



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 20th August

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 21st August

No Mass

Wednesday 22nd August

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 23rd August

No Mass

Friday 24th August

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 25th August

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 26th August

Twenty-first 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th August, 2018

Many thanks to Fr Roger Burns & Fr Noyichin Mamoottil MCBS
who have been celebrating our masses whilst Fr Joji has been on holidays.
Fr Joji will be back next weekend 25th/26th August.

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the LORD, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

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Donna our Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator
is currently overseas on a Pilgrimage.
Below is an extract from her travel diary.

Wed 15 August - We didn't know but the Pope will be in Dublin across the road from where we were staying for his World Meeting of Families 2018 on the 22nd - missed it by that much! We began the day with a visit to Mercy International at Baggot St. It was a wonderful experience being in the place where Catherine McAuley turned her dream into reality & learning more about the compassionate, strong, courageous woman she was. And enjoyed a cuppa & scones to finish. We then hit the road for the Hill of Tara where we roamed amongst Neolithic monuments where ceremonies, burials & rituals occurred more than 3000 years BCE. Later it was used ceremonially for crowning Kings of Meath & High Kings of Ireland. Today it was a lovely environment for families enjoying time together & discovering the past & racing up & down mounds. Until the rain came down when it suddenly became quite peaceful. Sadly we had left our rain gear in the car but figured we wouldn't melt so soldiered on. Monumental (no pun intended) earthworks would have been required to build these inspiring structures. It was wonderfully elemental to be standing in the rain amongst & on them. Back into the car (heaters on) we headed to Kells & explored the town & it's Christian monuments from St Colmcille's (Columba) time there following his departure from Iona in 804. We saw his house from the outside & a number of High Crosses which guarded the gates of the monastery - once inside their boundary one could ask for sanctuary. We then headed for our B&B at Laytown. Indian take-away in a park overlooking the ocean was a lovely way to finish the day.



DIARY DATES



Tuesday 21 August - 9.30am: Craft Group
Thursday 23 August - 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting
Friday 24 August - 6.15pm: CFC Group

CONFIRMATION preparation for children who are baptised and of Grade 3 age or older will begin with a parent information evening at the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 4th September at 6.30pm** with the celebration of the sacrament occurring on Friday 16th November.

CAKE STALL - There will be a cake stall after the 9am mass next **Sunday 26th August**. All proceeds will go to the drought relief.



Celebrating 35 Years of Passionist Family Groups in Queensland
The QLD Family Group Team would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who has been part of the Family Group Movement in QLD and Northern NSW for the past 35 years. Fr Brian Taynor, Fr Ray Sanchez, Tim Horlock and Paul Traynor will be celebrating with us.

Venue: The Fort, Fort Rd Oxley
Date: Saturday 15 September
Time: 4pm Welcome & Gathering
5pm Mass
6pm Happy Hour

7pm Dinner (Please bring a plate to share)

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THANK YOU - Pauline Molloy would like to thank parishioners for their prayers for her great-granddaughter Marlee Molloy who is now doing very well.

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From the Archdiocese of Brisbane:

For the second time in two years, the Queensland Parliament will debate whether to make abortion legal. The draft bill will allow abortion until the day that a baby is born – late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it “in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed”. This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby. The Archdiocese wants to ensure that Queenslanders understand this new bill and have time to consider it. We believe both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead. Please visit our website to learn more: <https://community.actonit.com.au/aob/>



Queensland Community Alliance would like to invite you to “Listening to Ipswich Table Talks”.
5.30pm-7.00pm Thursday 23 August at Glebe Road Uniting Church, 104 Glebe Road, Booval. For further details please see the noticeboard.

Marian Valley Canungra – All are invited to celebrate a special Birthday of Our Lady on **Saturday 8th September 2018** 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 **French Street, Booval at 8.10am**. Fare \$20 – Bookings and info Ann 3282 0321/Pam 3288 4594.

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 22nd August at 10.00am**. All welcome.

WALTZING MATILDAS - 4th September going to Mt Tambourine Botanical Gardens, leaving **8.00am** from Parish Centre. Cost \$45. Please bring your water bottles and wear comfortable shoes. Bookings and cancellations phone Anne Hall 0408 773 734.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Extra 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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSION - Saturday 8th September, 3pm-5.15pm at St Mary's Church, 15 Maitland Street, Gatton. This is an opportunity for any parishioners who have been unable to attend the Safeguarding Training. Please contact the parish office on 3282 1888 if you would like to go to the Gatton session.

ARCHDIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS 2018 - Everyone is invited to participate and enjoy the Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass 2018 at the Cathedral. It will celebrate Pope Francis' message for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees— “to welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees” into our communities.

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

When: 2.30pm, Sunday 26 August

Main Celebrant: Archbishop Mark Coleridge