



# 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

17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29/30.07.2023 - Year A

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# Farewell and God Bless Fr. Thomas Varkey MCBS

Dear God, we pray for Fr. Thomas, our parish priest, who is leaving our parish this weekend. He has been here long enough that we really have gotten to know him and he has been such an integral part of our lives. We all thank you Lord, for how you've used Fr. Thomas here and what he means to us. We ask that you fill his heart and mind with good memories from his ministry here. Bless him as he goes and help us welcome our new priest with care and love. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.



### THE LANGUAGE OF HEAVEN

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.



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### REFLECTION 2

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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### Weekday Mass(Cycle 1)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug NO Mass

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug NO Rosary

NO Mass

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug NO Mass

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug NO Mass

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 5:00pm Mass—Booval

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 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. The next Baptism Preparation session to be confirmed.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:** Lyall Newsome, Betty Horne,

**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:** Barry Wade, Lynn Connors, Jill Roberts (Lyall Newsome's sister), Josie Ryan, 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 :** 30 July— 5 August

Roy Folan, Joy Gallagher, James Hogan, Katharina Eremic, Ron Mathews, Denis Muir, Tom Brown, Chris Garton, Annie Gill, Lloyd Jones and the men who lost their lives at Box Flat Cecilia Lebler, Rose Lebler, Peter Leadbetter, Gordon Mathews, Stuart McLean, John Roach, Gerry Thiele, Daisy Broom, Josephine Keenan, Vera & Phonse Tobin, Oscar Cipa, May Harris, Maud Hayes, Bridget Kelly, Nathan Ludwig, Colin Roberts, Wilhelm Rohl, Mark Wolff, Marie Faint Patrick Loye, Patricia Luca, Eddie Mitchell, Ferdinand Ollenburg, Sue Armit, Margaret Caruana, Vincent Paul Coman, Vince Larter, Petra Pontarollo, Meryl Savage, Jack Smith,

**Please check names and if any changes are required, please contact the office.**

**TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 22/23 July \$1462.05**

### Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10:00am	Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers at Riverview
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9:00am	Children's Liturgy

### FAREWELL ENVELOPES FOR FR. THOMAS

Once again this weekend, there will be envelopes available for parishioners to make a donation as a farewell gift to Fr. Thomas.



I would very much like to thank Heather for getting and arranging the lovely and colourful flowers for Fr. Thomas' Silver Jubilee. They brightened up the altar beautifully. **THANK YOU HEATHER.** It is much appreciated by all parishioners.

### St EDMUND'S COLLEGE

**1)"The Annual Mass for Deceased Christian Brothers, Teachers, and Old Boys of St Edmund's College** will be held at The Chapel, St Edmunds College, Mary Street Woodend on Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 7.00 pm. All are invited. All enquiries to Andrew McGrath on 3389 6858 or 0438 164 452."

### 2)"St Edmund's College Old Boys Golf Day

Sunday August 27 2023 - 6.00 am Breakfast. 6.30 am Tee Off. Sandy Gallop Golf Club, Lobb Street, Churchill 18 hole, 4 Ball Ambrose Cost \$40.00 Raffle Ticket, Breakfast, a Hamburger Lunch and Complimentary Drink (Beer or Soft Drink) Included. Anyone can enter and play. You do not have to be a member of the Old Boys. You don't need an Official Golf Handicap. Please Phone Ross Cruice on 3288 6105 or 0437 114 598 or the College on 3810 4400"

### FROM THE HEART 6th EDITION OUT NOW!

The latest and final version for Fr. Thomas is now available at the entrance of both churches. Enjoy your tea/coffee break with a good read. On a financial note, the running costs for printing the magazine has increased as everything else has. We are looking for some sponsors to help in the production of the magazine. If you can help, please contact the office for further information.



### 150 Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers Celebrating 25 years on 27 August 2023

The Cathedral Guides and Welcomers will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on 27 August this year and all current and former Guides and Welcomers are invited to join the festivities.

We will mark the occasion on Sunday, 27 August with Mass in the Cathedral at 10am, followed by a function in The Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre.

If you would like to celebrate with us on 27 August, and rekindle old friendships and memories with former Guide and Welcomers, please let us know via email, by Monday 21 August to: cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com



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We respectfully acknowledge the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the Bvoval Catholic Parish.