



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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15/16.07.2023 - Year A

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been serving as the Parish priest to Sacred Heart parish family for four years. I am glad that this year I could be with you as celebrate silver Jubilee year of my priesthood. It is with deep humility and gratitude that I reflect on the incredible journey that has brought me to this milestone.

Twenty-five years ago, I took my sacred vows as a religious priest in the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS), committing my life to serve God and His people. It feels like just yesterday when I was ordained and embarked on this incredible vocation that has shaped my existence in ways I could have never imagined. Throughout these years, I have witnessed the beauty of faith, the power of prayer, and the immense love that God pours upon us.

In the ministry, I have shared and witnessed joys and sorrows of the people. As I reflect on these 25 years, I can't forget the countless individuals who have touched my priestly life along this journey. I remember with gratitude my fellow clergy for their guidance, friendship, and collaboration. To the religious sisters and brothers, thank you for your unwavering dedication and witness to the consecrated life. I thank my family and friends for their love, encouragement, and prayers that have sustained me throughout the years.

Most importantly, I give thanks to God, who called me to this sacred vocation and has been my constant companion on this path. His grace has sustained me in times of doubt, His mercy has forgiven my shortcomings, and His love has filled my heart with a burning desire to serve His people.

For me this celebration of my 25th Ordination Anniversary is a reminder of God's faithfulness and an invitation to recommit myself to the service of His Kingdom.

In conclusion, I am filled with immense gratitude for the privilege of being your shepherd, your guide, and your friend. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you on this incredible journey of faith. Let us continue to build upon the foundation we have laid together. Let us strive for greater unity, deeper faith, and a more profound love for one another.

May God bless you abundantly,

With love and prayers,

Fr. Thomas Varkey MCBS

Creation Set Free

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

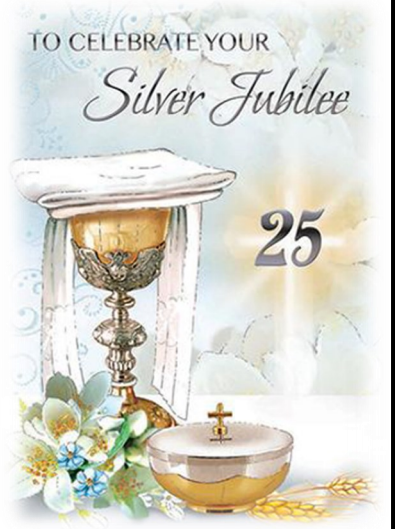
Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind. But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'



Weekday Mass(Cycle 1)

Monday 17th July 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 18th July NO Mass

Wed 19th July 5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 20th July 9:00am Mass

Friday 21st July 9:00am Mass

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 22nd July 5:00pm Mass—Booval

Sunday 23rd July 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 will be in August.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Eileen Galligan,

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Vu Thi Qui, Irudhayraj, 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 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, Biao Ngoc Tran, Mieu Thi Nguyen, Ban Ngoc Nguyen,

LET US PRAY for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Josie Ryan, Lyall Newsome, Marye Casey, 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 : 16 July— 22 July

Dell Burgess, Laurence Kearney, John Kearney, Maurie Kinnane, James Murphy, Michael Cody, Pat Dollisson, John Flynn Elsie Jones, Thomas Kane, Les Kent, Enriqueta King, Tom O'Connor, Keith Wilson, Ellie Cody, Dola Coman, Maxwell Ollenburg, John Turner, James Reeves, Catherine Scown, William Scown, Rodney Hanzell, Annie Leonard, Walter Leonard, Sr. M Ancilla Mullan, Patrick O'Donohue, Eileen Seng, Father Shand, Steven Flynn, Hilary Graham, Hilda Wust, Amy Carroll Louise Deprez Kate Kruger, Johanna Lindeberg, John Meara, Mary Murphy, Archbishop Francis Rush (2001) – 4th Archbishop of Brisbane, Daphne Schneider, Joseph Connors Snr, Fr Gerry Ronayne, Marie Noon,

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 8/9 July: \$1622.55

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	18 th July	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	21 st July	10:00am	Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	22 nd July	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	23 rd July	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers at Riverview
Sunday	23 rd July	9:00am	Children's Liturgy

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.*

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel

and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FAREWELL ENVELOPES FOR FR. THOMAS

From next weekend, there will be envelopes available for parishioners to make a donation as a gift to Fr. Thomas.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

To help explain the gospel, we asked Sefo to lift an old fashioned, very heavy iron to which he said was "too heavy." However, when his sister, Mele helped him, it made the task so much easier! So it is with our worries and burdens. They are too heavy to carry by ourselves but by praying and asking Jesus to help us, the weight of our problems is lightened.



TAP & GO

The **Tap & Go Donation Point** is now operational once again at the front entrance of Sacred Heart Church, Booval. It will be in this place permanently.

Thank you for all your donations as this all goes towards maintaining our Sacred Heart Parish which includes both Booval and Riverview communities as we are all one family.

CONFIRMATION: RITE OF ENROLMENT



This weekend is a very special one for some of our children parishioners. They will commence the second part of their Sacramental journey—Confirmation, with the first step, the Rite of Enrolment. For the next 8 weeks they will have workshops with their parents and the Sacramental team and learn more about our catholic faith. Let us all please keep our 28 confirmation candidates in our prayers as they prepare to be confirmed at Sacred Heart, Booval on Friday September 8.



Unfortunately, there is a text message being sent out to parishioners that appear to be from Father Thomas requesting gift cards.

THIS IS A SCAM! Please do not respond.

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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.