



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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† 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5 MARCH 2023

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Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ? We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.



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Stations of the Cross

To help us in our preparation for Easter, during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross each Friday at 8:30am before Mass.

Project Compassion

Envelopes and boxes are available at the entrance of the church. Please collect either one and take home. The envelopes can be placed in the collection bag each week.

Weekday Mass

Monday 6th Mar 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 7th Mar No Mass

Wed 8th Mar 5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 9th Mar 9:00am Mass

Friday 10th Mar 8:30am Stations of the Cross

Friday 10th Mar 9:00am Mass

2nd Week of Lent

Saturday 11th Mar 4:00pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass—Booval

Sunday 12th Mar 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 & Preparation the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in the parish centre.



Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March



Teresa is a **Gamilaroi** woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, **Teresa's** only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, **Teresa** joined **Baabavn** Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. **Baabavn** helped **Teresa** access housing and psychological support. Today, **Teresa** is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Teresa now works at **Baabavn**, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Rodney Potts, Veronica Forsythe, Margaret McEniery, Francis Klein

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Marie Noon, Bernard Graham, Denis Muir, Nora Muir, 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: Helena M Siczek, Desmond Daly, Patrick Phipps-Ellis, Pat Schroni, Patrick Jones, Desoley MacDonald (Jill Short's niece), Karen Cooper, 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 : 5 MARCH — 11 MARCH

Martin Costello (Snr.), Margaret Kane, Jack Kedwell, Mary Lloyd, Trishy Lynch, Chris Copland, Damien Drew, Mary Janicky, Jason Manousakis, Jan Tobin, Raymond Wenck, Max Pennefather, Simon Siemensma, Michael Bugler, Wend Cowie, Geoffrey Holzberger, Pete Boyle, Leo Wyatt, Sister Benedictus, William Hunter, Scott Illingworth, Molly-Anne McKenzie, John Malone, Veronica O'Grady,

Sheila Swift, Karel Adolfsen, Bill Scott,

Day	Date	Time	Group
Monday	6th Mar	5:30pm	Penance W/shop 2 (in Church)
Monday	6th Mar	6:00pm	RCIA
Tuesday	7th Mar	9:30am	Craft Group
Wednesday	8th Mar	7:00pm	PFC
Thursday	9th Mar	4:30pm	SVDP
Friday	10th Mar	10:00am	Liturgy Team Meeting
Saturday	11th Mar	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Saturday	11th Mar	5:00pm	Readiness of Penance (in Mass)
Sunday	12th Mar	9:00am	Children's Liturgy
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CHILDRENS LITURGY

We read how Jesus was tested in the desert by the devil, and, passed the test by knowing the scriptures. After this, Jesus was ready to begin his ministry. The children learnt that even though they don't go into the desert like Jesus did, there are things they can do to be ready for Easter ...fasting, almsgiving and prayer. We concluded with quietly thinking about things they might like to say sorry to God for as Lent begins. Then they painted a cross on the canvas as they said "sorry" to God in their hearts. Check out their work hanging at back of the church!



Little Kings Movement Annual Appeal

The Little Kings Movement 2023 thanks each and everyone who generously donated to this worthy cause of providing aid to the disabled in Australia and to support volunteers who work in service to the provision of aid.



Sacrament of Penance 2023

Please continue to pray for the children who have embarked on the Sacrament of Penance. This is the final step in the Sacraments of Initiation.

Lenten Adoration

On 24th March all-day Adoration from 9:00am—4:00pm.

Riverview Morning Tea

Riverview will have their morning tea after the 7:00am Mass this weekend. So please enjoy.

Sacred Heart Morning Tea

This weekend, Rosies will be supplying the "free" morning tea. Come along and enjoy a chat and maybe find out a little more on this other worthy organisation that provides for the homeless of Ipswich.



EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE:

Choir practice to prepare for our Easter ceremonies will be held on four Thursdays during March as follows:



◆ Thursday 9th March at 7pm (Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday)

◆ Thursday 16th March at 7pm (Holy Thursday and Good Friday)

◆ Thursday 23rd March at 7pm (Easter Vigil)

◆ Thursday 30th March at 7pm (Revision)

You are warmly invited to come along and help us prepare to celebrate Easter with our wonderful choir. All Welcome.

Anne Scott 0414 528 387

RCIA

Please continue to pray for our new catechumen and candidate as they proceed on their journey of faith building.



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<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 Boval Catholic Parish.