



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9/10.12.23 YR. B

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 1)

Monday 11 th Dec	9:00am Mass
Tuesday 12 th Dec	No Mass
Wed 13 th Dec	5:30pm Rosary
	6:00pm Mass
Thursday 14 th Dec	9:00am Mass
Friday 15 th Dec	9:00am Mass

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 16 th Dec	5:00pm Mass—Booval
Sunday 17 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 TBC.

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 Church

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help this Christmas.

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 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.

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

Today in Children's Liturgy we spoke about ADVENT - how it means the arrival of someone special, in this case, Jesus. Not only do we welcome him as a baby at Christmas, but we wait for his second coming at a time we do not know.

OUR CANDLE OF HOPE WAS LIT.

We then discussed ways we can be ready to welcome Jesus:

**PRAY / SERVE OTHERS / CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION
BE KIND / GO TO CHURCH / BE GENEROUS**

The children completed an activity sheet with all these ways to be ready for Jesus. Hope they showed you and you were able to discuss all these ideas with them!

ALTAR SERVER & DPO CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

Thank you to all our Altar Servers and DPO's (Data Projector Operators). They celebrated with a well earned Christmas party at iPlay at Riverlink. A great time was had and lots of food eaten. THANK YOU for your service Altar Servers & DPO's!!!



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.



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 : 10 December—16 December

Hilda Casey, Margaret Leahy, Frank Diete, Ken O'Brien, Herbie Shields, Glen Craike, Francis Eddison, Edwin Wilkinson, Sebastiana Alderuccio, Rolf Grunenberg, Kathryn Ryan, Eileen Sutherland, Vera Vieth, Louisa Carroll, Lennox Cockburn, Francis Eddison, Gerard Fick, Eric Tiley, Jean Gibson, John Giddy, Elizabeth Gray, Basil Hohnke, Patricia Plant, Cecil Addison, Dane Bracey, Reg. McCarthy, Mark Skippington,

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

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 03.12.2023 = \$1980.80

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	12 th Dec	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	15 th Dec	10:00am	No Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	16 th Dec	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	17 th Dec	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers at Riverview
Sunday	17 th Dec	9:00am	Children's Liturgy

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA


In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in Christianity. What is future is made present. The prophetic oracle announces the future as if it is already happening. This sense of the future-present prompts new ways of living. As the future takes root in human lives, the present is transformed into a new creation and the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a broken-hearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive. The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

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St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

 A very heartfelt and huge THANK YOU to you all for your generosity to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Your donations will be given to those in our community who need it most at this special time of the year.

Again, **THANK YOU.**

FINAL 2023 MORNING TEA AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Last Sunday, OLPH held the final morning tea for this year and it looks like they had a good time. I am sure they will be continuing to have the morning tea on the 1st Sunday of each month again next year after Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A huge THANK YOU to all the parishioners who help prepare for this morning tea.



FROM THE HEART PARISH MAGAZINE

We are still asking for stories, memories, recipes, jokes and photos for the next parish magazine **by Thursday 14th December**. If you have any of the above or another idea, please email them to the office : booval@bne.catholic.net.au



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: Jacob's Ladder, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Ruth and David is Chosen.

ADVENT CANDLE WEEKS, NAMES & COLOURS

Advent Week 1—**Hope:** Prophecy Candle (purple)
Advent Week 2—**Peace:** Bethlehem Candle (purple)
Advent Week 3—**Joy:** Shepherd's Candle (rose/pink)
Advent Week 4—**Love:** Angel's Candle (purple)



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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.