



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,



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 25 DECEMBER 2022



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Weekday Mass

Monday 26th Dec [No Mass](#)
Tuesday 27th Dec [No Mass](#)
Wed 28th Dec [No Rosary](#)
[No Mass](#)
Thursday 29th Dec [No Mass](#)
Friday 30th Dec [No Mass](#)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday 31st Dec 5:00pm Mass

5:00-7:00pm Adoration

Sunday 1st Jan 7:00am Mass—Riverview

9:00am Booval—Mass

NO 5:00pm Mass

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.

Dear Friends,

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

The birth of Jesus is good news for everyone in the world. In the Babe Jesus we experience the glory of God. We meet the people of good will in Magi, shepherds, Mary, and Joseph. Christmas reminds us to share the good news, glorify God and become people of goodwill.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year, not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world that can seem so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy.

The last four weeks of the advent we were focusing on hope, peace, joy, and love. As we celebrate Christmas, we receive these gifts and share them with our family, friends, and whole world. Thus, our Christmas really becomes a celebration of hope, love, joy, and peace. Pope Francis said, "being missionaries of joy should be part of our lifestyles to help people face difficult situations in life."

During this Christmas time let us pray and support the homeless, the strangers and those who battle poverty and hunger. Let us do all that we can to replace violence and despair with hope and peace -making this Christmas.

I congratulate the editorial board and all those contributed for bringing the 4th edition of "From the Heart" as a beautiful Christmas gift. It gives me great joy and honour in serving as your Parish priest in the silver jubilee year of my priestly ordination. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

God bless you all and your families at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Fr. Thomas



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, Gao 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 : 25 December—31 December

Peter Curtis, Eric Mackey, Gerald & Annie McCarthy, Denis Power, Eric & Ivy Schostakowski, Barbara Tilley, Cliff Young, Melinda Bourke, Geoffrey Colless, Bernard Crane, Robert Lloyd, Alice McGuire, Kev Newton, Frank Reddy, Don Whipple, Gabriel Irwin, Kit Langlands, Milliecent Sharman, Bob Waterson, Ethel Davis, Edward Hawkins, Therese McLean, Leonard Ringelstein, Joe Waltisbuhl, William Baxter, Vincent Keogh, Agnus Mullins, Eileen Slattery,

Day	Date	Time	Group
Tuesday	27th Dec	9:30am	NO Craft Group
Friday	30th Dec	10:00am	No Liturgy Team Meeting
Saturday	31st Dec	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	1st Jan	9:00am	NO Children's Liturgy

From the Heart Christmas Magazine.

The Christmas edition of "From the Heart" will be available from Christmas Eve and will be distributed after the 4:30pm Mass at the Amare Centre and copies will be sent to Riverview for distribution after Mass



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.

Newsletter Submissions Cut-off: Tuesday COB for Friday publishing

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**
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 1st January, 2023.

Christmas Offerings Envelopes

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The last week of Advent. Thank you Sefo for placing our candle of "LOVE" also known as the "ANGELS' CANDLE" on our prayer table. The Angels announced that Jesus came to bring people back close to God and to one another once again. We wish all the children and their families a very happy and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back for CHILDREN'S LITURGY on the 8th January, 2023. Christmas Blessings to all.



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.