



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 20th February

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 21st February

10.30am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

Wednesday 22nd February

9.00am Mass

Thursday 23rd February

9.00am Mass

Friday 24th February

9.00am Mass

Saturday 25th February

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 26th February 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th/19th February, 2017

This weekend we welcome home Fr Joji from his annual holidays.
 We hope you had a very enjoyable break.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are a religious order that cares for the elderly. In the days before government funding of aged care, they were very reliant on charity and begging was a feature of their life. A story is told of one of the Randwick sisters going into the shop of a local butcher who was notoriously anti-Catholic. 'Do you have something for my poor?' she asked. 'Yes, here,' he replied, and picking up a large piece of steak slapped her across the face. As she regained her balance, she said simply, 'Thank you, that was for me. Now do you have something for my poor?' The butcher became one of the Sisters staunchest supporters. Even if he hadn't, even if he had ejected her and her companion with ridicule, he did not provoke from her behaviour that was less than Christian. She responded in love rather than react with hurt. He had treated her appallingly, she treated him with dignity. In fact, in her response she treated her poor, the other customers and even herself with dignity. She didn't retaliate in kind, nor did she scuttle out of the shop, embarrassed and ashamed. She was big enough to absorb the insult and continue with what she believed to be the right thing to do.

There is a prevailing view in our society that if something bad happens to us, it will necessarily have a bad influence on us – we will be angry, depressed, disorientated. This is not the Christian viewpoint. We can choose to respond with love in any negative situation. The Holy Spirit, given to us in baptism, is ever hovering at our shoulder, desiring to give us the inspiration to transform the life's dark places into places of grace. When we act on that inspiration, we become true children of God - generous in love.

Sr Kym Harris OSB

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer.

When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

A VOCATION VIEW - We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21st Feb. 9.30am: Craft Group
Friday 24th Feb. 6.15pm: CFC Group
7.00pm: Booval Youth Group



DISCERNMENT EVENING FOR NEW PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

A discernment evening will be held on **Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm** to select our new Pastoral Councillors. This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend. If you have accepted nomination it is important that you are present at the meeting. Sr Kari Hatherell osu will facilitate this meeting.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - This ministry is for children aged from 3 years to 9 years and is a special style of religious formation process for the younger child. It has been in operation in the St Mary's Parish for nearly 15 years and those working in the Atrium have had the pleasure of being part of so many children's religious formation throughout this time.

The times for the sessions are as follows (**commencing on Monday, 13 Feb**):

Monday Sessions will be for children who are in grade levels two to six with a start time of 2.45pm for St Mary's children and 3.30pm for children who attend other schools. Sessions will finish at 5.00pm, but if children need to leave between 4.15pm and 4.30pm because of other outside school activities we can accommodate this need.

Tuesday Sessions are for children in their **prep year** and **year one**. Session times for these children will be exactly the same as the Monday session.

Thursday Session is offered to parents with toddlers from the age of 2.5 years to 4 years and this session will be conducted on a Thursday morning from 8.30am to 9.30am. For more information please phone St Mary's Parish Office 3281 2133.

The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

* Fr Tim Harris, appointed to be Townsville's next bishop, talks of his special link with predecessor Bishop Michael Putney * Townsville diocese thrilled to have a new shepherd after three-year wait * Parents of transgender woman share an emotional journey * Royal Commission coverage includes discussions on cultural change and priestly formation * People from all over Queensland gather in Brisbane and take to the streets to oppose abortion bills * Archbishop uses YouTube video to talk directly to Queenslanders about abortion and his concerns over bills before Parliament * New seminarians at Banyo a sign of hope * Fr Frank Brennan talks of his priorities for the poor and marginalised as he becomes CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia * Teenage Beaudesert sprinter meets Usain Bolt and takes giant strides for world stardom * Brisbane youth minister recommends Theology of the Body weekend to young people. PLUS: A Regional Focus on Rockhampton Diocese. Don't forget to pick up a copy - **cost \$2.00**.

**Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.**

1 John 2:5

LENTEN PROGRAM ... "Up from the Waters" - The six sessions will commence the week of the **26th February**. The resource is taken from the Gospel of Matthew (Year A) - *"When Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'* (3:16). The sessions will provide an opportunity for reflection, prayer and spiritual discernment and also an opportunity to review the ways we are living out our baptismal call. A Lenten group will be held on a Monday at 7pm at the Parish Centre starting on the 27th February. If you would like to be part of this group could you please phone the parish office on 3282 1888 as soon as possible so an order for books can be placed.



World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March at 10.00am. Trinity Uniting Church, Jacaranda Street, Booval. This year's theme - "Am I being unfair to you?" prepared by WDP Committee Philippines. Everyone welcome.

NEW ROSTERS for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are now available for collection at both churches. Please make sure you take one home.

Little Black Books are now available in the foyer of the Church at a cost of \$3.50. Please place money in the envelopes provided.

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage -

Fr George Joseph MCBS (St Mary's Catholic Parish, Maryborough), is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 21st May - 3rd June 2017. This pilgrimage is being organised by Magi Pilgrimages and features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at an early bird offer of \$4,990. Reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$ 500. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve your seats contact Mr. Rajesh George on 0422 215 855 from Magi.

Time for a Smile - Haircuts

A Franciscan gets a haircut, and then asks how much he owes. The barber says he never charges clergy.

The Franciscan thanks the barber and goes home.

The next morning the barber finds a big basket of fresh bread from the Franciscans' kitchens.

An Augustinian gets his hair cut by the same barber. The barber also tells him that he never charges clergy. So, the next day the barber receives a nice bottle of wine from the Augustinians' wine cellar.

A Jesuit gets his haircut, and the barber again says that he never charges clergy. The next day, when the barber gets to work, there are twelve other Jesuits already waiting for him.

