



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



† Sacred Heart Church, 19 Cothill Rd, Booval † Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview  
 Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT 11 DECEMBER 2022

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Advent is time of intense prayer and preparations. As we enter the second week of the advent John the Baptist reminds us to prepare the way for the Lord. He challenges us to repentance, conversion, and renewal. He advises to act with justice and charity so that the Messiah would enter our lives.

We make several external preparations for Christmas like decorations, lights, Christmas trees, Christmas recipes, cards & gifts, holidays, etc. However, Christmas is also a time for prayerful internal preparations.

One of my favourite Christmas stories is O Henry's short story, "The Gift of The Magi." We all are familiar with it. It is a story about a desperately poor young couple living in New York around the turn of the last century. Neither had money sufficient to buy a gift for the other so they each secretly went out and sold something of worth. He sold his prized pocket watch to get her decorative combs for her long hair. When he presented them to her, she removed her scarf to reveal that she had had her hair clipped and sold to purchase a gold chain for his pocket watch! The thrust of the story is obvious. It is not what you give that is important, but the sharing spirit of love with which it is given.

I am glad that this year more parishioners are sharing food and materials through St. Vinnies Christmas donations. I do appreciate your generosity. Let this Christmas time be a time of joyful sharing and love.

Let Jesus be reborn in our hearts during this season and help us to radiate his love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and spirit of humble service to the world through our lives. May this Advent season fill your heart with hope, joy, and peace.

Fr. Thomas

### Second Rite of Reconciliation

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held on **Friday 16th December at 6:30pm** in the Sacred Heart Booval Church. Everyone is welcome.



### ANOINTING MASS

The final Anointing Mass for the 2022 will be at 9:00am on Monday 12th December at Sacred Heart Booval.



### Christmas Mass Times

As Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, please take special note of the Mass times. It will not follow regular Sunday Mass times.

#### **Saturday 24th December—Christmas Eve**

4:30pm Carols Mass Nativity— Amare Centre  
 7:00pm Nativity Carols Mass— Riverview

Sunday 25th December

#### **Sunday 25th December—Christmas Day**

9:00am Mass— Sacred Heart Church and **NO Sunday 5:00pm Mass.**



### Riverview Morning Tea

There will be Morning Tea at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Sunday morning after the 7:00am Mass. Everyone is welcome!

### From the Heart Christmas Magazine.

"From the Heart" is calling for any and all stories/reports/jokes from parishioners for our Christmas publication. Our plan is to have it out on Christmas Eve 24th December so please email what you have to [shbooval@gmail.com](mailto:shbooval@gmail.com) as soon as possible.



### Weekday Mass

Monday 5th Dec 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 6th Dec No Mass

Wed 7th Dec 5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 8th Dec

9:00am Mass—the FEAST OF THE  
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE  
 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Friday 9th Dec 9:00am Mass

### 2nd Week of Advent

Saturday 10th Dec 4pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass - Booval

Sunday 11th Dec 7:00am Mass - Riverview

8:00am Divine Mercy OLPH

9:00am Mass - Booval

Children's Liturgy

5:00pm Mass—Booval

**Marriages** by appointment only at least 6 months notice is required.

**Baptisms** by appointment & Preparation every 1st Thursday at 6:30pm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Father Dennis Riley (former Booval Priest)**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER:** Soundar Rajan, Donna Gabriel, Bob Cole, Dorothy Walsh, Rita Vanderbyl, Tom Brown, Bernie Kinnane, Chris Garton, Ken Adkins, Frank Van Gestel, Lorraine Murphy, David Samson, Jack & Eileen McMahon, Bob, John & Mark Skippington, Thomas Boyle, Margery Boyle, Ellie & Ossie Cody, Rob & Margaret Kane, Mike Cody, Helen Cody, Roy Folan, Alfred & Stella Grech, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur, Brian & Dane Bracey, Grahame Coultas, Noreen Lund, Ta Thi Thin, Paul Armstrong, Giao Ngoc Tran, Peter Joseph, Geoffrey Crocker, Mieu Thi Nguyen, Ban Ngoc Nguyen, Louis Phipps-Ellis, Mary Phipps-Ellis, baby Lou Phipps-Ellis, John Malone, Raymond Gale, John Malone,

**LET US PRAY** for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Patrick Jones, Desoley MacDonald (Jill Short's niece), Karen Cooper, Cathy Jorgensen, Pauline Peters, Patricia Eade, Rebecca Eade, Geoff Frost, Kathy & Graeme Smith, Kath King, Lynne Connors, Declan Simmonato, Grace Thompson, Lilian Morrison, Joana Ambrad-Isip, Desolie King, Graeme Peters, Trish Rowlands,

**We also include in our prayers all the aged and sick to whom we take Communion.**

**We pray for the safety and good judgement of those serving in our defence forces overseas**

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ANNIVERSARIES : 3 December—10 December**

Neville Bird, Charles Galea Jnr., Elsie Harbort, Michael Mangan, Dorothy McCormack, Lily Meara, Marian Siczek, Cecil Anderson, David Bunter, Jack Slattery, Sarah Breslin, Vicki Carroll, Col Connors, Tim Galligan, L. Farrell, Maria Gheno, Lloyd Jones, Daphne Leschke, Jack Manning, Kath Quinane, Bob Roberts, Elizabeth Smith, Ivan Wust, Sarah Dunning, Sarah Breslin, Vicki Carroll, Col Connors, Tim Galligan, L. Farrell, Maria Gheno, Lloyd Jones, Daphne Leschke, Jack Manning, Kath Quinane, Bob Roberts, Elizabeth Smith, Ivan Wust, John Carroll, Hugh Daly, Frances Diete, Catherine Dunstan, Declan Fegan, Paolo Pitruzzello, Margarete Praug, Kathalene Deaves, Kathleen McCormick, Essie O'Donoghue, Peter Vergotis, Hilda Casey, Margaret Leahy,

Day	Date	Time	Group
Monday	5th Dec	6:30pm	Advent Gospel Reflection Group
Tuesday	6th Dec	9:30am	Craft Group
Wednesday	7th Dec	7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday	8th Dec	10:30am	Advent Gospel Reflection Group
Friday	9th Dec	10:00am	Liturgy Team Meeting
Saturday	10th Dec	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	11th Dec	9:00am	Children's Liturgy

**Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)**

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Information Evening held on Thursday 3 November 2022 was well received by all who attended. Cynthia Rowan (RAP Project Manager) gave an extensive presentation and all who attended have taken a lot from the experience and views shared by Cynthia. This evening was a very important first step for the Parish in understanding the RAP and how we as a Parish need to proceed in implementing the plan. The Parish Pastoral Council will now be able to give further consideration to the RAP from a well-informed position to implement the Plan.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY**

Great work children!  
Blessings to you all.



**Newsletter Submissions Cut-off:** Tuesday COB for Friday publishing

**NATIVITY PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

If your child / children are interested in participating, in the Nativity Play at the Christmas Eve Mass, we would love to have you attend the following practices:

**MONDAY 5th DECEMBER: 10.00 - 11.15 AM**  
**MONDAY 12th DECEMBER: 10.00 - 11.15 AM**

Practices will be held in the Church.

Please contact **0421110924** if you are interested or if you have any questions.

**Karen Sotiriadis**

**Christmas Choir Practice.** Choir practice to prepare for our Christmas Eve Mass and Children's Nativity Play will take place on:

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm** and  
**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**

**Special Choir and Nativity Play practices for the children** will take place on:

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December from 10am - 11.15am** and  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 10am - 11.15am**

You are invited to come along and join the choir and help us celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

**Anne Scott 0414 528 387**

**HELP Care for Others**

**Urgent assistance** is required to visit elderly parishioners at home and in aged care homes for the Care and Assist service. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office or **Les Scott** on **0427 064 650**.



**WARNING:** Please be advised that **SCAM** emails are being sent to parishioners that appear to be from Father Thomas asking for money or help. **DO NOT RESPOND** to these emails. Father Thomas or any priest do not send personal emails requesting money or help.

**STOPline Service.** STOPline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures.

Archdiocese of Brisbane's Office for Safeguarding - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity

We respectfully acknowledge the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the Booval Catholic Parish.