2nd May leaving Parish Centre 8.00am. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240, mob 0408 773 734.



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Marian Valley Canungra - All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, at Marian Valley, Canungra on **Saturday 20th May 2017** commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. For those not wishing to drive a bus will leave **8.00am French Street, Booval and 8.10am Tessman Street, Riverview**. Fare \$20 - bookings and info Anne 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.



Time for a Smile - A man has three sons who entered three different religious orders: the oldest became a Dominican, the second a Franciscan, and the youngest a Jesuit. On his deathbed, the father tells his sons, "I know you all have vows of poverty, but as a sign of your love for me, I want each of you to place one thousand dollars into my casket to be buried with me."

On the day of the funeral, the Dominican son steps up, places \$1000 in the casket, and says, "This seems like a waste of money, since you can't take it with you, Dad. But with the special permission of my superiors, I'm doing as you requested, as a sign of my love."

Next, the Franciscan son approaches the casket and says, "You know I love you, Dad, but the needs of the poor are so great, I just can't let \$1000 be buried with you. I hope you understand, now that you are in heaven. Please forgive me."

Finally, the Jesuit son comes forward and says to his brother, "Don't worry, Frank. I'll pay your share." Then he reaches into the casket, takes the cash left by his eldest brother, and puts in a cheque for \$3000.



A very big THANK YOU to all those who contributed in any way to our Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies and to all those who participated.

GROUP 2 PLEASE NOTE - As there are five Sundays in the month of April **Group 2** will be rostered on for next week-end.

WHITE BOOKS are available at the front of the Church for \$3.50 each. Please place money in envelopes provided. Thank you.

SIGNS OF WONDER - Free concert. A vibrant worship experience "**The Sound of a Transformed Generation**" by a family of orphans from Uganda. Thursday 4th May at 6.30pm at Whitehill Church of Christ, 219 Whitehill Road, Raceview. The Watoto Children's Choir, whose members are orphans and other vulnerable children, present worship music from Watoto Church in Uganda and invite audiences to expect an encounter with God.

Looking for past St Mary's Youth Group (SMYG) - Members in the 1970's which was overseen by Fr Paul Rooney. A reunion has been planned for the 15th July. Anyone interested in attending can contact Patricia Lennon (nee Ainslie) on 0423 165 741 or Doris Galea on 0423 937 404.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The 2017 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled for 5, 6 and 7 May. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details go to:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

*Jesus came and stood among them
and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'*
JOHN 20:19



Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbour, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

A VOCATION VIEW - It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

