



# 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

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8 JANUARY 2023

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### Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth. As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

© Fr Michael Tate

### Father Thomas Silver Jubilee Year(2022-2023) starting at Marian Valley

As I entered the significant year of my priestly journey, I thank each and everyone for your prayers and wishes. My special thanks to the Marian Valley community and Southport Catholic Parish. Continue to keep praying for me this jubilee year.  
Father Thomas.



### Weekday Mass

Monday 9th Jan 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 10th Jan No Mass

Wed 11th Jan 5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 12th Jan 9:00am Mass

Friday 13th Jan 9:00am Mass

### 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday 14th Jan 4:00pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass—Booval


Sunday 15th Jan 7:00am Mass—Riverview

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 & Preparat  
Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in  Holy Baptism centre.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 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: Desmond Daly, 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 :** 1 January—7 January

Joaquim Cardoso, Mary Kowalski, Kevin Mason, Vien Antonio, Joan Dwyer, Kathleen Dwyer, Loretto Kent, Alma McNeish, Rita Miller, Stan Moore, Patricia Parsons, Charm Quinn, Rose Ersser, Ron Kercher, Isabel McAuliffe, Frederick Pettit, Evelyn Scown, Kathleen Patricia Connor, Cathy Donald, Stan Gehrke, Al Grealy, David Jones, Michael Klein, Dulcie Rhodes, Brigid Carmody, Albert Carter, Jack Cole, Rita Galway, Peter Grant, Lynda Roach, Jack Short, Archbishop Robert Dunne (1917) – 1st Archbishop of Brisbane, Florence L Merlehan, Dorothy Walsh, Robert Wratten, Alby Heck, Norma Stinson, Colin Tierney,

Day	Date	Time	Group
Tuesday	10th Jan	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	13th Jan	10:00am	No Liturgy Team Meeting
Saturday	14th Jan	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	15th Jan	9:00am	Children's Liturgy

### [From the Heart](#)

There are still some copies of the quarterly magazine so please don't forget to get your copy to catch up with what's happening in the parish.



### [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: Penance](#)

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 08.00pm** in the Parish Centre. The Sacrament of Penance would be celebrated on 18th March 10.30am.



**Please confirm your attendance** at the parish office on **3282 1888** or **booval@bne.catholic.net.au** as early as possible.



**Congratulations!** to Cora and Bill Bennett on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

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

### [Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI](#)



We remember with gratitude Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who served as Pope from April 2005 to February 2013. We give thanks to God for the blessing of the Petrine ministry lived out through Pope Benedict.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. May he rest in peace.

### [Christmas Eve Mass Photos](#)

Below are some photos of the two Christmas Eve Masses. The first 2 are from Sacred Heart where the children performed a reflection of Christ's birth from a shepherd's point of view.

A huge "thank you" to the "real" Baby Jesus— Oakley (3 weeks old! and Anthony's great grandchild) Four generations of Anthony's family participated so congratulations also.



The next two photos are from the Christmas Eve Mass from Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Riverview. Thank you again for your help in the celebration of the Nativity.



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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.