



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 ADVENT 01.12.24 (Yr C)

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 1)

Monday 2 Dec. 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 3 Dec. No Mass

Wed 4 Dec. 5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

Thurs 5 Dec. Mass

Friday 6 Dec. 9:00am Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr C)

Saturday 7 Dec. 4:00pm Reconciliation

Saturday 7 Dec. 5:00pm Mass—Booval

Sunday 8 Dec. 7:00am Mass—Riverview

9:00am Mass—Booval

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 8 Dec. 5:00pm Mass—Booval

Marriages by appointment only at least 6 months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment. The next Baptism Preparation session is to be **Thursday 5 December**, at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church.



It's Advent—a time of hope and expectation so on that note, greetings and welcome to everyone here participating in this 1st Sunday of Advent celebration of the Eucharist.

May you all be touched by His blessings..

SUNDAY READINGS (Jerusalem Bible— JB):

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10,14; Thessalonians 3;12-4-2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.

ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week's readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are, in fact, living in an 'in-between time'. From this week's first reading we are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a very long-standing hope for Israel. The coming of the Messiah would usher in a new prosperity and a divine reign of God. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus and they began to regard Jesus as the promised Messiah – the fulfilment of prophecy. However, Jesus also promised that he would come again, and the expectation of the first followers of Jesus was that his return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading from the letter to the Thessalonians, we can see the growing realisation that perhaps Jesus' return will not occur within the current generation. This realisation had a dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Imagine living with the belief that the end of time was going to occur not just in your lifetime but literally any day now. Slowly, they realised that Jesus' words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of readiness, a state of preparedness. This didn't mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven't really got the house in order.

Scriptural context: This week's gospel passage comes from a lengthy passage in the gospel of Luke in which Jesus speaks extensively about the future. It is a very different style of writing from the usual narrative, teaching and parable forms that make up most of the gospel. The style is an echo of the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. Compare this passage with this week's first reading of other passages from the writings of the prophets. The style is always rich in metaphor and symbol. There is a grandness about the style. We know, just from the use of language, that great things are afoot!

Have you thought? – Waiting, waiting, waiting ...: I'm not a big fan of waiting! Anticipation is pretty good; getting prepared and getting ready are OK, too. But when it comes down to being all dressed up and ready to go, I'm just hopeless at waiting. If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.

Different View – We're doomed!: Fundamentalists love readings like this week's apocalyptic gospel passage. Full of portent and urgency, it inspires the sort of thinking that says, 'Repent now, because you could be dead tomorrow!' It is easy to look at a passage like this and apply it to the conditions of the world today: everything's going to rack and ruin; it's just as the Bible foretold; the end of the world is just around the corner. But we have to remember that this was written nearly 2,000 years ago! Yes, there is still urgency! Yes, there is still need for change! But we still have time to get it right.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: CLOW

Last Sunday we discussed what the Kingdom of Jesus is like – *peaceful, loving, forgiving, welcoming and inclusive*. We then talked about how being a part of Jesus' Kingdom means that we follow in Jesus' ways – we try to be *loving, kind, helpful, forgiving, inclusive, prayerful and peaceful*. By reflecting to others these Kingdom values, hopefully others will want to be part of this Kingdom too! We then placed on our heads our "Jesus is the King" head bands to celebrate this special Feast Day.



Remember: 8th December after 9.00 am mass is the Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers and DPO Servers Christmas Breakup in front of Sacred Heart Parish Centre.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Kevin (Jack) Ryan, James Doolan (Mary Coultas' brother), Peg Newton, Rodney Anderson,

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Neville Schostakowski, Mary Smith, Brian Larter, Arsenio, Isabel & Paquito Aribal, Romeo Francisco, Bernardo Buran, Lolita Amora, Ao Thi Nguyen, Maximino & Sally Gepitulan, Lyall Newsome, Gerard Flanagan, Geoffrey Frost, Sung Van Nguyen, Marie Noon, Denis & Nora Muir, Bernard Graham, Donna Gabriel, Bob Cole, Bill & Dorothy Walsh, Bernie Kinnane, Ken Adkins, Lorraine Murphy, John & Mark Skippington, Geoffrey Crocker, Thomas & Margery Boyle, 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, 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: Laurelle (Desolie King's daughter), Desley Henderson, Neil Bryant, Margaret Vincent, Leesa Besgrove, Trish Watter, Kevin Murphy, Lynne Connors, Helena M. Siczek, Desmond Daly, Patrick Phipps-Ellis, Karen Cooper, Pauline & Graeme Peters, Patricia Eade, Rebecca Eade, Kathy & Graeme Smith, Kath King, Declan Simmonato, Lilian Morrison, Joana Ambrad-Isip, Desolie King, Trish Rowlands.

**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 : 1 December — 7 December

Joseph Cipa, John Elliott, Eric Graham, John Kennedy, Scott Murchie, Stella Prest, Nazzareno Zarb, Oswald Cody, Lawrence Noonan, Suzanne Potter, Theresa Thomson, Teresa Young, Neville Bird, Charles Galea Jnr., Elsie Harbort, Michael Mangan, Dorothy McCormack, Lily Meara, Marian Siczek, Cecil Anderson, David Bunter, Jack Slattery, Sarah Breslin, Vicki Carroll, Col Connors, Tim Galligan, L. Farrell, Maria Gheno, Lloyd Jones, Daphne Leschke, Jack Manning, Kath Quinane, Bob Roberts, Elizabeth Smith, Ivan Wust, Sarah Dunning, John Caruana, Jean Cassidy, Johanna Galligan, Robert Layton, Stephen O'Farrell, Iole Peacock, Verbena van Twest, Shirley Zammit.

Should you wish to make any adjustments to the above, please contact the office.

Collection for week ending 24.11.2024 = \$1812.05 A sincere **THANK YOU** for your contribution.

Booval Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	3 Dec.	9:30am	Craft Group
Thursday	5 Dec.	4:00pm	No SDVP
Friday	6 Dec.	10:00am	Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	7 Dec.	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	8 Dec.	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers: Riverview
Sunday	8 Dec.	9:00am	Children's Liturgy (Final for 2024!)

	Readers	EMOC	ALTAR SERVER	DPO
Sat 5pm	Martin, Gabrielle, Marea	Patricia, Margaret, ?	Theo	Elizabeth
Sun 7am	Neville, Misi, Barbara	Mike, ?	Marion, Joanne	Leonie
Sun 9am	Sia, Grathia, Bruce	Esther, Filbert, ?	Dominique, Anna	Mia
Sun 5pm	Virgil, Irene, ?	Mike, ?	Adrianna	Maria

FROM THE HEART MAGAZINE

Writers!...I am sure you have something to share with your faith family. Recipes, stories, the history of anything connected with our parish or Ipswich, favourite bible passages, favourite prayers, your interests or hobbies, your ministries... If you were not born in Australia, how do you celebrate Christmas in your home country and if you were born in Australia, what are some of your favourite Christmas routines and/or food? The editors look forward to receiving articles from all budding writers.

MORNING TEA

Morning Tea this weekend at Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be the final one for 2024 so come along and have a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST MARY'S AGED CARE HOSTEL.

Father Peter will be saying Mass at St Mary's Hostel, Raceview, on **Friday, 20th December at 10.30am**. After Mass we would like to present some Christmas Carols for the residents. Several of our elderly parishioners are now resident in the Hostel, and we are sure they would appreciate an opportunity to join in singing with us. If you would like to participate, please come along to Choir Practice.



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CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

In the week before Christmas, we hope to deliver about 80 hampers of **Christmas Day extras** to help our companions celebrate with their families. This week we launch our appeal and begin collecting food for inclusion in the hampers. Below are some suggested inclusions in our **Christmas Hampers**. If you would like to make a monetary donation that also helps fill the hampers. Last year through a generous donation we were able to include a food voucher for the purchase of fresh meat and vegetables with each hamper. Envelopes and boxes will be available each week at the Church. You can also donate by direct deposit to our bank account – **BSB:064-786 A/C:100026744. Ref: Your name**. Please support the work of the Society through your local Conference by giving generously. *Thank you.* If you are able to help us we would like to include:



tinned ham, Christmas cake/mince pies, long-life custard, jelly, Christmas pudding, tinned fruit, packet cake, soft drink, Christmas lollies, packets of chips, pancake mix, maple syrup, orange juice, Bon bons /napkins, Woolworths voucher for fresh food and/or meat

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 2024

The Children's Christmas Eve Mass, which includes a short Nativity play and reflection song presented by the children, will be held on Tuesday 24th December, at 5pm, in the Amare Centre, at Sacred Heart School. If your child / children are interested in participating, we would love to have you attend the initial practice on **Monday 16th December 4.30pm – 5.30pm** in Sacred Heart Church. Additional practices will occur every day the week before Christmas. Times and dates for these practices will be made in consultation with parents during the initial practice session on Monday 16th December. Please phone the office if you are interested or if you have any questions.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice to prepare for our Christmas Eve Mass and Children's Nativity Play will take place on:

Thursday, 12th December at 7pm

Thursday, 19th December at 7pm

You are invited to come along and join the choir and help us celebrate the birth of our Saviour.



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<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>

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