



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

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT 18 DECEMBER 2022

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Weekday Mass

Monday 19th Dec 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 20th Dec No Mass

Wed 21st Dec 5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 22nd Dec 9:00am Mass

Friday 23rd Dec 9:00am Mass

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Saturday 24th Dec 5:00pm Mass— Amare Centre

7:00pm Mass - Riverview

Sunday 25th Dec

9:00am Mass - Booval

NO Children's Liturgy

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

Baptisms by appointment & Preparation the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in the parish centre.

Just Man Dreaming

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him. If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!

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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.

CHANGES

Over the Christmas period there are a few changes to the Diary dates so please read carefully and take note.

Children's Liturgy

There is NO Children's Liturgy on Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day) and Sunday 1st January (New Year's Day). The first Children's Liturgy for 2023 will be Sunday 8th January (The Epiphany of the Lord).

Reconciliation

There will be no Reconciliation before Mass on Saturday 24th December and Saturday 31st December before the 5:00pm Mass. However, after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday 31st December, there will be 1 hour's Adoration.

Mass Times

On Sunday 1st January, there will be the normal 7:00am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Riverview and 9:00 Mass at Sacred Heart, Booval BUT NO 5:00pm Mass.

There will also be **NO weekday Mass** between Sunday 25 December and Sunday 1st January.

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: Frank Wright

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 Massey, John & Mark Skippington, Phyllis Cook, 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, James Hogan,

LET US PRAY for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Pat Schroni, 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 : 18 December—24 December

John Baker, Annie Crowley, Marguerite Doyle, Bill Henry, Julia Holcombe, William Mackey, George Muir, Patrick O'Brien, Mervyn Wheatland, Michael Cody, Arthur Murphy, Margaret Ryan, Ron Smith, Joyce Samson, Christopher Cavenagh, Jack Cuthbert, Quentin Manley, Edward Rhodes, Margaret Moran, Edna Wilkinson, Christopher Connolly, Robert Kane, Anthony McMillan, Betty Rothkugel, Jack Conway, Bernard Costello, Pauline Hastie, Theodor Homburg, Bruce Jendra, Kevin Jordan, Paddy Kearney, David Roberts, Elsie & Richard James, Peter Keyser, Joseph Rhodes,

Day	Date	Time	Group
Monday	19th Dec	6:30pm	Advent Gospel Reflection Group
Tuesday	20th Dec	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	23rd Dec	10:00am	Liturgy Team Meeting
Saturday	24th Dec	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	25th Dec	9:00am	NO Children's Liturgy

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**



Christmas Hamper Donations

Thank you very much for all your donations over the last few weeks. St Vincent de Paul have now completed making the hampers so there is no need to drop off any more donations. Once again, everything that has been donated is very much appreciated.

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

Our Parish priest, Fr. Thomas is entering the silver jubilee year of his ordination on 27th December 2022. He starts this significant year with a mass celebrated on 27 December 11.30am at Marian Valley - Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren QLD 4275. If anybody wanted to join him please confirm your attendance by email : varkeyt@bne.catholic.net.au.

Sacramental Program 2023

The child/ren who received the Sacrament of Eucharist last year 2022, are now eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. There will be a Parent Information Session on Thursday 16th February 2023 at 07.00 to 08.000pm in the Parish Centre. The Sacrament of Penance would be celebrated on 18th March 10.30am. Please confirm your attendance as early as possible.

Parish Office Hours over Christmas & New Year

Please note that the Parish Office will close Friday 23rd December at 01.30pm and re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

No Morning Tea

There will be no morning tea after 9:00am Sunday Mass on Christmas Day, 25th December or New Year's Day, 1st January, 2023.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Thankyou Isaiah for placing our third Advent candle "JOY" on our prayer table on Sunday.

We imagine how much joy the people from today's gospel would have had when they realised the Messiah who had been promised to them for hundreds of years was finally among them! We too are full of "JOY" knowing how much Jesus loves us. Blessings to you all.



CONTACTS for Christmas Eve Mass Nativity and Choir

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

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

Practice for the Nativity Play will be in the Amare Centre Monday-Friday 5:00-6:00pm.

Christmas Offerings Envelopes

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



Newletter Submissions Cut-off: Tuesday COB for Friday publishing

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.