



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 LENT 17/18.02.24 (Yr. B)

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 2)

Monday 19th Feb 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 20th Feb NO Mass

Wed 21st Feb 5:30pm Rosary


6:00pm Mass


Thursday 22nd Feb 9:00am Mass

Friday 23rd Feb 9:00am Mass

2nd Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

Saturday 24th Feb 4:00pm Reconciliation

Saturday 24th Feb 5:00pm Mass—Booval 

Sunday 25th Feb 7:00am Mass—Riverview 

9:00am Mass—Booval

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 25th 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.



REFLECTION

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is **God** who acts; it is **God** who makes the sacrifice; it is **God** who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.



After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah, his descendants, all the living creatures, and with the earth itself. In it, God pledged never again to destroy the world by means of chaotic waters. This promise carried more than meteorological implications; it also signalled God's control over primordial chaos. As a fearsome warrior, God fought and shackled these forces. Besides being a beautifully coloured arc proclaiming the end of a violent storm and the return of calm, the meteorological bow came to be seen as the divine archer's weapon, a weapon that was unnecessary once chaos was under control. An eternal sign of a cosmic covenant, the bow is a reminder of the pact made with all of creation, similar to the rest that God took after creation (Gen 2:2).



... The wilderness, into which the Spirit drove Jesus, was not a romantic place. It had been the place of Israel's testing (cf. Num 10:11-21:34). Forty days held special meaning for the two men who appeared with Jesus. Moses fasted for forty days and forty nights as he wrote the ten commandments on tablets of stone (Exod 34:28). Elijah fasted for the same length of time as he walked to Horeb (1 Kgs 19:8). It was in this same tradition that Jesus fasted. There he was prepared for the ministry that lay ahead of him. The eschatological time of fulfilment (*kairós*) has arrived. The long-awaited reign of God is inaugurated.

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EASTER CHOIR

Easter Choir Practice. Choir practice to prepare for our Easter Ceremonies will be over 4 Thursday evenings during Lent as follows:

Thursday 29th February at 7pm (Music for Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday)

Thursday 7th March at 7pm (Music for Good Friday/Easter Vigil)

Thursday 14th March at 7pm (Music for Easter Vigil)

Thursday 21st March at 7pm (Revision)



You are warmly invited to come along and help us prepare to commemorate the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CLOW

We had a full morning last Sunday both in Children's Liturgy and after mass at our "**Shrove Tuesday**" pancake morning tea. The children loved the pancakes, and, after eating, handed out some special **Valentine's Day** lolly bags to the Parishioners.

In the gospel reading, Jesus helped the leper by reaching out, touching him and healing him. It was explained to the children that they too should reach out to others in need and show kindness and love. What a great change it would bring to those people, whether it be in our home, our school or our community.

Some examples the children gave were: *share with my brothers and sisters, include all children in games at school, give a friendly smile to someone who looks sad.*

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

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, 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 : 18 February—24 February

Tom Behm, Stanley Burchmann, Brother Jim Kelly, John Devereaux, George Doring, Leslie Holliday, Pa Lynam, Madg Wilson, Janet Robinson, Una Ball, Nell Warner, Francis & Alice Mullavey, Paul Fitzpatrick, Tracie Le Bherz Files, Daphne Hazzard, Catherine Klease, Adam Quinn, Neil Vagg.

Should you wish to make any adjustments to the above information, please inform the parish office.

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 10/11.02.2024 = \$1890

Parish Diary Dates

Monday	19th Feb	5:45pm	PENANCE WORKSHOP 1
Tuesday	20 th Feb	9:30am	Craft Group
Thursday	22 nd Feb	4:00pm	 SDVP
Friday	23 rd Feb	10:00am	Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	24 th Feb	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	25 th Feb	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers: Riverview
Sunday	25 th Feb	9:00am	Children's Liturgy



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the **front entrance of the church**, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



*****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.



THE LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT APPEAL 2024

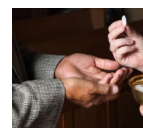
The Little Kings movement for the disabled will hold their annual appeal at all Masses on the weekend of the **24/25th February**. The Little King's caters for people with disabilities to provide them with the opportunity to access social and spiritual activities. There is no government funding and the 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.



MINISTRY: CARE AND ASSIST

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion, please let the office know so that it can be arranged for someone from the Care & Assist team to visit you or your friend.

MORNING TEA AT SACRED HEART this week will be available after the 9:00am Mass. If you can, please bring a small plate to share.



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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.