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 OF EASTER May 10, 2026. Yr A

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 2)

Monday May 11	**9:00am**	**Mass**
Tuesday		**No Mass**
Wednesday May 13	**5:25pm**	**Rosary**
	6:00pm	**Mass**
Thursday May 14	**9:00am**	**Mass**
Friday May 15	**9:00am**	**Mass (Public Holiday)**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)

Saturday May 16	**4:00pm**	**Reconciliation**
Saturday May 16	**5:00pm**	**Mass—Booval**
Sunday May 17	**7:00am**	**Mass—Riverview**
	9:00am	**Mass—Booval**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: CLOW

Sunday May 10	**5:00pm**	**Mass– Booval**

Baptisms by appointment. Please note that the next Baptism Preparations session on **Thursday June 4** at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

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

Welcome and Peace be with you all as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist on this 6th Sunday of Easter.

READINGS THIS WEEKEND:
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20; 1 St Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

REFLECTION
We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.
We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.
The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT
Each year, during the month of May, an annual Mass attendance count is conducted across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This data helps the Archdiocese understand how may people are being reached in local communities and the demographics of the parish. The count will be held on the weekends of **2/3, 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24 May .** Counting will occur during the offertory so please remain seated and do not be surprised to see people walking down the outside aisles counting.

AN INVITATION TO MINISTRIES: Reader, EMOC, Collector ,etc...
Today we start the 2026 ministry week here at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This will give each of us a chance to reflect on our own contribution to Gods kingdom here on earth. We will be given homework! During the week we are asked to read a part of scripture and pray each day. You can do it on your own or if you gather as a family, that might be the perfect opportunity. There is also a response sheet where you can volunteer to take part in the various ministries that our parish has to offer. Please fill it out and bring it back with you next week.

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE MONTH—MAY
Did you know Queensland is facing a domestic and family violence crisis?

Just last year we provided services to almost 30,000 people experiencing domestic and family violence — and that's just within our regions alone. The support we provide includes regional services, court support, counselling, housing and specialists embedded in police stations.
Each May, Queensland marks Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month. This annual initiative aims to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and coercive control, highlight the support services available and send a clear message that violence in our communities will not be tolerated. The theme for 2026 is :**Together Queenslanders can prevent domestic and family violence.** More information and especially some information on organisations that are working with the Archdiocese can be found on the follow website:
https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/inclusion/domestic-and-family-violence-project/
You can also simply google Archdiocesan Ministries Domestic and Family Violence Prevention. There is quite a lot of information available with resources.
If you really want to find out more information, you may wish to read the various Social Justice Statements over the past few years. This year's statement is titled the *Cost of Living*… but in 2022-23 there was a Social Justice Statement on *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. These can be found on https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Social-Justice-Statements
As stated above, it is all about raising awareness. If we are not aware, how can we change?

We respectfully acknowledge the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the Booval Catholic Parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Joyce Alexander, Kath Cole, Isabel Benson,

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Friends of the Tam Pham Family & Kim Le Family, Ao Thi Bhuyen, Sung Van Nguyen, Friends and Relatives of the Millington Family, Friends and Relatives of Aribal Family, Sally C. Gepitulan, Soundar Rajan, Bill & Dorothy Walsh, Mieu Thi Nguyen, Ban Ngoc Nguyen, Neville Schostakowski, Mary Smith, Lyall Newsome, Gerard Flanagan, Geoffrey Frost, Marie Noon, Denis & Nora Muir, Bernard Graham, Donna Gabriel, Bob Cole, Lorraine Murphy, John & Mark Skippington, Geoffrey Crocker, Roy Folan, Alfred & Stella Grech, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur, Brian & Dane Bracey, Grahame Coultas, James Hogan.

LET US PRAY *for those who are sick or recovering from surgery*: Jack Loyola (2yr), Terence George Lockwood, Maureen Doyle, Trevor Cox, Leila Ryan, Kath Schostakowski, Michelle Spiteri, Raul Fuentes (Melanie's nephew), Laurelle (Desolie King's daughter), Trish Watter, Kevin Murphy, Lynne Connors, Karen Cooper, Pauline Peters, Patricia Eade, Rebecca Eade, Kathy & Graeme Smith, Kath King, Declan Simmonato, Lilian Morrison, 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 : ***May 10—May 16***
Hugh Peters, Hannah Sullivan, Flo Summerville, Theodor Klein, Denis Marrinan, Alma Rose, Cecily Beswick, Norm Bognuda, Lorna Brennan, Tom Ferreira, John Hartfiel, Sr Mary Helen, Vincent Todd, Patricia Horrobin, Hilda Maxwell, Alma Ryan, Eric Schostakowski, George Wilson, Ellen Wheatland, Gertrude Webster, Colin Boatwright, August Beduhn, Andrea Bowler, Neil Campbell, Patricia King, Sr Elizabeth ODC, Nita Sorridimi, John Sullivan, Ellen Mahony, Joan Monsour, Kenneth Lyne.

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

Total Booval Parish Collection for weekend of May 3 = $1703.85 ***Thank you*** **for your generosity.**

Booval Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	May 12	9:30am	**Craft Group**
Wednesday	May 13	7:00	Finance Committee
Thursday	May 14	4:00pm	SVdP
Friday	May 15		Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	**May 16**	**9:00–1:00pm**	**1st Holy Communion Retreat**
Sunday	May17	8:00am	Divine Mercy Prayers: Riverview
Sunday	May 17	9:00am	CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - CLOW

ROSTER FOR WEEKEND OF May 16/17: (Weekend 3)

Readers, EMOCs, Altar Servers & DPOs, please check in with the Leader. **If you are not rostered on, please always check in to see if you are needed for that Mass.**

	Readers	EMOCs	ALTAR SERVER	DPO
Sat 6pm	Leanne, Pepetua, Patricia	Cathy, Dennis ?	Paige	?
Sun 7am	Tony, Barbara, ?	Christiana ,?	Joanne	Leonie, Xela
Sun 9am	Peter, Marie-Claire, ?	Lina, Esther, ?	Sierra	Amy
Sun5pm	Jane, Mariya	Ben ? ?	Andria, Anna	?

UPCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
On the following public holiday, please note that the Parish Office is closed:
Friday May 15: Ipswich Show Holiday— 9:00am Mass

SACRAMENTS—FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Tuesday, the children had their 2nd workshop. First, they reviewed what was covered previously, discussing what happens when we are baptised and what is special about 1st Holy Communion. They then explored more about the Liturgy of the word and went over the story of the road to Emmaus which was one of the Gospel readings recently. They heard how when Jesus broke the bread, the disciples' eyes were opened and they recognised Jesus. The children heard how this Gospel story is the process of the Mass; they (travellers on the road to Emmaus) came together, they broke open the scriptures (by discussing them with Jesus), they shared in the Lord's supper and then they went out and shared the Good News with others. The children also did an activity where they read about and labelled the various items and vessels used during the Mass and learnt more about the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The children did a great job by participating enthusiasticly! Please remember to keep them all in your prayers.

NOTE TO FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES (and others also):
First Holy Communion is an opportunity for families and the parish community to recall all that this sacrament means to us. We not only receive the Eucharist at Mass, but we are to live it in our lives after Mass. We are called to give glory to God each day by our words and actions.
From *33 Mass Lessons and Activities for Children by Patricia Mathson p 15.*

CRAFT GROUP
The Craft Group get together every Tuesday from 9:30am to 11:30am. The talented ladies bring their own crafts which covers knitting, crocheting, sewing and card making. One person has even brought their own candles and decorated them with paint. Others have even put quilts together. It is a great way to get together to do something fun and have a chat with like-minded people. Everyone is welcome; young, not so young, male, female, experienced or not.

ADORATION AND HEALING PRAYER
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Bardon will be offering adoration and healing prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Friday of every month at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, starting on Friday, 15th May 2026 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

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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.