



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 16/17.12.23 YR. B

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 1)

Monday 18th Dec 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 19th Dec No Mass

Wed 20th Dec 5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 21st Dec 9:00am Mass

Friday 22nd Dec 9:00am Mass

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 23rd Dec 5:00pm Mass—Booval

Sunday 24th Dec 7:00am Mass—Riverview

9:00am Mass—Booval

[No Children's Liturgy](#)

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass

4:45pm Mass— Amare Centre

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

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called **Gaudete Sunday**, the Sunday of **Joy**. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

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Witness to the Light

St John's Gospel never calls John, 'the Baptist'. No, he is John the Witness: 'a witness to speak for the Light'. We discover in this Gospel that this light is embodied in Jesus Christ, most graphically portrayed in the Transfiguration when Christ's body is radiant, translucent, with Divine Light.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the One who came to liberate human beings from the many dark captivities which imprison them, the One who vanquished the inky blackness of the tomb.

We can become partakers in the life of this Divine Light. At baptism, this is symbolised by the lighting of a small candle from the great Easter candle which is sung into the church on the Easter Vigil as 'Christ our Light', the Conqueror of Death.

As a baptised people our allegiance to 'The Light' is not to be a private matter between 'me and God'. No, like John, we must bear witness to 'The Light' by being instruments of His power to dispel the darkness which can enshroud people's lives.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to fulfil the promise of our baptismal candle so that we might more authentically celebrate the birth of the Divine Light come into human history.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our second ADVENT candle "HOPE" was turned on by Stephen.

Then, in our gospel reading, we heard John the Baptist telling people to "turn back to God Then your sins will be forgiven..... Someone more powerful is coming! We know this was JESUS! We discussed what we could try to change in our hearts and in our actions to draw closer to God in this time of ADVENT.

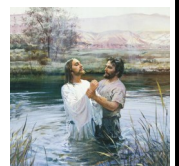
Great answers – *be kinder, say sorry to people we have hurt, help people who have no food and pray for others.*

The children, as CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP have been donating weekly to the St Vincent de Paul hampers; a great way to draw closer to God by helping others. Thankyou children.

This is the final Children's Liturgy for the year. Children's Liturgy will recommence from Sunday 4th February.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY MASS: AMARE CENTRE

If your child would like to be involved in the Christmas Eve Nativity Mass, practices will run next week, starting **Monday 18th December at 5pm** in the **Amare Centre**. Practices will then run every afternoon from 5pm, for about 40 minutes. It is important that children attend these practice sessions, so they are ready to perform confidently at the Mass. Any questions please phone **Karen Sotiriadis on 0421110924.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Chris Tobin (Marie Noon's brother),Celia Johnson (Carmel Meir's twin sister).

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, Grahame 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 : 17 December— 23 December

Michael Ferreira, Jimmy Kennedy, Brian Seng, John Baker, Annie Crowley, Marguerite Doyle, Bill Henry, Julia Holcombe, William Mackey, George Muir, Patrick O'Brien, Mervyn Wheatland, Michael Cody, Arthur Murphy, Margaret Ryan, Ron Smith, Joyce Samson, Christopher Cavenagh, Jack Cuthbert, Quentin Manley, Edward Rhodes, Margaret Moran, Edna Wilkinson, Christopher Connolly, Robert Kane, Anthony McMillan, Betty Rothkugel, Jack Conway, Bernard Costello, Pauline Hastie, Theodor Homburg, Bruce Jendra, Kevin Jordan, Paddy Kearney, David Roberts,

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 = \$ 2005.20

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	19 th Dec	9:30am	Craft Group
Friday	22nd Dec	10:00am	No Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	23rd Dec	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	24th Dec	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers at Riverview
Sunday	24th Dec	9:00am	NO Children's Liturgy

FROM THE HEART PARISH MAGAZINE

We are still asking for stories, memories, recipes, jokes and photos for the next parish magazine **by Monday 18 at the latest**. If you have any of the above or another idea, please email them to the office : booval@bne.catholic.net.au



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;

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Advent season is an invitation to set your mind off the stresses of the year. We can take our focus off of the crazy hustle of the season and the sadness that could accompany the different ways some of us may be choosing to observe the holiday season this year. Even when things feel chaotic we can find peace in Jesus. Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from heaven and took the form of a man *so that we might believe*.

The *third Sunday* of Advent is traditionally called **Gaudete Sunday**. Gaudete is the Latin word for **rejoice**, and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him! We read, pray, and reflect on the joy that God's plan gives us (foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ), and we meditate on the promise of Christ's coming glory-filled return.

Philippians 4:4-5 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/christmas-and-advent/third-sunday-advent.html>

POSSIBLE FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY

Questions to think about as a family.

1. How does John prepare the way for Jesus?
2. How can you prepare your hearts for Jesus to come?

Share your joy: make a plan as a family to make & send cards, or make a phone call to someone you may not have talked with for some time. You could also go to <https://jeopardylabs.com/play/advent-jeopardy-79> and play Advent Jeopardy.

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. This weekend's ornaments are: The Shepherd King, Solomon builds the Temple, Esther, Isaiah's First Prophecy, Isaiah's Second Prophecy and Jonah and the Whale.

Families could create their own Jesse Tree at home by searching online and downloading images and colouring them in. This may help keep younger children occupied.

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).



STOPline Service. STOPline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures.

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.