



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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## **Weekly Diary**

**Monday 29th May**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday 30th May**

7.00pm **Mass**

**Wednesday 31st May**

9.00am **Mass**

**Thursday 1st June**

9.00am **Mass**

**Friday 2nd June**

9.00am **Mass - Followed by  
Adoration & Benediction**

**Saturday 3rd June**

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm **Vigil Mass - Booval**

**Sunday 4th June**

**Pentecost Sunday**

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.

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 28th May, 2017**

Personally, I find this Gospel frightening. Jesus is clear, we are to make disciples of the nations and he has promised to be with us as we do this. How are we to do it? 'Preaching to the masses' as I've seen it done in the streets, or on the railway station, or even at our front door, does not appeal to me. In fact, I find it repulsive. Instead of doing that, we have been told that we witness, 'preach', by our example and that is our greatest influence. Yes, such quiet witness is important. I know many people whose witness impresses me greatly...but it doesn't seem to produce many disciples. For me, personally, the argument for witnessing by example is a cop-out. I don't know whether it is that I lack the courage or the knowledge about how to share my faith with people who are not already Christian. Making disciples for Christ is an important challenge facing Christians, but especially Catholics, in Western society. We have become so accustomed to worshipping within the huge Church that we are unsure about how to translate what is important about our faith into the language of the people of our society.

One step we may need to take is to push back on ourselves and ask: 'What difference does my faith, my call to discipleship actually make to me?' Each can only answer that for themselves. One important thing for me as a nun has been a call to celibacy. This call, while remaining a mystery even to me, does give me happiness and fulfilment. Similarly, but in a different way, I know married couples, who recognise that the success of their marriage is deeply rooted in their relationship with Christ. These callings are situations where we can see the difference faith makes. Seriously pondering just what the 'treasure our faith' is to us may be the beginning of being able to offer to those whom we meet the richness of our faith.

Jesus, our ascendant Lord, has promised to be 'with us' in this venture of making disciples. We need to take that promise seriously and ask him to send us the Spirit that we may have the wisdom and courage to welcome others into the richness and joy of his love. *Sr Kym Harris*



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 28 May - 3 June, 2017**  
**"Reconciliation - the love of Christ compels us"**

*(cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)*

Trinity Unity Church, Jacaranda Street North Booval  
on **Sunday 4 June at 7pm**. All welcome.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR  
PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

If you would like to be part of our Planned Giving Programme  
Please phone the office on 3282 1888

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 30th May at 9.30am: Craft Group



### Sacrament of Confirmation for Children

A parent information evening will be held on **Tuesday June 13th at 7pm at the Parish Centre.**

If you have a child in grade 3 or older who wishes to be confirmed in their faith we invite you to come along.

Enrolment forms will be available on the night and information about the revised policy and current process will be provided. If you have any questions please call Donna at the Parish Centre on 3282 1888.



**CENTACARE COMMUNITY SERVICES** will be available to chat with parishioners about the range of In Home Services they have to offer after the 8.15am mass at Riverview this **Sunday 28th May**. They will also be providing a delicious morning tea.



**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL** - A collection will take place at all masses this **Sunday 27th/28th May**.

### Women's Weekend Silent Retreat - *Dancing with the Divine*

Hosted by Dragonfly Ministries. Facilitated by Sue Thomas. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston – single, ensuited rooms. All resources, meals and linen provided. 6.00pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June to 3.00pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Cost: \$350 (\$320 concession)

Enquiries: [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au)

The Australian Christian Meditation Community Queensland invites you to a morning of meditation, information and discussion on **BEING IN THE PRESENT MOMENT**. The ability to be in the present moment is an important aspect of Christian Meditation, but we find it very difficult. In this presentation, we will look at aspects of paying attention to the present by using a variety of pictorial (paintings, photos, and YouTube clips) and written materials (prayers, prose, and poems). The aim is to challenge you, promote discussion and ultimately lead to greater attention in meditation. The material could be a gentle introduction to Christian Meditation for new meditators, as well as a "refresher" for established meditators.

**When:** Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017; **Time:** 9.30am when morning tea will be served. Please bring your own cup. **Where:** Uniting Church, Warner Hall, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm. **Programme:** 10am till 12.30pm. **Lunch:** If you wish to stay after the session till 1.30pm, BYO lunch to have in **covered** area next to Hall. **Suggested donation:** \$10-15. There will be a clearance sale of books, CD's and videos.

**For information** contact Gabby – [toga@bigpond.net.au](mailto:toga@bigpond.net.au); 3711-4227 or 0488 592



## SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL FETE

Sunday 23rd July, 2017

Volunteers are urgently needed to run the Cent Auction and Milk Shake stall at this year's fete. Donations of prizes are also needed for the Cent Auction. If you are able to help please call Anneliese on 0404 394 340.

**Waltzing Matildas** are heading up to Mt Tamborine Gardens on **Tuesday 13th June** leaving the Parish Centre at 8.00am. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. Wear comfy shoes and warm clothing! Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 mob. 0408 773 734.

**CWL - HOY & EUCHRE** will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 31st May at 10.00am**. All welcome.

### Call for Religious Instructors for Our Schools

As we are experiencing some Religious Instructor retirements from schools in our area, we are seeking to fill these vacant positions as soon as possible, following training. If this is something God has put on your heart I would encourage you to take this step as you will find great blessings bringing His Word to His children in our local schools. It is important that we fill these vacancies so that the children who are opted into RI will have an Instructor for their class.

For more information regarding times and schools please contact Amy Hollier [amy@cri-network.org.au](mailto:amy@cri-network.org.au) 0401 620 885; Jane Zinn [jane@cri-network.org.au](mailto:jane@cri-network.org.au) 0424 125 519; Carl Howard [carl@cri-network.org.au](mailto:carl@cri-network.org.au); Suzie Overell [suzie@cri-network.org.au](mailto:suzie@cri-network.org.au) 0412 875 412

**40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Senior 1977 – St Marys and St Edmunds combined:** A reunion is being held for all past students who attended St Marys College and St Edmunds College who completed Senior in 1977. The reunion will be held on Saturday 8 July at Brothers Leagues Club. This invitation is also extended to any students who attended both Colleges from year 8 (1973) through to year 11 (1976) who wish to attend. A sit down, two-course buffet dinner provided with ticket purchase. More information can be obtained from Bronwyn Holmes M: 0412 786 434 or E: [bronwyn-holm102@gmail.com](mailto:bronwyn-holm102@gmail.com) or John O'Leary M: 0408 263 129 or E: [joleary1@bigpond.com](mailto:joleary1@bigpond.com)



**"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9**

Prayer IS The foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those who don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

**A VOCATION VIEW** - Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.