



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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD 20/21 MAY 2023 - Year A

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Welcome back!

This weekend, we welcome back Father Thomas and hope that he feels well rested and rejuvenated in preparation for the next year.

Where is the Body?

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'



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May: The Month of Mary



May is the month that not only Catholics but also Christians dedicate to Our Blessed Lady. We can do this in our parish church, in the privacy of our homes or our gardens. This dedication has a long history and goes way back to the 13th century.

FRANCIS KLEIN REMEMBRANCE: In recognition of the contribution the late Francis Klein made to our Parish, the Pastoral Council is asking for all/any thoughts or ideas on how best to recognise Francis, so please advise the Parish Office or a member of the Pastoral Council.

Would you like to be a DPO?

We are inviting people in our faith community who wish to be of help during Mass to consider being a DPO Operator. These people perform an invaluable task of managing the slides projected onto the screens. You do not need to be a computer (or projector) expert and training will be provided. If interested, please contact Maria on 0490 331 900.

READERS and LEADERS

Each Thursday evening from 6:30 – 7:30pm for the next few weeks, Readers and Leaders (for the coming two Saturdays and Sundays) are invited to come along to the Booval church for prayer, reflection and preparation. Please bring your "Break Open the Word".

Thanks, Anne.

1st Holy Communion Families:

Please remember to pray for the children who are about to make their 1st Eucharist. Parents, please book your meetings with Father Thomas starting from Thursday May 25.



LECTORS



First Communion

Weekday Mass(Cycle 1)

Monday 22nd May 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 23rd May NO Mass

Wed 24th May 5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 25th May 9:00am Mass

Friday 26th May 9:00am Mass

PENTECOST

Saturday 27th May 5:00pm Mass—Booval

Sunday 28th May 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. The next session is Thursday 1st June.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

Enrolment is now open for children in Grade 3 and over who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parent information/enrolment night will be held on Monday 10th July in the Parish centre from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Please call or email the **church parish office** on 3282 1888 or booval@bne.catholic.net.au to register.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

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, 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 Brace, 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, Patrick Jones, 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 : 21 May—27 May

John Cogan, Raymond English, Sheila Hand, Minnie Kerry, Pamela Lee, Mary McNamara, Thomas Quinn, Jack Reed, Jack Sneyd, Mercy Wilson, John Baxter, Danelle Davies, Jeanette Dwyer, Matty Hartfiel, Graham Solomon, Les Bridges, John Bugler, Neville Conway, William Fahy, Neta Recamarra, Lorraine Silvester, Sarah Slack, Fr Michael Carew, Patricia Woodriff, Maureen Mathews, Peter Melnyczuk, Mary Murphy, Lance McDermott, Francis O'Dempsey, Barry Stokes, Les Adkins, Roy James, Mary Rogers,

If you wish to add or remove names, please contact the parish office.

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	23 rd May	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	26 th May	10:00am	Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	27 th May	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	28 th May	9:00am	Children's Liturgy



Celebrate 50 years **PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT** *Celebrate 40 years*

Family Groups began in 1973 at Terrey Hills, NSW

PFGM came to QLD in 1983

celebrate 33 years
Family Groups began in Booval in May 1990

CORPUS CHRISTI

This procession is on once again. There are pamphlets at the entrance of Sacred Heart Church and some at Our Lady of Perpetual Help with more information.

Ageing Wisely Seminar

Free seminar on estate planning and retirement planning.

When: **Tuesday 30th May, 9:30am – 1:30pm**

Where: **St. Joseph's Church**

This event is organised by the Archdiocese in partnership with Holy Cross Funerals, as a free service to parishioners. **RSVP** to Parish Office by 19th May please or as soon as possible on 3282 2133.

Pentecost Party!!!

You're Invited!

PENTECOST PARTY

DATE: Sunday 28th May

TIME: 10.00 am (after 9.00am mass)

PLACE: Front of Sacred Heart Church Parish Centre

JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD ON SHEET IN CHURCH ENTRANCE

Celebrating Passionist Family Groups in Booval

On Sunday May 21, at 9:00am Mass, we celebrate 33 years of the Passionist Family Group Movement in our Parish, however, we have been in Australia for 50 years. All are welcome to come along and help celebrate at Mass and at morning tea following Mass.

Archbishop Mark's "With Lamps Ablaze": Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane"

Archbishop Mark put out a document a few months ago with the above title which outlines 7 priorities for our local churches. He states "On our journey into the future, the Bible must become ... a crucial resource in enabling us to hear the word of God. It isn't a road-map or GPS but a God-given travelling companion...". This document can be found at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/assets/uploads/lamps-ablaze-a4-doc-e.pdf>



ENVELOPES

Parishioners, please note that the planned giving envelopes are ready and waiting for collection at the entrance of the church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

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.