



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 18th June

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 19th June

No Mass

Wednesday 20th June

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 21st June

9.00am Mass

Friday 22nd June

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 23rd June

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 24th June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th June, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The nature is full of mysteries, and man stands helpless before them. In today's Gospel Mark narrates one of such mysteries of nature in the parable of the seed that grows by itself. This is the only parable that Mark alone relates to us. The kingdom of God is like a seed that is cast upon the earth by a man. It sprouts and grows by itself. This parable is short, but it is filled with unmistakable truths.

First of all it tells the helplessness of man. Man always stands helpless before nature. The farmer does not make the seed grow. He does not even understand how it grows. It has the secret of life and growth. No man has ever created anything in the full sense of the term. Man can discover things; he can rearrange things; he can develop them. Still he always stands helpless before nature.

Secondly, the parable tells us about the kingdom of God. Jesus so often uses illustrations from the growth of nature to describe the coming of the Kingdom of God. Nature's growth is imperceptible. Even if we watch we cannot see the daily growth of the plants. But we notice them slowly over a period of time. The spread of God's kingdom takes place in the same way.

The parable also reminds us that the nature's growth is constant and inevitable. Night and day, while man sleeps, growth goes on. There is nothing spasmodic about God. The great trouble about human effort is that we are never constant. One day we take one step forward; the next day we take two steps back. But the work of God goes on quietly; unceasingly God unfolds his plan. We are constantly reminded to participate in the plan of God.

Thirdly, the parable tells that there is a consummation. There is a day when the harvest comes. Harvest and judgment go hand in hand. When we think of this coming day three things are laid upon us. It is a summons to patience. It is a summons to hope, and it is a summons to preparedness.

If we live in patience which cannot be defeated, in hope which cannot despair, and in preparation which ever sees life in the light of eternity, we will always be ready for his consummation when it comes.

Many Blessings.

Fr. Joji



This weekend we warmly welcome Year 1 and Year 5 students and their families who will be joining with us at the 9.00am mass. There will be a sausage sizzle and cuppa after mass over in front of the Parish Centre.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19th June - 9.30am: Craft Group
Friday 22nd June - 6.15pm: CFC Group



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL will take place at all masses this weekend **16th/17th June**. Please support the good works of St Vincent de Paul by giving generously.



BAPTISM - This weekend we welcome into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism
Owen & Byron McLaren

Sacred Heart Parish School Fete 22 July 10am-3pm

Fete planning is coming along well. Thank you for your donations so far, they will be accepted right up until Fete Day. Tickets in our Major Raffle will be available at Booval masses on the weekends of **7 July and 14 July**. Tickets are still only \$1, with prizes as follows:

1st prize: \$1000 VISA Gift Card

2nd prize: Panasonic 32" TV valued at \$499

3rd prize: Samsung Galaxy 7" Tablet valued at \$188

We are lucky to have 3 Women's Rugby League International Representatives attend our Fete. Be sure to drop by and meet Ali Brigginsshaw, Kody House & Maitua Feterika from 11 to 1pm. All 3 ladies are playing in the upcoming Women's State of Origin competition on 22 June.

Everyone helping out on stalls at the fete needs to have completed the very short online student protection course prior to the day. Follow this link and contact the school office for more information.

<http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/student-protection/Pages/Code-of-Conduct-Training.aspx>

Due to new laws, fete stallholders are unable to distribute plastic bags with your purchases. Instead, a variety of calico bags & reusable plastic bags will be available for purchase. We encourage you to bring your own shopping bags on the day. Call Kath on 0421 0000 57 with any queries about the fete. Thanks!

Upcoming Fete Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 20 & 27 June, 6.30pm Booval McDonald's



"Teach by **WORKS** more than by **WORDS**"

– St Teresa of Ávila
Spanish nun in the 1500s

Sent to the convent by her father at 16 yrs old



Coffee & Chat: You're invited to come along on **Saturday 23 June** from **10 - 11.30am** to meet new people, make connections and enjoy friendly conversation and morning tea at Parish Centre. RSVP 19 June to the Parish Office 3282 1888.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question : **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find Out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC LEADER -

- * The Pauline Fathers for the first time welcome a Queensland-born priest into their monastic order
- * Sandgate Catholic school celebrates 125 years, and former pupil recalls ducking into an air raid trench during her days there
- * Brisbane Catholics with mental illness turn to their patron saint for prayers
- * St Rita's student has chance to tell Education Minister about realities of cyberbullying
- * New ACT law requires priests to break confessional seal
- * Archbishop Coleridge takes to Facebook to share why Jesus matters in modern Australia
- * Catholics serving Queensland in law, education and welfare honoured on Queen's list
- * Workshop discovers that parish musicians are craving more liturgical formation
- * As Queenslanders prepare for ban on plastic shopping bags, Catholics are being urged to go further to protect environment
- * Pro-abortion Deputy Premier urging exclusion zones around Queensland abortion clinics
- * Women and children to be hardest hit by welfare cuts
- * PLUS: A Regional Focus on Cairns Diocese

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10



We Are all accountable for the gifts God has given us - our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

A VOCATION VIEW - Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and by the Word of God we are nourished and continue to grow towards fuller maturity. Like the Church, we are the potential to be like a growing tree, bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

AL-ANON meets every Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Centre
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