



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th/29th January, 2017

This weekend 's celebrants are Fr Peter Gillam (5.00pm, 7.00am & 9.30am] and Fr Thomas Manimalayil (8.15am Riverview)

The business belonging to one of my brothers was one of the first to fail in the long drought that Australia experienced some years ago. Having lost everything he, with his wife and large family, had to travel up and down the east coast of Australia with his work. They learnt to budget extremely well but even with that, one Saturday in a caravan park near Coffs Harbour they reached rock bottom. Standing outside their van, they saw, down the lane, a ute pull out, its owner leaving. His vehicle paused where they were standing and the guy said: 'Here, I won this at the chook raffle last night.' Reaching back into the cabin he pulled out a magnificent meat tray and a good bottle of red. Then he drove off. They didn't know his name, he had never spoken to them before. That evening, while watching the sunset over Coffs Beach and enjoying the barbequed rump and wine, they both agreed that they were glad they had gone bankrupt. Since then many other things have happened to make them glad they had experienced such a serious financial disaster. Travelling around, they have had their experience of Church widened and enriched, their children developed awesome social skills and they have experienced the kindness of the poor and marginalised just as they have had the opportunity to show kindness to the same people. What had seemed like a disaster became an opportunity for grace.

Most of us reading this have experienced events like this in our lives. Something has happened to us which initially seemed terrible...and often it remains terrible. But as we have embraced the reality of the situation and made some room for God to move within it, a moment has come when our understanding is transformed and we can recognise that the situation has also been a Beatitude, a blessing for us. This is not just acceptance, or reconciling ourselves to the reality of the situation, but rather we see how God works creatively for our good. It is a mystical way of seeing how God writes straight on the crooked lines of our life. Why do I say that most of us have experienced this? Simply because this way of seeing, this mystical vision, is integral to being a Christian. It is our gift as children of God.

Sr Kym Harris OSB

Weekly Diary

Monday 30th January

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 31st January

No Mass

Wednesday 1st February

No Mass

Thursday 2nd February

No Mass

Friday 3rd February

No Mass

Saturday 4th January

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 5th January 2017

Fifth 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN: Evangelisation Brisbane is conducting a series of workshops throughout the Archdiocese and Ipswich has been selected to host a workshop. The workshop is for those interested or are currently members of a team who work with families preparing infants and children for the Sacraments of Initiation. The venue for the workshop is St Mary's Parish Centre, Elizabeth Street, Ipswich, and will be held on **February 9th from 6pm to 9pm**. It is important that you RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane by the 27th January. You can phone them on 07 3324 3440 or mail their office at ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au

DIARY DATES



Tuesday 31st January at 9.30am: Craft Group
Thursday 2nd Feb. at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting
Friday 3rd February at 9.30am: Meditation

The new rosters for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will be available soon. If you would like to make any changes for 2017 could you please contact the Parish Office on 3282 1888.

WALTZING MATILDAS meet, greet and start the year with a mystery trip on **Tuesday 7 February** leaving the Parish Centre at 8am. Lunch and morning tea included (bring a cup). Cost \$40. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.

REPORT FROM BOOVAL-RIVERVIEW ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE for the calendar year ended 31st December 2016. Our members attended 680 home visits comprising some 983 adults and 1,087 children with food vouchers amounting to \$40,287 and in kind assistance \$23,808 totalling some \$64,095.

The Conference thanks the support of parishioners and friends of Vinnies. We are grateful for the support from the school communities of Sacred Heart Primary, St Peter Claver College and also CWL. Special thanks to a "Secret Santa" family who in this year and prior years acquired gifts and toys, gift wrapped with card attached for distribution at Christmas. Some 92 Christmas food hampers were delivered. Thank you once again.

"Kind Deeds Change Lives"
"Life is Good - Live to Give"

Centacare Volunteers needed for Ipswich Court

Centacare Pastoral Ministries are seeking Court Support Workers to volunteer at the Ipswich Magistrates Court, 43 Ellenborough St Ipswich to support & assist people in guiding them when going to Court. Duties also include recording client appearances for Court, advise client on which Courtroom they are required to attend and confirm their matter is listed that day, inform & refer clients to available services, liaise with the Duty Lawyers and other stakeholders. Should you be interested please contact Pat Casey on 3324 3106 or email caseypa@bne.catholic.net.au

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People who are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember - God first in all circumstances.

In this week's Catholic Leader -

* Thousands of children return to Catholic schools across Queensland * Queensland missionary tells of dangerous life in the 'murder capital of the world' * Franciscan friar who lived in war-torn South Sudan returns home to Brisbane after 34 years. Don't forget to pick up your copy - **cost \$2.00.**

The Little King's Movement Annual Church Appeal will take place at all masses this weekend **28th/29th January**. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls on their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

St Edmunds Old Boys Association Annual General Meeting to be held at **10.00am on Sunday 5 February 2017** at the Old Boys House, 2 Macgregor Street Woodend. All enquiries to be made to Andrew McGrath on 3389 6858 or 0438 164 452.



Palms Australia

Palms Encounters: *An experience to share this Easter and beyond. A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. Palms long-term volunteers guide the Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor.*

Register now for our **2 – 14 April Encounter** and receive **\$400 off a 2nd ticket**. Call Roger on **02 9560 5333** or go to www.palms.org.au/Encounters for more.

Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life

A VOCATION VIEW - A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?



Time for a Smile - The Golden Phones

It seems a man in Topeka, Kansas, decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there. He went to a very large church and began taking photographs, etc.

He spots a golden telephone on a wall and is intrigued with a sign which reads "\$10,000 a minute."

Seeking out the pastor he asks about the phone and the sign. The pastor answers that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God.

He thanks the pastor and continues on his way. As he continues to visit churches in Seattle, Boise, Minneapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee, New York, Atlanta, and on around the United States, he finds more phones, with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor.

Finally, he arrives in Texas. Upon entering a church in Dallas, lo and behold, he sees the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign reads "Calls: 25 cents."

Fascinated, he requests to talk to the pastor.

"Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I found this golden telephone, and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God, but, in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads 25 cents a call. Why?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, replies, "Oh, my son, that's very easy to explain. You see, you're now in Texas and, of course, it's a local call from here."