



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 12th November

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 13th November

No Mass

Wednesday 14th November

5.30pm Rosary

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 15th November

9.00am Mass

Friday 16th November

8.45am Mass - including Prayers for the Dead

10.30am Mass - St Mary's Hostel

Saturday 17th November

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 18th November

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30am Rosary - Riverview

7.00am Mass - Riverview

9.00am Mass - Booval

5.00pm Mass - Booval

Marriages by appointment - at least six months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 11th November, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

In the temple of Jerusalem there were thirteen collecting boxes. They were for the contributions for the sacrifices and daily expenses of the temple. Many people threw in quite considerable contributions. Then came a widow. She flung in two mites. It was the smallest coin. Yet Jesus said her tiny contribution was greater than all the others for the others had thrown in what they could spare, and the widow had flung in everything she had.

With this Jesus has taught his disciples a lesson in giving. First of all, **real giving must be sacrificial**. It is not the amount of gift, but what matters is the sacrifice behind it. Few people will show willingness to give up their comforts for giving contribution for a good cause. For us charity is to take out what is not necessary immediately. But the church teaches us today that charity should carry a hint of sacrifice with it. The woman of the first reading had to make sacrifice to feed Elijah. The poor woman in the Gospel had to give up everything that she had saved for the day's expense. So their offerings became precious in the sight of God.

Secondly, **real giving is reckless, and symbolic of love**. The woman could have given one coin and kept the other for herself. She could have kept both for herself. But she decided to give everything she had, and she did so. She did not want to come away from the house of the lord without offering anything.

Some time ago, a father punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty. He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside of it?" The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you, Daddy." The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her forgiveness. He kept the gold box by his bed for years.

Whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

We require total surrender to do such a giving. The tragedy of our lives is that often we hold back some part of us. There are many barriers that block our total surrender to God: fear, pride, selfishness and confusion. It is time that we examined ourselves, and practise our charity with an element of love and sacrifice.

Blessings

Fr. Joji



Last Friday's **ALL SOULS' DAY MASS** took place in the grounds around the Columbarium. It was a very moving experience for all those who attended. This was then followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.

DIARY DATES



Tuesday 13th Nov. - Craft Group

Wednesday 14th Nov. - Finance Committee meeting

Thursday 15th Nov. - 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting

Sunday 18th Nov. 6-7.30pm - Blaze Booval



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Please pray for the 38 children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this **Friday evening 16th November**. This celebration will be led by Bishop Ken Howell and will be held in the **Amare Centre at 7pm**. All are welcome to attend. We will celebrate with the children through presentation of their certificates and a cuppa after Mass at our Christ the King celebrations.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST RITE OF PENANCE: The formation for children wishing to celebrate their First Rite of Penance (known in the past as First Confession) will be held in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 1st December 2018 at 2.30pm**. This preparation is offered to children who have reached the age of 10 years or older (Grade 5 or older) and have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please call Donna at the Parish Centre for further information 3282 1888

BAPTISM - This weekend we welcome into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Isaac Vinke**.



NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS - During November we remember and pray especially for all the faithful departed. **Mass on Fridays at 8.45am including Prayers for the Dead** will give us an extra opportunity to do this. **Nov. 16** - for spouses and children; **Nov. 23** - for brothers and sisters; **Nov. 30** - for all relatives and friends who have died.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Last trip for the year "Break-up" **Tuesday 4th December** leaving Parish Centre at **8.00am**. Going to the Gold Coast and buffet lunch at Tweed Coolangatta Golf Club - Cost: \$45.00. Bookings and cancellations - Anne Hall asap please on 0408 773 734

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 14th November at 10.00am**. CWL meeting will be held at 1.00pm. All welcome.

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." MARK 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point - we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus says when we give alms we "do not sound a trumpet before [us]". According to St Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

GOD'S WORD 2019 with Daily Reflections - Copies of this book are now available in the foyer of the Church for the discounted price of \$10.00 each. Please place payment in the envelopes provided not in the Poor Box.

BLAZE BOOVAL - Following our youth led Mass on **18th November** we will have a member of the **Real Talk** team come to talk with our Blaze group about **Getting Real in the Digital World**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our secondary school students to hear from an organisation that usually presents to schools and larger organisations but are able to visit us through the generosity of the Archdiocesan Grants Program that we hear about in the Archdiocesan Catholic Campaign. We would like to invite all secondary students in our parish to join us for pizza after Mass then the presentation. For more information please call Donna at the Parish Centre 3282 1888.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 27/28 NOVEMBER

Christmas without joy is no Christmas at all. Your donation could change a child's life and provide food for needy families.

REPORT FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL - Booval-Riverview Conference for the ten months ended 31st October. Our members attended 529 home visits comprising some 1181 adults and 784 children with food vouchers amounting to \$29,749 and in kind assistance of \$16,008 totalling some \$45,757.



Kind Deeds Change Lives"
"Life is Good - Live to Give"

Training for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. It is some time since we have had training for these ministries and with the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy for the Archdiocese some issues need to be addressed. **It is vital therefore that all readers and extraordinary ministers of communion attend training.** We will run training following Mass. If for some reason you are not able to attend your usual Mass that day please join the training at another Mass. The training times are:

Saturday 17th November following 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Sunday 18th November following 9am Mass at Sacred Heart
Sunday 2nd December following 7am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday 2nd December following 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart
This is a good time for anyone thinking about joining a new ministry to come and learn the process in readiness for the new year. We look forward to refreshing our ministries together. If you have any questions please call the parish centre on 3282 1888.

Reflected Love - a Weekend Silent Women's Retreat

Encounter with God is an encounter with Love. It is enveloping "If I can but touch his cloak". It is transforming. We have been sealed with God's love. This weekend retreat is an opportunity to sink into the enveloping love of God, and to explore how that same love is reflected in each one of us.



A weekend of shared silence in community with others who seek encounter with God. Draw away from the rest of life for a short time and walk gently, slowly and with purpose, knowing that you are held within a supported and compassionate community of women. Facilitated by Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries

Friday 7 December 2018 to Sunday 9 December 2018 at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Enquiries to: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283. Registrations close **23 November**.