



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 13th March

9.00am No Mass

### Tuesday 14th March

7.00pm Mass

### Wednesday 15th March

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 16th March

9.00am Mass

### Friday 17th March

8.30am Stations of the Cross

9.00am Mass

### Saturday 18th March

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 19th March

#### Third Sunday of Lent

7.00am Mass - Booval

8.15am Mass - Riverview

9.30am Mass - Booval

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

**Baptisms** by appointment.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

12th March, 2017

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint - St Seraphim of Sarov - and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' - 'infinite joy in our hearts'. © Fr Michael Tate

## DISCERNMENT EVENING FOR NEW PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

A discernment evening will be held this **Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre** to select our new Pastoral Councillors. This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend. If you have accepted nomination it is important that you are present at the meeting. Sr Kari Hatherell OSU will facilitate this meeting.

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES FOR PALM SUNDAY 9th April - 7.00am Mass Booval will be held at 6.30am and the 8.15am Mass at Riverview will change to 8.00am for this weekend only.**

**This Sunday we welcome the Years 1 and 3 and their families to our 9.30am Mass. There will be a cuppa and a sausage sizzle following the Mass.**



***"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."* Genesis 12:1**

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.

**A VOCATION VIEW** - The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14th March at 9.30am: Craft Group

Thursday 16th March at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting



**CHOIR PRACTICE** for Easter will commence **this Monday 13th March at 7.30pm**. Anyone is most welcome to come along and join us prepare for Easter.

**This week Year 5R will join us at the 9am Mass this Wednesday 15th March and Year 3R will be at the 9am Mass on Thursday 16th March.**



## 2nd Sunday of Lent

PROJECT COMPASSION

Like many other women in Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program in Timor-Leste. The program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, the chance to afford education for her children, and a safe life in a supportive community.



Please donate to **Project Compassion 2017** and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**ST PAULS HOLY WEEK MISSAL** - This missal includes the following: New Order of Mass: a comprehensive extract of the Order of Mass from the New Roman Missal 2010. Palm Sunday: all four gospels for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, readings and gospel proclamations (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) of the Passion. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week: Daily Mass with texts for the antiphons, prayers, readings for each day. Chrism Mass which the bishop celebrates with his presbyterate. The Sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday celebration of the Lord's Passion, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Liturgy, Easter Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist. This missal is available in the foyer of the Church. Cost \$5.00. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.

**WALTZING MATILDAS** visit the interesting Abbey Museum, then on to lunch at the RSL on Bribie Island, on **Tuesday 21 March**, leaving Parish Centre 8.00am. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. Bookings & cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.

**St Edmunds Old Boys Bowls Day - Sunday 2 April 2017** - United Sports Club, Joyce Street, East Ipswich. 8.30am for a 9.00am Start. \$10 Per Player. Any Bowlers or Teams welcome to play, please contact Andrew McGrath on 0438 164 452 or 3389 6858.

**WORKING BEE** at our Riverview Church - Our Lady of Perpetual Help. **Saturday 25th March. 8am start (expect to be finished by 10am)**. Let's get our church ready for the Easter celebrations by cleaning windows, gutters, toilet area and tidying the garden beds around the church. Many hands make light work. For further information contact Veronica a/h 3814 2418.



**REPORT FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL Booval-Riverview Conference** for the calendar months of January and February 2017. Our members attended 95 home visits comprising 134 adults and 153 children with food vouchers amounting to \$6,875.00 and in kind assistance \$3,077.00 totalling some \$9,952.00.

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

**Little King's Movement Annual Appeal** - Thank you everyone who donated to the recent church appeal and those who kindly doorknocked for Little King's this year. We raised just over \$3,456.65 including the Parish collection of \$1,721.00 which is a substantial contribution to a very worthy cause. Your generosity and support for people with a disability is greatly appreciated. **Leonie McEnery**

**NEWSLETTERS** from Centacare—Community Services are available in the foyer of the Church. Don't forget to pick up a copy and see what services they have to offer.

**GLOBAL VOLUNTEER NOTICE - Sending people can be more important than sending money.** Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, please consider volunteering. Communities need sustainable development, so prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. **Want to know more? Information Session: Saturday March 18, 11:15 am at Brisbane Square Library (266 George St).** RSVP to [joey@palms.org.au](mailto:joey@palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 5333. If you cannot make it, it is important you call us now to find out how to apply for positions currently available.



**Time for a Smile** - A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his torch around looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, "Jesus is watching you." He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his torch off and froze. When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head and continued.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard. "Jesus is watching you." Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice.

Finally, in the corner of the room, his torch beam came to rest on a parrot. "Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot. "Yep." the parrot confessed, then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you that Jesus is watching you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?" "Moses," replied the bird. "Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?" "The same kind of people who would name their Rottweiler 'Jesus'."!!!