



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 17th September

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 18th September

10.00am Funeral Mass

Wednesday 19th September

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 20th September

9.00am Mass

Friday 21st September

9.30am Mass - St Peter Claver College

Saturday 22nd September

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 23rd September

Twenty-Fifth 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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th September, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We are all familiar with the term identity crisis. It is a modern phenomenon that man tries to find his own identity. Many today ask the question who they are? In today's Gospel Jesus confronts his disciples with a very difficult question. The opinion of people about him, and their personal opinion about him.

Some thought that he was Elijah. Some thought he was Jeremiah. Some thought that he was John the Baptist. Some thought that he was one of the great Prophets. For the people he was a healer, a miracle worker, a compassionate teacher, and a person who was able to feed them. When the people identified Jesus with Elijah and Jeremiah they were paying him a great compliment and setting him in a high place. Then came the most important question, "**Who do you say I am?**" With this question Jesus reminds us that our knowledge of Jesus must never be second hand. Jesus demands a personal verdict from every Christian.

"Who do you say I am?"

When this question was addressed to Peter, his answer was, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" We do not know what Peter's idea about Jesus was. He might have conceived Jesus as the son of God who came to abolish the rule of the Roman Empire and restore the Kingdom. Or he might have conceived him as spiritual reformer; but the experience of Peter made him a different man. On the day of Pentecost, this ignorant fisherman addressed multitudes who spoke different languages, but they heard him in their language. He stood before the rulers and authorities and declared his loyalty to his master; he accepted imprisonment for the sake of his master; and finally he embraced death on the cross. When he has made it, the same privilege and the same responsibility are laid upon him.

There is a beautiful story about pencil. The pencil maker took the pencil aside, just before putting it into the box. "There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be." "One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand." "Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil." "Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make." "Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside." "And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The same applies to each one of us too. When we find an answer to Jesus' question who he is for us, we will be able to make ourselves useful to our contemporaries. We have to undergo the process that the pencil undergoes.

One: We will be able to do many great things, but only if we allow ourselves to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access us for the many gifts we possess. Two: We will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but we'll need it to become a stronger person. Three: We will be able to correct any mistakes we might make. Four: The most important part of us will always be what's on the inside. And Five: On every surface we walk through, we must leave our mark. No matter what the situation, we must continue to do our duties to the best of our abilities.

May God help us in our endeavours

Fr. Joji

DIARY DATES



Tuesday 18th Sept. - 9.30am: Craft Group
Thursday 20th Sept. - SVDP meeting



PARISH PICNIC - For all those who indicated they will be attending the Parish Picnic this **Sunday 16th September at 11.30am** the location of the picnic will be near the Amare Centre [School Hall] on the same side as the Church.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Trip to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers **Tuesday 25th September** leaving Parish Centre at **7.30am**. Cost \$45. Lunch at City Golf Club. Bookings and cancellations phone Anne Hall 0408 773 734.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS - Are you celebrating your 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th etc. Anniversary of Marriage this year. We would like to invite you and your family to the **5pm mass on Saturday 6th October** to join with the parish in celebrating your special occasion. Please phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888 if you would like to be part of this celebration Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share.



Saint Mary's Garden Party will be held on **Saturday 13th October 2018 at 10am-2pm**. Address: 129 Wildey Street, Raceview. There will be entertainment throughout the morning. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea and visit our several stalls that will be operating, this includes Residents stalls, cakes and sweet stalls, trash and treasure, entertainment, hamburgers. 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.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

A VOCATION VIEW: When Jesus says "Who do people say I am?" We could interpret this as Jesus asking for feedback from His disciples about Himself. If you were to ask Jesus, 'How would you describe today's Christians?'



Time for a Smile:

The teenager lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a brief, fruitless search, he gave up. His mother took up the cause and within minutes found the lens.

"How did you do it?" he asked.

"We weren't looking for the same thing," she explained. "You were looking for a piece of plastic. I was looking for \$150



ST PETER CLAVER COLLEGE would like to invite parishioners to their Claver Day Mass to be held this Friday at 9.30am in their Multi Purpose Centre.

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 19th September at 10.00am**. All welcome.

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



Plenary Council 2020
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What is a Plenary Council?

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our

Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

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