



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 14th August

7.00pm **Mass - Vigil for Feast of the Assumption**

### Tuesday 15th August

10.30am **Mass - St Mary's Hostel**

### Wednesday 16th August

9.00am **Mass**

### Thursday 17th August

9.00am **Mass**

### Friday 18th August

**No Mass**

### Saturday 19th August

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm **Vigil Mass - Booval**

### Sunday 20th August

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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.

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th August, 2017

### COURAGE TO MAKE A CHANGE

Dear friends,

The phenomenon of change is a hard one even though it is inevitable. It is as deep as death. But we know even Jesus had to undergo death to embrace a new life of Resurrection. Change begins with and within a person himself. Through baptism we are invited to participate in the divine life with Christ and it is our everyday challenge to transform our world into the kingdom of God through our words and deeds.

Have you heard of the story of what an eagle must do for its survival? It can live for up to 70 years, but to reach this age, the eagle must make a hard decision in its 40's. Its long & flexible talons can no longer grab prey which serves as food, its long and sharp beak becomes bent. Its old-aged & heavy wings, due to its thick feathers, become stuck to its chest & make it difficult to fly. Then the eagle is left with only 2 options: die or go through a painful process of change which lasts 150 days. The process requires that the eagle flies to a mountain top to sit on its nest & then the eagle knocks its beak against a rock until it plucks it out. After this, the eagle will wait for a new beak to grow back. When its new talons grow back, the eagle starts plucking its old-aged feathers & after 5 months, the eagle can take its flight of rebirth & lives for 30 more years.

"Change is the only constant in life". Most times it is a short term pain long term gain. According to Barack Obama; "Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Thinking about making changes in our personal as well as parish life is always painful and therefore challenging. We try our level best to achieve the goals we strive for. We have been thinking and discussing the need for changing the weekend Mass times. It will be a huge challenge for us to accept changes to our weekend mass times mainly because we schedule our daily activities around the mass. A change will call for an adjustment of other important commitments. That was the reason for taking so much time and effort to discuss the various possibilities without hurting our personal commitments to our family and society. But now it is time for us to adjust to a different set of times. Hopefully, it is our best possible option considering all circumstances.

I expect your wholehearted support and prayers as we make this big step. It is only with your support and encouragement we can achieve anything in our parish. We need to share all the inconveniences caused by the change and let us support each other as we seek the strength of the Holy Spirit to help us to make this move successful.

Blessings & Prayers!

Joji.

### Our new mass times commence the first weekend of November

**Saturday - 5pm ( Booval)**

**Sunday - 7am( Riverview)**

**9am ( Booval)**

**5pm (Booval)**

### VIGIL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

**THIS MONDAY 14th AUGUST AT 7.00PM**

**THE ASSUMPTION IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 15th August at 9.30am:** Craft Group  
**Thursday 17th August at 4.30pm:** St Vincent de Paul meeting  
**Sunday 20th August at 11.30am:** Parish Picnic  
**Wednesday 23rd August 6-9pm:** Safeguarding Training  
**Sunday 27th August 10.45am-1.45pm:** Safeguarding Training  
**Saturday/Sunday 26th/27th August:** Welcome Sunday  
**Wed. 30th August at 7.30pm:** Finance Committee meeting

**CONFIRMATION** Please remember to pray for our 41 children who will be confirmed in their faith this **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm**. Monsignor Peter Meneely will celebrate this sacrament with our families. We will hold the celebration in the Amare Centre at the school. Parishioners not directly involved with our confirmation families are very welcome to join us. We will celebrate as a parish community with presentation of the certificates at the weekend masses next weekend. Please bring a plate to share after Mass at the 5pm and 9.30am masses. May God bless our children as they continue their faith journey and our parish as we watch and guide their growth, Donna.

## Did you know?

Thanks to your generosity in the past you have helped to care for our retired priests...

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**Marian Valley Canungra** - All are invited to celebrate a special Birthday of Our Lady on **Saturday 2nd September 2017** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. Commencing at 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available), Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass Celebrant will be Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. For those not wishing to drive, a bus will leave **8.00am French Street, Booval** and **8.10am Tessman Street, Riverview**. Fare \$20 - Bookings and info Ann 3282 0321/Pam 3288 4594.

**PARISH PICNIC** - Come and join our wonderful community for a fun day at our Parish Picnic to be held on **Sunday 20th August at 11.30am** at Sacred Heart Parish. This year we will be having a bar-b-que lunch provided by the Parish for a gold coin donation. BYO drinks [tea & coffee provided] and desserts to share. For catering purposes could you please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the church indicating the number attending **no later than this weekend**. You can also phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888 by Wednesday 16th August.



**Waltzing Matildas** are going to Brisbane City Hall and Museum for a guided tour and those adventurous ones can attempt the bell tower! **Tuesday 5th September**. Leaving the Parish Centre at **8.00am**. Cost \$40.00. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 32889240, mob. 0408 773 734.

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES

**Wednesday 23rd August 6-9pm** for initial training  
 or 7-9pm for refresher training OR  
**Sunday 27th August 10.45am-1.45pm**  
 for initial training or  
 11.45am-1.45pm for refresher training.

**Saint Mary's Garden Party** will be held on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 10am-2pm**. Address: 129 Wildey Street, Raceview 4305. There will be entertainment throughout the morning. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea and visit our several stalls that will be operating. This includes Resident's stall, cake and sweet stalls, plants, fresh flowers, trash and treasure, sample bags, hamburgers and while you are here come along and visit our baby farm animals. Donations of baked goods are welcome. All baked goods must be labelled with all ingredients, and if they have been frozen please include the letter "F" on the label.

**GARDEN  
PARTY**

**"He said, 'Come'. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."** MATTHEW 14:29



When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you.

**A VOCATION VIEW** - Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord. Pray for vocations on this National Sunday for Vocations Awareness

**Time for a Smile—Church Bulletins**

**The Fasting Conference will include meals.**



Our Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.