



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 LENT 9/10.03.24 (Yr. B) Laetare Sunday

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 2)

Monday 11th March 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 12th March No Mass

Wed 13th March Rosary
Mass

Thursday 14th Mar Mass

Friday 15th March 8:30am Stations of the Cross

Friday 15th March 9:00am Mass

5th Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

Saturday 16th March 4:00pm Reconciliation

Saturday 16th March 5:00pm Mass—Booval

Sunday 17th March 7:00am Mass—Riverview

9:00am Mass—Booval

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 17th March 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 4th April** at 6:30 in the Sacred Heart Church.



REFLECTION

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin. Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

EASTER CHOIR

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

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 OF THE WORD: CLOW

We don't often see Jesus frustrated or angry do we? But last Sunday, the children heard how Jesus became angry when the people were selling all the animals to make money in the Temple. Jesus chased all the animals out, turning over tables and scattering the money. This was not the true purpose of God's house. We discussed how when Jesus saw something happening that was wrong he didn't just pass by and do nothing, so we, too, if we see something that is wrong, we should not participate and tell an adult.

How did your children go with the tasks on their "Lenten Promise Sticks?"

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

On Monday evening, the children participated in the 2nd and final workshop for Penance. It was a pleasure witnessing the children answer questions and do the exercises. What was really great to see was how the children seemingly enjoyed participating and put a lot of effort into the activities, especially the dancing and singing at the end. Well done children. And I thank Chantale from Evangelisation Brisbane for coming out and to supervise this.

The 7 children will receive the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday 9 March.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sacred Heart Parish invites the parents of those children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023 (last year) to attend the Parent Information evening from 6:00pm in the Sacred Heart Church on Monday 18th March. Should you have any inquiries, please contact the office.

CARPARK CLOSURE

On **Friday 15th March**, (next Friday), Sacred Heart Primary School will be having their annual cross-country run for the Preps to Year 3 students. As this is done through the carpark at the back of the church so that the students do not have to go out on the road, the car park will be closed off from 9:30am until about 11:00am. Therefore, as there is still Friday Stations of the Cross and 9:00am Mass, parishioners attending Stations of the Cross and Mass will need to leave the carpark as soon as Mass is completed. The gate to the driveway will be closed at 9:30 but manned. If the children are around, you may need to wait until it is all clear. As usual, parking is available on the street. Also please be aware that from about 9:30am, parents will be parking in the surrounding areas to watch their children.

THE LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT APPEAL 2024

Once again a huge "Thank you" to all who generously donated financially and or by prayers last weekend for The Little Kings movement for the disabled.

FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE
 WORLD
 THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,
 THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
 SHALL
NOT
 PERISH
BUT
 HAVE
 ETERNAL
LIFE.
JOHN
3:16

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**CAR
PARK
CLOSED**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Fran Johnson, Joan Madden, Patricia Fitzgerald, Merle Kinnane, Pauline Molloy.

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, 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: 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 : 3 March—9 March

Fr Dominic Burke, Paul Crane, Jim Corbett, Annie Gough, Fr Brian Horton, Norris H. Smith, Concettina Alderuccio, Margaret Costello, Betty Ingram, Bill McNeven, Charles Wheatland, Martin Costello (Snr.), Margaret Kane, Jack Kedwell, Mary Lloyd, Trishy Lynch, Chris Copland, Damien Drew, Mary Janicky, Jason Manousakis, Jan Tobin, Raymond Wenck, Max Pennefather, Simon Siemensma, Michael Bugler, Wend Cowie, Geoffrey Holzberger, Pete Boyle, Leo Wyatt.

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 2.3.03.2024 = \$2021.15

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	12 th Mar.	9:30am	Craft Group
Thursday	14 th Mar.		NO SDVP
Friday	15 th Mar.	10:00am	Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	16 th Mar.	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	17 th Mar.	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers: Riverview
Sunday	17 th Mar.	9:00am	Children's Liturgy



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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.

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Booval Catholic Parish will not be having a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation this Lenten period. **St Mary's at Woodend** will have 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at **7:00pm Monday, 18th March**. All are welcome to attend.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM TIMES



Palm Sunday: 23/24 March

5:00pm Saturday at Sacred Heart, Booval
7:00am Sunday at OLPH, Riverview
9:00am & 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Booval

Wednesday: 27th March

5:30pm Rosary at Sacred Heart, Booval
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Booval
6:30 Tenebrae at Sacred Heart, Booval

HOLY THURSDAY: 28th March

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart, Booval

GOOD FRIDAY: 29th March

10:30am: Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart, Booval

3:00pm: Passion of the Lord at Sacred Heart, Booval

(PLEASE ENTER THE CHURCH QUIETLY AND LEAVE THE CHURCH QUIETLY)

EASTER VIGIL: Saturday 30th March

(PLEASE ENTER THE CHURCH QUIETLY)

6:00pm Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord at Sacred Heart, Booval

EASTER SUNDAY: 31st March

7:00am: Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at OLPH, Riverview

9:00am: Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at Sacred Heart, Booval

NO 5:00pm SUNDAY MASS

LAETARE SUNDAY (4th Sunday of Lent)

This Sunday's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on **Isaiah 66:10-11**: *"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."*

Laetare is the first word — meaning "rejoice" — in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses **hope** and **joy** in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink — or, rose — this change in colour indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter the sombre days of Passiontide.

At one time, marriages were generally forbidden during Lent, but Laetare Sunday was often associated as a day when marriages could be celebrated during the penitential season. While marriages are now only forbidden on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Laetare Sunday is still a fitting day for those wishing to be married before Eastertide.

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savour and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

<https://www.simplycatholic.com/laetare-sunday/>

LENT—STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be on **Fridays from 8:30am** before the 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome to participate in the Stations of the Cross.

CALLING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMOC)

Distribution from the Chalice is being re-commenced in the Sacred Heart Parish. Therefore we are calling for all former Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (if you are able to continue) and any interested people to list their names on the sheets provided at the front of both churches. Fr Peter will hold training on how to move forward after Covid in the coming weeks.

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.