



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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10/11.02.24 (Yr. B)

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REFLECTION

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch incorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

The man in the gospel suffered from some kind of skin ailment. Though socially alienated and ritually unclean, he did not adhere to the laws of purity. Instead, he boldly approached Jesus and begged to be made clean, not to be cured. Social and religious acceptability seem to be more important to him than physical healing. Since impurity was considered contagious, to touch the man would make Jesus unclean. But it didn't. Instead, Jesus' touch healed the man and restored him to the state of ritual purity. Because the people were captivated by the wonders he could perform, Jesus chose the seclusion of solitary places rather than the press of the crowd and their misunderstanding of his mission.

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 2)

Monday 12 th Feb	9:00am Mass
Tuesday 13 th Feb	NO Mass
Wed 14 th Feb	5:30pm Rosary
Wed 14 th Feb	6:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 15 th Feb	9:00am Mass
Friday 16 th Feb	9:00am Mass
1 st Sunday of Lent (Yr B)	
Saturday 17 th Feb	4:00pm Reconciliation
Saturday 17 th Feb	5:00pm Mass—Booval
Sunday 18 th Feb	7:00am Mass—Riverview
	9:00am Mass—Booval
	Children's Liturgy
Sunday 18 th Feb	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 **Thursday 7th March** at 6:30 in the Sacred Heart Church.



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS: 14 February

There will be 2 Ash Wednesday Masses in Sacred Heart Parish. The first Mass will be a Sacred Heart Primary School Mass at **9:00am in the Amare Centre on Wednesday 14 February** and parishioners are welcome. The second will be at the usual **Wednesday 6:00pm** in the Sacred Heart Church.

MORNING TEA

This weekend there will be Morning Tea at Sacred Heart Church after the 9:00am Mass. It will organised by Children's Liturgy so we are very grateful.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Patricia Fitzgerald, Merle Kinnane, Pauline Molloy, Eileen Bemis, Peter Benson, Marie Keenan.

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, Gra-hame 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: Jill Short, Evelyn Le Bherz, 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 : 11 February—17 February

Brian Ahearn, Jack Clark, Carmelo Giansiracusa, Maurie Keenan, Mary Pettit, Chelsea Toomey, Catherine Bell, Irene Gee, George Short, Margaret Speirs, Ray Waterson, Maureen Wex, John S Keogh, Ruby Parker, Maria Pisasale, Kevin Potter, Anna Stevenage, Monica Wallace, Bob Massey, Lil Cannan, Kevin Larter, Ellen Mangan, Benjamin Scown, Robert Thompson, Ross Dyer, Darren Falconer, Natasha Ford, Ivan Jorgensen, Ivy Kearney, Agnes Payne, Thomas Leonard, Joan Behm, Norman Behm, Mario Cross, Julia Devereaux, Fr Bryan Lee, Lex Levinson, Margaret Newton, Jan Papworth, Honor Woodriff,

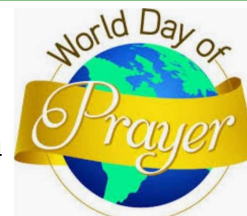
TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 03/04.02.2024 = \$1962.70

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	13 th Feb	9:30am	Craft Group
Ash	14th Feb	9:00am	Mass: Amare Centre
Wednesday		6:00pm	Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Friday	16 th Feb	10:00am	Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	17 th Feb	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	18 th Feb	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers at Riverview
Sunday	18 th Feb	9:00am	Children's Liturgy

*****WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024**

The World Day of Prayer (WDOP) is an ecumenical laywomen's initiative held in over 170 countries. This year, the theme is "bear with each other, despite all the difficulties and oppression." The program for 2024 was written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in response to Ephesians 4:1-7. Booval Catholic Parish is hosting the service this year at



Sacred Heart Church, Booval on Friday 1st March, commencing at 10:30am. After the service in the church, a morning tea will be held in the parish centre. All, including men, are most welcome to attend.

2024 LENTEN RESOURCE

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday which falls on February 14 this year so a bit early.

"A Resurrected LIFE" is the new 6-week reflection 2024 Lenten Resource put out by Evangelization Brisbane and can be used by individuals or groups. If you wish to purchase a copy for \$6, please contact the office.

THE LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT APPEAL 2024

The Little Kings movement for the disabled will hold their annual appeal at all Masses on the weekend of the **24/25th February**. The Little King's caters for people with disabilities to provide them with the opportunity to access social and spiritual activities. There is no government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers who are committed to providing people with disabilities a sense of worth and value. Each year the need for the services are increasing. Booval Parish has been very generous in previous years and the Little King's Movement is very grateful.



VINNIES REPORT FOR 2023

The year ended with the generous Christmas Appeal and donations of hamper items by the Parish, Sacred Heart School and Peter Claver College. We were able to put together 60 hamper deliveries, with a total estimated value of \$5,400.00.

Throughout last year, we had 907 calls for assistance with over 2,000 adults and children being helped. Mainly we assisted with food vouchers but were also able to help with rent and utilities payments, car registration, medication and medical expenses. In total our annual costs were about \$64,000.00.

We have also been able to assist a number of families with back to school expenses through the State St Vincent de Paul Children's Education Fund.

What is so wonderful and inspiring is that almost 40% of our annual costs are provided by the generosity of our parish and school communities. We are grateful for your endorsement of the work the members of the St Vincent de Paul Conference undertake to offer a hand up to our neighbours in need.

2024 looks to be a busy year. We have been back just over a week and we have had 37 calls for help. You may be interested in being part of our work. The St Vincent de Paul meets every second Thursday, next meeting Thursday 22nd February at 4pm at the Parish Centre. Please come along if you would like to find out more about us or you can call the office if you would like a member of the St Vincent de Paul to contact you.



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.