



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 20th November

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 21st November

No Mass

Wednesday 22nd November

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 23rd November

9.00am Mass

Friday 24th November

8.45am Prayers for the Dead

9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition

10.30am Mass - St Mary's Hostel

Saturday 25th November

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 26th November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November, 2017

‘Well that’s the least you could do.’

Usually when we hear those words, they are spoken with disdain, looking down on the job that was or is about to be accomplished. It is just not good enough. Jesus’ words to the man who had done nothing with his talent show that Jesus does not share in this type of disdain. He would have appreciated the man having done something, anything, even the least that he could do. The man was not condemned for having done too little – he was condemned for having done nothing at all.

One of the challenges to Christians who believe in an all-powerful, all-loving God is to opt out of working for the salvation of all. We think we can just leave it all to God. But God doesn’t see it that way. Made in the image of God, we are to bring the glory of grace into people’s lives and God doesn’t mind how small or how hidden our efforts are, so long as we give it a go. Often we dismiss ourselves from doing anything because it seems so little compared with what others do. But imagine what could happen if we looked at our littlest talents and saw what we could do with them. Can you drive? Well, there are often elderly people who could do with a lift to the doctor. Can you cook? There are mums, and sometimes dads, and also those elderly, who would appreciate a meal arriving at the door when illness or disaster affects the family. Can you smile? There are lonely people in our supermarkets and shopping malls who would appreciate a friendly word more than you or I could imagine. When we start imagining what we can do with the least we have, we could be quite surprised with how God’s grace can multiply and sanctify the smallest actions.

Sr Kym Harris osb



ST VINNIE’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend 25th/26th November -
“Cash” Appeal. Envelopes will be placed on church seats for cash contribution and then taken up after communion.
Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

2nd/3rd December -

Christmas goods and cash.
“Kind Deeds Change Lives”
“Life is Good - Live to Give”

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21st Nov. at 9.30pm: Craft Group
Thursday 23rd Nov. at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting
Friday 24th Nov. at 6.15pm: CFC Group

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS this Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm

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 (Parish Centre):

Tuesday 12 December 10-11am

Nativity & singing practice (Amare Centre):

Tuesday 19 December 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 20 December 9-10.30am

Friday 22 December 9-11am

Saturday 23 December 3-4.30pm

Set up Amare Centre for Christmas:

Saturday 23 December 12-3pm

Sunday 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

NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS - During November we remember and pray especially for all the faithful departed. **Sung Morning Prayer on Fridays at 8.45am in November** will give us an extra opportunity to do this. **Nov 24** - for all relatives and friends who have died.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the foyer of the Church. Cards - pack of **8 for \$3.00**, Columban Calendars **\$9.00** & Church Art Calendars **\$6.00**. Please make payments via the Poor Box. Thank you for your support.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Tuesday 5th December. Christmas Break-Up Trip to Gold Coast. Cost \$40. Leaving Parish Centre at **8.00am**. Please bring own mug and water bottle. If you wish to participate in "Secret Santa" please bring wrapped gift value of \$5.00 (suitable for both a male or female). Bookings and cancellations contact Anne Hall 3288 9240 or 0408 773 734.

Landscapes of Prayer - A retreat opportunity for women of all ages. **Friday 8 December 6pm - Sunday 10 December 3pm** An initiative of Dragonfly Ministries and facilitated by Grace Harwood and Sue Thomas. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Welling Street, Ormiston. Cost: \$350 (\$320 pensioners and full-time students) Individual, ensuite rooms. All linen, meals and resources supplied.

To register or enquire: Contact Grace on 0409 524 283 or grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

CHOSEN—ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS 2017

These inspiring Advent reflection booklets are now available in the foyers of the Church at a cost of \$4.00. Please place money in envelopes provided.

Bach Society of Queensland and Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir present **Handel's Messiah. Sunday 26 November 2017 at 2.00pm** at St Mary's Catholic Church, Elizabeth Street, Ipswich. For more information visit cambrianchoir.org.au



"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

A VOCATION VIEW - Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full.

Advent Adventures Holiday Activity Day

All primary school aged children from the Sacred Heart Parish are invited to **Advent Adventures** to be held on Thursday 14th December from 9am-3pm at the parish centre!

It will be an exciting day of fun activities – craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games all based on some of the stories. Morning tea and lunch will be provided by the parish. The cost for the day is \$7 per child.

If you are coming, please let us know by the 8th December (this will help with catering).

Please contact the Parish Office for further details or for a registration form pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au or 3282 1888

Return slip Advent Adventures Holiday Activity Day

I would like to register my child/ren

Name/s _____ Age/s _____ School/s _____

Parent's name _____

Contact No _____ Email _____

We also need high school students and adults to assist us with the variety of activities planned for this day e.g.

- Registration
- Group leaders
- Catering (morning tea and lunch)
- Craft supervisors
- Games helpers
- First Aid

If you are able to assist, even for part of the day, please contact the parish office pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au

