



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT 11 DECEMBER 2022

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The Right Question

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. *Those* are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

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Advent Family Prayer

God of Love,
 Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
 He is a sign of your love.
 Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
 As we wait and prepare for his coming.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
 - *Author Unknown*

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/advent-prayers>

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.

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 ASAP.

ANOINTING MASS



Are you in need of healing or someone whom you know? Come to the Anointing Mass on **Monday 12th December at 9:00am at Sacred Heart Church Booval**. Prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as intercessory prayer. This is sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Team Brisbane (CCR)

Weekday Mass

Monday 12th Dec 9:00am Mass
 Tuesday 13th Dec No Mass
 Wed 14th Dec 5:30pm Rosary
 6:00pm Mass
 Thursday 15th Dec 9:00am Mass
 Friday 16th Dec 9:00am Mass

4th Week of Advent

Saturday 17th Dec 4pm Reconciliation
 5:00pm Mass - Booval
 Sunday 18th 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.

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—Christmas Day

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Father Dennis Riley

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 : 11 December—17 December

Frank Diete, Ken O’Brien, Herbie Shields, Glen Craike, Francis Eddison, Edwin Wilkinson, Sebastiana Alderuccio, Rolf Grunenberg, Kathryn Ryan, Eileen Sutherland, Vera Vieth, Louisa Carroll, Lennox Cockburn, Francis Eddison, Gerard Fick, Eric Tilley, Jean Gibson, John Giddy, Elizabeth Gray, Basil Hohnke, Patricia Plant, Cecil Addison, Dane Bracey, Reg. McCarthy, Mark Skippington, Michael Ferreira, Jimmy Kennedy, Brian Seng,

Please remember that if you wish to add or remove a name from any of the prayer lists, please contact the office.

Day	Date	Time	Group
Monday	12th Dec	6:30pm	Advent Gospel Reflection Group
Tuesday	13th Dec	9:30am	Craft Group
Wednesday	14th Dec	7:00pm	PFC
Thursday	15th Dec	7:00pm	Christmas Choir Practice
Friday	16th Dec	10:00am	Liturgy Team Meeting
Saturday	17th Dec	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	28th Dec	9:00am	Children’s Liturgy

Christmas Shopping!

During the morning tea after the Anointing Mass on Monday 12th December, there will be a stall of Christmas gifts and many other interesting items on sale. The money raised will go to the Third World. So come and do your Christmas Shopping and support a worthy cause.



CHILDREN’S LITURGY

We celebrated the 2nd week of Advent on Sunday and our hand wreath ornament is slowly being filled in with our candles.

Great work children!

Blessings to you all.



CONTACTS for Christmas Eve Mass Nativity and Choir

If you or your children wish to be involved with the Christmas Eve Mass celebrations, please contact the following:

Choir Practice: Anne Scott: **0414 528 387**

Children’s Nativity Play: Karen Sotiriadis: **0421 110 924**

Christmas Offerings Envelopes

If you would like to make a Christmas Offering, you will find envelopes at the front of both churches.



Newsletter Submissions Cut-off: Tuesday COB for Friday publishing

Did You Know...?

Gaudete Sunday (Rose Sunday) is the name of the third Sunday of Advent. It is perhaps called this because the first word of the entrance antiphon is “Gaudete” which means “Rejoice”. In fact, the Entrance Antiphon is: *“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.”* It marks a break between the heavy violet and more solemn feeling of the first two weeks to take on the feeling of joy and gladness with the expectation of the nearness of the coming of the Lord. While Violet remains the colour of Advent, Rose can be used on this Sunday because it represents joy. The readings for the day are slightly more hopeful and if you have access to the Roman Missal, you may find the prayers of today convey a more joyful message. The candle for today is also rose-coloured and has the message of joy.

RCIA

If you, or someone you know is interested in discovering more about the catholic faith and in becoming catholic, please contact the parish office to start your journey through RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). During the RCIA process, you meet with other to share , reflect, pray and learn more about the catholic faith. Please contact : **3282 1888 / booval@bne.catholic.net.au**



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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.