



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



† Sacred Heart Church, 21 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR B 2/3.12.23

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 1)

Monday 4 th Dec	9:00am Mass
Tuesday 5 th Dec	No Mass
Wed 6 th Dec	5:30pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass
Thursday 7 th Dec	9:00am Mass
Friday 8 th Dec	9:00am Mass

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 9 th Dec	5:00pm Mass—Booval
Sunday 10 th Dec	7:00am Mass—Riverview 9:00am Mass—Booval Children's Liturgy 5:00pm Mass—Booval

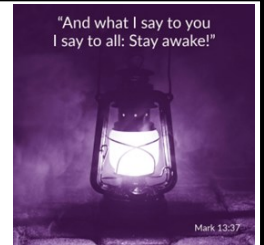
Marriages by appointment only at least 6 months notice is required.



Baptisms by appointment. The next Baptism Preparation session is to be **Thursday 7 December in the Sacred Heart Church.**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord. Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.



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CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 2023



The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held on Sunday 24th December, at 5pm. This celebration will be held in the Amare Centre, at Sacred Heart School.

Christmas carols will be sung from 4.45pm and Mass commences at 5pm. This year a short nativity play, performed by the children, will be presented before the entrance Hymn is sung, and a reflection song will be sung by the children following the homily. We would love as many children as possible to take part in these 2 presentations during the Mass. Children will need to be at the Amare Centre by

4.30pm on Christmas eve as well as attend practice sessions. Secondary school students who would like to help and/or be part of the performances are welcome to attend the practice sessions. If your child/children are interested in participating, we would love to have you attend the following practices:

MONDAY 4th DECEMBER: 10.00 - 11.00 AM Venue: Sacred Heart Church

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER: 10.00 - 11.00 AM Venue: Sacred Heart Church

Additional practices will occur the week before Christmas. Times and dates for these practices will be made in consultation with parents during the initial 2 practice sessions.

Please phone **0421 110 924** if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Karen Sotiriadis

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE.

Choir practice to prepare for the Christmas Vigil Mass and Children's Nativity Play in the Amare Centre will be held on:

Thursday 7 December at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 14th December at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church

You are warmly invited to come along and help us prepare for the coming of our newborn Saviour. If you are planning to attend a different Mass at Christmas you are most welcome to join us. Singing Christmas Carols in a choir is a wonderful way to experience the true meaning of Christmas. We look forward to seeing you.

Anne Scott 0414 528 387

CHILDREN'S LITURGY & REFLECTION

Last Sunday, we discussed the Gospel's key message: 'Jesus calls us to lead with compassionate hearts, to care for others in real meaningful ways'. The children thought of times when someone had been compassionate towards them and how they might show compassion, especially to the marginalised. The children then practiced Away in a Manger, and after Mass, they were invited to perform in front of the Parish. All the children sang so beautifully and were so excited to perform.



After Mass, Janet organized a Fun Day for all the children who attended the Parish. There was face painting, party food, Christmas crafts, and even party games. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and ate all the lollies they won.

A big thank you to Janet for organising the performance and the Fun Day for the children. Seeing the smiles on their faces and ending the year on such a high was beautiful.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Celia Johnson (Carmel Meir's twin sister) Marion Mahoney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Lyaal Newsome, Gerard Flanagan, Geoffrey Frost, Sung Van Nguyen, Marie Noon, Bernard Graham, Denis Muir, Nora Muir, Donna Gabriel, Bob Cole, Bill & Dorothy Walsh, Bernie Kinnane, Ken Adkins, Lorraine Murphy, 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, Graeme Coultas, Noreen Lund, Ta Thi Thin, Giao Ngoc Tran, Peter Joseph, Geoffrey Crocker, John Malone, Raymond Gale, James Hogan, Biao Ngoc Tran, Mieu Thi Nguyen, Ban Ngoc Nguyen, Louis Phipps-Ellis, Mary Phipps-Ellis, baby Lou Phipps-Ellis.

LET US PRAY for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Peggy & Jeff Newton, Barry Wade, Lynne Connors, Jill Roberts, Helena M. Siczek, Desmond Daly, Patrick Phipps-Ellis, Karen Cooper, Pauline & Graeme Peters, Patricia Eade, Rebecca Eade, Kathy & Graeme Smith, Kath King, Declan Simmonato, Grace Thompson, Lilian Morrison, Joana Ambrad-Isip, Desolie King, Trish Rowlands, Patrick Phipps-Ellis,

**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 : 3 December—9 December

Neville Bird, Charles Galea Jnr., Elsie Harbort, Michael Mangan, Dorothy McCormack, Lily Meara, Marian Siczek, Cecil Anderson, David Bunter, Jack Slattery, Sarah Breslin, Vicki Carroll, Col Connors, Tim Galligan, L. Farrell, Maria Gheno, Lloyd Jones, Daphne Leschke, Jack Manning, Kath Quinane, Bob Roberts, Elizabeth Smith, Ivan Wust, John Caruana, Jean Cassidy, Johanna Galligan, Robert Layton, Stephen O'Farrell, Iole Peacock, Verbena van Twest, Shirley Zammit, John Carroll, Hugh Daly, Frances Diete, Catherine Dunstan, Declan Fegan, Paolo Pitruzzello, Margarete Praug, Kathalene Deaves, Kathleen McCormick, Essie O'Donoghue, Peter Vergotis,

If you wish to make any changes to any of the above lists, please inform the parish office.

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 26.11.2023 = \$1980.80

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	4 th Dec	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	8 th Dec	10:00am	No Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	9 th Dec	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	10 th Dec	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers at Riverview
Sunday	10 th Dec	9:00am	Children's Liturgy

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

During Advent we are offering a weekly gathering to step out of the busy-ness that comes at the end of the year and lead up to Christmas. Set aside an hour each week to come together and reflect on the coming Sunday Gospel.

Commencing Monday 27th November, 7 – 8pm Parish Centre.

If you are interested in participating or a similar daytime session, Thursdays 10am, please contact the parish office to register.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

There are great stresses on families experiencing financial pressures – increased rent, rising costs of living can mean Christmas is another worry instead of a time of peace and joy.

We are asking you to contribute items to our Christmas hampers by bringing along some food stuffs for the next three weekends. There will be boxes at the back of the church where you can leave your donations for inclusion in the hampers.

You may prefer to make a **monetary donation** to our Christmas Appeal and there will be envelopes available for you to complete.

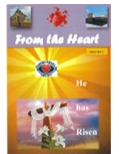
We don't take for granted the great generosity of our parish and schools and it is through your kindness that lives are changed.

Thank you.



PARISH MAGAZINE FOR CHRISTMAS

We are starting to look for stories, memories, recipes, jokes and photos for the next parish magazine which will be out by Christmas. If you have any of the above or another idea, please email them to the office : booval@bne.catholic.net.au



Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December

4:45 Carols at Amare Centre

5:00pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass at Amare Centre

Monday 25th December

8:00am Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart

The final Mass of the Anointing for the year will be Monday 11th December at 9:00am in the Sacred Heart Church.



SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

This will be held in the Sacred Heart Church on Monday 11th December at 6:30pm.

ADVENT: JESSE TREE

What is it? The Jesse Tree is a representation of Jesus's family tree where each ornament demonstrates a story from the Bible that talks of God's people before Jesus's birth. The story also shows God's salvation plan.

This weekend's ornaments are: Creation, Adam and Eve, The Fall, Noah's Ark, The Promised Land and God's Vow.



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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.