



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview

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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 24th July

No Mass

### Tuesday 25th July

10.30am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

### Wednesday 26th July

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 27th July

9.00am Mass

### Friday 28th July

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

### Saturday 29th July

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 30th July

#### Seventeenth 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.

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd July, 2017

With the parable of the woman kneading the yeast, Jesus gave one of his most radical challenges to the practice of the Jewish religion. Much of the 'torah' – teaching of the law – and its subsequent interpretation stressed upon the religious Jews how different they were from the people around them. The practice of Sabbath, food, purity and clothing laws and circumcision reminded the faithful that God had chosen them from amongst the peoples of the world and made them his own. Even within the Jewish people themselves, how well one adhered to observance of the law was seen as a sign of just how faithful one was.

Now Jesus takes the practice of faith within the world to a whole new level. No longer are the faithful followers of God to be distinct from the world around them but rather they are to be transformative in that world. The 'yeast' the woman would have been using was more likely a sourdough culture, which looks like a bubbling slurry of flour and water. When mixed with more flour to make the bread, it completely disappears in the dough and its presence is only known by the change of the stodgy dough into fluffy loaves. This is a process that cannot be rushed – but it can be aided by good kneading. The amount of flour that Jesus says the woman kneaded is extraordinary. Three measures are around 25 kilos – the limit a person could knead by hand and an amount that would serve many more than a family. In fact, it would make enough bread for about 100 people. Drawing lines from the parable into our own practice of faith, we are told that we are to be transformative within our world and generous in the giving of faith.

This parable of Jesus challenges how we see the role of religious practice in our lives. The practice of religion does make us distinctive from the people around us. Our churches look different to other buildings, we worship God communally on Sunday, we adhere to moral codes that the world around us often despises. We are not to do these things to make ourselves feel better than those around us but rather to express our worship of God. Then, living in response to such a loving God, we will go out into our world, trying in every way we can to offer that transforming love to the people of our world. *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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A big THANK YOU** to the craft ladies who meet of a Tuesday morning. They have kindly donated a substantial amount of money and this money has gone towards our lovely new blinds in the meeting room at the Parish Centre.

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 25th July at 9.30am: Craft Group

Thursday 28th July at 6.15pm: CFC Group

**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 kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."* MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38



As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfil God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



### Time for a Smile—

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

### 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

*This Sunday 23rd July, 2017*

*Commencing at 10.30am*

**Come along and have an enjoyable couple of hours and support our parish and school**



### DATE CLAIMER PARISH PICNIC

**Sunday 20th August, 2017**

**PLEASE NOTE** that because there are five Sundays this month Group 3 will be rostered on for next weekend.

**IPSWICH MAYORAL ELECTION ASSEMBLY** The Ipswich churches, union members and community groups who are involved in the Queensland Community Alliance have organised an Ipswich Mayoral Election Assembly. We will invite serious contenders for the Mayoralty to attend, and ask them to engage with our organised civil society around the issues that concern us. This will include the need for better care for people living with mental illness and a more consultative approach, including revitalising the city heart. This will not be a candidates' debate, or a rowdy meeting with gotcha questions. We will be disciplined civil society organisations coming together to seek to create a new relationship of two way respect with the next Mayor of Ipswich, where they respect our commitment to fight to see our values reflected in the City Council. It would be great to have a strong Sacred Heart representation.

**Time: 11am - 12.30pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Place: Sacred Heart Church.**

**CWL - Hoy & Euchre** will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 26th July at 10.00am**. All welcome.

**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)

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**A VOCATION VIEW** - There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.