



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23/24.12.23 YR. B

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 1)

Sunday 24th Dec	4:45pm	Children's Christmas Eve Mass—Amare Centre
Monday 25 Dec	8:00am	Christmas Mass
Tuesday 26th Dec	No	Mass
Wed 27th Dec	5:30pm	Rosary
	6:00pm	Mass
Thursday 28th Dec	9:00am	Mass
Friday 29th Dec	9:00am	Mass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 30th Dec	5:00pm	Mass—Booval
Sunday 31st Dec	7:00am	Mass—Riverview
	9:00am	Mass—Booval

No Children's Liturgy

Sunday 31st Dec 5:00pm Mass

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.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The world in which we live and the events of which we are a part are the stage upon which the drama of salvation is enacted. God works through real flesh and blood people, those like David, who occupy the seats of power and influence as well as those like Mary and us, who are unseen and unknown. All can be agents of salvation. God's future is in our hands. Human history is really the history of salvation. Each turn of God's revealing causes us to wonder at what might come next. In this tension, mystery is revealed. What was hidden is now made known. Jesus establishes a people of covenant promise. Still, the mystery is unknown, for it continues to come to us from the future, revealing more and more of itself in the junctures of history.

The waiting of Advent is over. In the face of the impossible, God works the possible. During Advent, we have been waiting for the realisation of the promise made to David. We have been waiting for Mary's yes. With this yes, hope is enlivened, and history is changed. There is an unimaginable future for all people, a future that comes from God. Salvation is created among us, and the fate of history is altered by a godly presence. This salvation resides in the hearts of those who believe in the gift, and who stay awake eagerly to know its coming. With David we await it, with the nations we long for it, with Mary we behold it.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On the third Sunday of Advent, we began the liturgy turning on the candles of peace and hope.

Priyanka lit the rose/pink candle, and we discussed the special meaning of joy.

This week, the children had fun acting out the Gospel in groups and pretending to be the people in the Gospel story. We then discussed how John was very clear on who he was and how he knew he was on a mission and how just like John we are also on a mission.

We ended the liturgy with prayers of the faithful

and it was lovely to see children so eager to read the prayers to the other children.

It has been amazing to see all the children grow and develop their faith throughout the year. We have had lots of fun, and we are looking forward to welcoming all the children back in 2024.

*****Please note that Children's Liturgy is on a break over Christmas and will return on Sunday 4**

February in 2024.***

From everyone involved in Children's Liturgy.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CHRISTMAS

The Booval Catholic Parish office will be closed from 1:30pm Friday 22nd December until Tuesday 2nd January. If anyone is in need of a priest, please remember to push option 3 when you call the office number (3282 1888).



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a joyful year in 2024

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Chris Tobin (Marie Noon's brother),

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Lyall 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, Graham 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 : 24 December— 31 December

Elsie & Richard James, Peter Keyser, Joseph Rhodes, Peter Curtis, Eric Mackey, Gerald & Annie McCarthy, Denis Power, Eric & Ivy Schostakowski, Barbara Tilley, Cliff Young, Melinda Bourke, Geoffrey Colless, Bernard Crane, Robert Lloyd, Alice McGuire, Kev Newton, Frank Reddy, Don Whipple, Gabriel Irwin, Kit Langlands, Millicent Sharman, Bob Waterson, Ethel Davis, Edward Hawkins, Therese McLean, Leonard Ringelstein, Joe Waltisbuhl, William Baxter, Vincent Keogh, Agnus Mullins, Eileen Slattery,

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

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 10.12.2023 = \$ 1871.60

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	26 th Dec	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	29th Dec	10:00am	No Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	30th Dec	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	31st Dec	After 7am Mass	 NO Divine Mercy Prayers at Riverview
Sunday	24th Dec	9:00am	NO Children's Liturgy

CHRISTMAS DAY REFLECTIONS

Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.



If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession. Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

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The glory of God and profound peace reaching out to embrace the whole of humanity are dynamically related in the baby in the manger. This is the song of the angels, and it is our privilege to join in that song at this Christmas Mass. *Every* baby is a promise of a new future which fills one with hope. But *this* baby is unique. *This* Jewish boy baby is the body language of God. *This* baby is the sonburst of God entering our dark world. *This* baby shows us that God is not impossibly remote but, rather, God is as intimately close as a vulnerable infant. And *this* baby fulfils all the yearning of the human heart. We want to love to the utmost. We want to be loved to the utmost. *This* baby enables both because he is without any finite boundaries or restraints: He is in-finite love reaching out to us. Can we grasp all this? Probably not. So, like the little lambs nuzzling up to the manger, we just follow some deep intuition which says: 'I must kneel in adoration, it is good to be here.' We could pause for a moment to pray for the resolve to do our bit to echo the angel's message: 'I bring you good news of great joy to be shared by all peoples.'

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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)



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. The fourth weekend's ornaments are: Daniel & the Lion's Den, Prophecy of a Savior, John the Baptist, God chooses Mary, Mary & Joseph go to Bethlehem, Jesus is born and finally, Wise Men bring gifts to Jesus.

FROM THE HEART PARISH MAGAZINE

The next version of our parish magazine is now available. They will be available at the entrance of both Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Sacred Heart. They are great to take home and have a good read with a cuppa and share with family and friends. Don't forget "big" children can also try the puzzles.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE(2024): Europe Pilgrimage and Tour

To: **Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland** from 12/09/2024-27/09/2024; **And Egypt and Jordan Pilgrimage** from 26/08/2024-03/09/2024. **Spiritual Director:** Fr Emmanuel-tv. Contact us ASAP for details: Mob: 0417999553, Tel: (08) 93413079, holyspiritp@gmail.com; fremmanueltv@gmail.com;

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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.