



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview



**ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Fr Thomas will continue to celebrate our regular weekly Masses without a congregation as well as a Sunday Mass

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10th May 2020



Reflection

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

Living the Gospel – The Way, the Truth and the Life

When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.



The Catholic Leader's Response to the COVID19 pandemic.

We are making our digital newspaper free at our website.

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The digital version of The Catholic Leader will be free for readers to access until Parishes reopen across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

It is our commitment to ensure that everybody has access to stories of connection, inspiration, and faith.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)



Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

5th Sunday of Easter - A

A VOCATION VIEW: A new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.



WATCH MASS online - Join the Archdiocese of Brisbane online for Mass broadcast live from St Stephen's Cathedral 12.30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sunday at www.archbne.org/bzw. You can also watch an earlier Mass recorded on the same website.

MASS ON TELEVISION - Sunday at 6am on Channel 10.

Our Parish now has a facebook page.

This is another way you can keep up to date and see what's happening in the life of the parish.



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SUNDAY READINGS at Home contains the readings with associated commentaries and prayers. Families can gather together, pray the opening prayer, read the Scriptures aloud together, discuss the commentaries and finish with the concluding prayer.

Family Prayer is designed for families with young children. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, family activities and a worksheet for children.

These resources can be found on our parish website - <http://www.boovalcatholicparish.org.au>



Prayer for Mother's Day

On this special day set aside to honour mothers and those who fill this role we ask for a special touch from the Lord for each and every one of them.

May each mother be granted a special blessing, and may all of the work of her hands not be forgotten in Your sight.

Let her example to her children be a guiding force in their lives, and may wisdom be passed down to the next generation of mothers. Amen.

SECOND PRAYER

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.



Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Both prayers can be downloaded from our website

CATHOLIC MISSION invite you to join them on their Facebook page at [Catholic Mission – Brisbane’s](#) at noon each week day, as they pray the rosary on Zoom.

The Pope’s letter commending the Rosary as a prayer form during May was in last week’s newsletter along with the first prayer.

Pope Francis himself will be praying in spiritual union with all, “Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial.” (SL) (Agenzia Fides, 27/4/2020)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Mary Lloyd.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Brian Meara, Kirtley & Dolan families, Bob Cole, Dorothy Walsh, Donna Gabriel, Tracie Files, Noela Shute, Rita Vanderbyl, Tom Brown, Roland Millington, Bernie Kinnane, Chris Garton, Ken Adkins, Frank Van Gestel, Lorraine Murphy, David Samson, Brian McCarthy, Jack & Eileen McMahon, Bob, John & Mark Skippington, Thomas Boyle, Margery Boyle, Ellie & Ossie Cody, Rob Kane, Mike Cody, Helen Cody, Roy Folan, Alfred & Stella Grech, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur, Brian & Dane Bracey, Grahame Coultas.

LET US PRAY for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Desolie King, Graeme Peters, Trish Rowlands, Joyce Samson, Joy Gallagher, Marianne Steentsma, Rae Clark, Jill Wright, 2 Special Intentions, Kath Cole, Eileen Adkins, Erin, Eileen Galligan, Benjamin Palmer (Chris Garton’s Grandson), Shannon Spencer, Thomas Manoj, Donna Brown, Brian Morgan, Hannah Smith, Fran Johnson, Julia Telford, Sophie Leonard, David Stewart, Anthony Eden, Concetta Tiberi, Darcy Watt, Lisa Lynch, Madge McLennan, Karen Purdie.

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.

(Please contact us when you feel that it is appropriate to remove the name of your friend or loved one from our Parish Prayer List)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ANNIVERSARIES **10 May - 16 May**

Hannah Sullivan, Flo Summerville, Theodor Klein, Alma Rose, Denis Marrinan, Cecily Beswick, Norm Bognuda, Lorna Brennan, Tom Ferreira, John Hartfiel, Sr Mary Helen, Vincent Todd, Patricia Horrobin (Quinn), Hilda Maxwell (Coutts), Alma Ryan, Eric Schostakowski, George Wilson, Ellen Wheatland, Gertrude Webster (Kenny), Colin Boatwright, August Beduhn, Andrea Bowler, Neil Campbell, Patricia King, Sr Elizabeth ODC, Venera (Nita) Sorridimi, John Sullivan, Ellen Mahony, Joan Monsour, Kenneth Lyne.



Children's Page

Can you decipher what Jesus is saying?



" _____ come
 ___ the _____
 except _____ ."



Draw an arrow next to the words below which describe the Way, the Truth and the Life that Jesus wants us to follow.

→ LOVE
 PEACE
 GREED
 FORGIVENESS
 CONFLICT
 JUSTICE
 SELFISHNESS
 COMPASSION
 HONESTY
 HATRED

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Don't be worried, have faith

Jn 14:1-12

A X E T T R U T H L I F E J R
 P W X N R O U U X W A Y N I U
 H O U S E X V O T J C B N D O
 R B H I N E Y K W X V E R Z H
 E T Q J W A B B N Q B L L T F
 Q K M W O R R I E D O I C U A
 D Z G Q W T C X X D O E P V T
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 U E P N D I I F A I T H A I H
 R C H V L H R O O M S T Q G I
 L A Y B Y T R U E E I O Q V O

Try to find these words:

- believe
- faith
- Father
- house
- life
- Philip
- prepare
- rooms
- true
- truth
- way
- worried