



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



† Sacred Heart Church, Cothill Rd, Booval  
Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval

† Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview  
St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview

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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 19th December

No Mass

### Tuesday 20th December

10.30am Mass - St Mary's Hostel

### Wednesday 21st December

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 22nd December

9.00am Mass

### Friday 23rd December

9.00am Mass

### Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

5.00pm Mass - Amare Centre [School Hall]

7.00pm Mass - Riverview

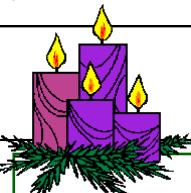
9.00pm Mass - Booval

### Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

8.00am Mass - Booval

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

**Baptisms** by appointment.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17th/18th December, 2016

We all have dreams. Sometimes they get shattered. Shattered must have been how Joseph felt when he went to bed that night: his dream of marriage and family, cared for by his carpentry work, destroyed with the news that Mary was pregnant. Kind man as he must have been, it seems he assumed she loved another and he decided, that in divorcing her quietly, there was some chance for happiness out of this situation – her happiness, not his own. He must have been gutted, yet in the depth of his grief, he thought of another.

But during the night, he discovered another dream, God's dream for him: to be father to the coming Messiah. How he must have pondered in the dawning light! His dream was to be just a husband, just a father, to have just a family but in the light of God's dream these roles became so much more caught up, as they were, in the mystery of salvation that God was bringing about through this child. To others, it would look as though his married life began 'under a cloud'. There were questions concerning the paternity of this child, wonderment about Mary but these were not his concern. His was to be faithful to God's dream for him.

Nobody goes through life without disillusionment. Even the best of marriages, the most successful of careers turn out differently to what people had dreamed. When trouble comes, when disaster happens, if we cling too tightly to our dreams, we may find ourselves diminished, and even becoming bitter. Our challenge in such times is to be like Joseph: to discover the dream that God has for us in this situation. Success does not come in being determined to get what we want but in being faithful to the dream God has for us.

*Sr Kym Harris osb*

## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be held this

Tuesday 20th December at 7.00pm



## Christmas Mass Times

### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### Booval:

5.00pm Mass will be in the Amare Centre [School Hall]  
[4.40pm Carols & Children's Nativity]

9.00pm [Carols 15 mins. before Mass]

#### Riverview:

7.00pm [Carols 15 mins. before Mass]

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Booval:

8.00am [Christmas Mass - Carols 15 mins. before Mass]

## PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Following the recent call for nominations for Pastoral Council 37 nominations were received and out of those nominations 18 people have accepted. There will be a discernment meeting and this will be held in possibly late February after Fr Joji returns from his holidays. It is still not too late if you would like to nominate someone for the Pastoral Council. These forms are available in the foyer of the church and can be placed on the collection plate.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR  
26TH DECEMBER-30TH DECEMBER.  
THERE WILL ALSO BE NO WEEK DAY MASSES DURING  
THIS TIME**

## CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MASS & NATIVITY PLAY

Each year our parish holds a Children's Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve and we usually precede this with a small nativity play performed by our primary school children. This Mass is held in the Amare Centre with the nativity starting at 4.30pm. If your children are interested in being part of the nativity and/or choir for the Children's Christmas Mass we would love to have you attend our practices. Speaking and non-speaking parts available. Any secondary school students who would like to help out would be very welcome.

### Nativity & singing practice (Amare Centre):

Thursday December 22 – 9-10.30am

Friday December 23 – 9-10.30am

Saturday December 24 arrive about 4pm for Christmas Eve

### Nativity & Mass

Please contact me at the Parish Centre 3282 1888 if you are interested or if you have any questions, Donna.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available in the foyer of the Church. Cards - pack of **8 for \$3.00**, Church Art Calendars **\$6.00**. Please make payments via the Poor Box. Thank you for your support.

**GOD'S WORD 2017 with Daily Reflections** - Copies of this book are available in the foyer of the Church for the discounted price of \$10.00 each. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.

**"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."**

Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and following Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**A VOCATION VIEW** - Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are like Joseph who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not." However, God still speaks - "Do not be afraid."

## JESSE TREE

### 4th Week of Advent



**Solomon** (Scales) - We remember King Solomon who was very wise. Lord, help us to be wise and to make good decisions. 1 Kings 3:23-28

**Elijah** (Fire) - We remember the prophet Elijah who spoke up when people turned from you. We praise you mighty Lord for all you have done for us. 1 Kings 18:17-39

**John the Baptist** (Shell) - We remember John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus. Make our hearts ready for Jesus. Luke 3:1-20

**Joseph** (Hammer) - We remember Joseph, who was a carpenter from Nazareth.. He cared for Mary and Jesus. He was a descendant of King David. Lord, help us to be kind and caring like Joseph. Matthew 1:18-21,24

**Mary** (Lady with long hair) - We remember Mary who was the mother of Jesus. We call Mary our Mother too. Lord, we thank you for Mary who cared so much for Jesus. Luke 1:26-38

**Baby Jesus** (Manger) - We remember Jesus, God's son whom we call Emmanuel, God with Us. Lord, thank you for the gift of your son. Help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Luke 2:1-20



**CHOIR PRACTICE** for Christmas will be held after the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 8.00pm this Tuesday 20th December. Anyone who would like to take part in the Choir is most welcome to come along.

**REPORT FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL Booval-Riverview Conference** for the eleven months ended 30th November 2016. Our members attended 650 home visits comprising some 941 adults and 1047 children with food vouchers amounting to \$38,657 and in kind assistance \$22,763 totalling some \$61,420.

**"Kind Deeds Change Lives"**

**"Life is Good - Live to Give"**

Any late donations to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal would be gratefully accepted at the Parish Office. Thank you.

Loving God, through the circumstances of life, you often call me beyond my dreams and hopes. When this happens to me, may I share in the faithfulness of Joseph that I might know you as God-with-us in all the dreams and plans you have for my life.

### Time for a Smile ☺

**Why doesn't God answer?** The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her preacher father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me to preach a good sermon."

"Well then, how come He doesn't do it? She asked.