



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



† Sacred Heart Church, 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

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## Chairperson - Finance Board

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Sacred Heart School - Mr Brendan Creevey  
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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 15th May

No Mass

### Tuesday 16th May

10.30am Mass - St Mary's Hostel

### Wednesday 17th May

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 18th May

9.00am Mass

### Friday 19th May

9.00am Mass  
9.30am Exposition

### Saturday 20th May

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation  
5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 21st May

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th May, 2017

When I was a small child, my great-great aunt used to tell a story of when she was a young woman. Her mother had died some years previously, yet in the early morning she saw her come into her room, stand by her bed and pat her knee reassuringly, as if to say: 'Don't worry, all will be well.' A few days later, terrible problems broke out within the wider family but she told me that her mother's assurance carried her through that time.

Jesus is no ghost when he assures his disciples to trust. He knows the terrible fury of evil that is about to break upon him will test them to the limit and beyond. He knows they will fail...in this instance, but he still reassures them so that in the future, when they are strengthened by the Paraclete, they will do the same works as he does...and what could those works look like? The wondrous work of Jesus' life was not the miracles but rather forgiveness. This prayer, found in Auschwitz, admirably shows Jesus' work occurring closer to our time:

Lord, remember not only people of good will  
but also people of ill will.

Do not remember only the sufferings  
that have been afflicted on us,  
but remember too the fruit we have bought  
as a result of this suffering:  
the comradeship and loyalty,  
the humility and courage,  
the generosity and greatness of heart  
that has grown out of it.

And when they come to judgment,  
let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness.

Belief enables the believer to do the works of Jesus and what greater work is there than to believe that God works through all the circumstances of life. When we are in the midst of awful sufferings, it is difficult for us to see where God is in the mess. God simply doesn't give us the blueprint. But looking back later, we will often see where God has supported, strengthened and graced us through the suffering. To continue in the way of faith, we need to cultivate the habit of reflecting on our lives and appreciate the times when we recognise that God is with us. *Sr Kym Harris osb*



*A very Happy Mother's Day*

*May all mothers and all those who fill this role  
be blessed on this special day*

**Parish Finance Committee news** - Congratulations to Ben Sotiriadis who has been appointed to the role of Chair of the Finance Committee. Thank you to Paul Peacock for his wonderful contribution as Chair of this committee over the past twenty years.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES  
ARE NOW READY FOR COLLECTION  
AT BOTH CHURCHES THIS WEEKEND**

If you would like to be part of our Planned Giving Programme  
Please phone the office on 3282 1888

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 16th May at 9.30am: Craft Group



**CENTACARE COMMUNITY SERVICES** will be available to chat with parishioners after the 9.30am mass next **Sunday 21st May** about the range of In Home Services they have to offer. They will also be providing a delicious morning tea.

**CWL - HOY & EUCHRE** will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 17th May at 10.00am.**

**Marian Valley Canungra** - All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, at Marian Valley, Canungra on **Saturday 20th May 2017** commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. 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 Anne 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.

**Women's Weekend Silent Retreat - Dancing with the Divine** Hosted by Dragonfly Ministries. Facilitated by Sue Thomas. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston - single, ensuited rooms. All resources, meals and linen provided. 6.00pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June to 3.00pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Cost: \$350 (\$320 concession) Enquiries: [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au)

**REPORT FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL Booval-Riverview Conference** for the four months ended 30th April 2017. Our members attended 231 home visits comprising some 328 adults and 363 children with food vouchers amounting to \$17,630 and in kind assistance of \$9,906 totalling some \$27,536.

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

**The Hive**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
When: Friday 26th May  
6.30pm for a 7pm start  
Where: St Mary's College  
McAuley Centre  
Theme: Come dressed as something beginning with "H"  
Cost: \$15 per person  
BBQ, Drinks and sweets for sale  
Book a table of 10: [ipswich.youth@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ipswich.youth@bne.catholic.net.au)  
or Call 3281 2133  
A FUNDRAISING EVENT BRINGING PARISHIONERS TOGETHER.

**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.

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion for Salvation Army Riverview Gardens** - Sacred Heart has a communion ministry team that service Catholics residing at Riverview Gardens. Our present team currently consists of three parishioners as one of our members has now moved away. Our team love visiting residents there and we receive more than we give. Now is a good time to join this happy team because we take communion to 6 residents and it gives us time to introduce you to the various sections of Riverview Gardens and to meet our beautiful residents. Previously we would take communion to 20 people, so you can see that numbers can change. Please contact the Parish Office on 3282 1888 if you are interested in joining this very worthwhile and rewarding ministry as now would be an ideal time to be part of this great team.

### VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

##### POLICY STATEMENT

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*  
(Mark 10:14)

*Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.*

This policy statement is approved by Archbishop Mark Coleridge for mandatory implementation by the Church and its agencies throughout the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This document applies to clergy, religious, employees, students on placement and volunteers in parishes and agencies of the Archdiocese.

To read the full policy visit: <http://archbne.org/safeguard>  
Booval Catholic Parish Safeguarding Officer is Donna Conway  
Donna can be contacted at the Parish Office on 3282 1888.



To Our family of the Sacred Heart Community and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Community and Fr Joji. Thank you all for your kindness, love and support you all have shown us towards our family. We truly would like to acknowledge and send forward our gratitude to both communities for helping us get through a challenging and test of faith time. Your gifts, time and prayers have truly been a great help within our family and our faith. Thank you each and everyone of you and God Bless you, your family and friends.

Brisland, Sydney, Esau, Stellina, Cyprian and Saipale Manutai

**"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."** ACTS 2:38

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.



**Time for a Smile** - Going over church finances I found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. I wasn't aware of anyone buying paint, so I called the store. Top point out its mistake. "I'm sorry," I told the manager, "but there are no Christians here at First Baptist Church."