



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



† Sacred Heart Church, Cothill Rd, Booval † Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview  
Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview

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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 21st November

No Mass

### Tuesday 22nd November

10.30am Mass - St Mary's Hostel

7.00pm Mass of Thanksgiving

### Wednesday 23rd November

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 24th November

9.00am Mass

### Friday 25th November

8.45am Prayers for the Dead

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

### Saturday 26th November

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 27th November

First Sunday of Advent

7.00am Mass - Booval

8.15am Mass - Riverview

9.30am Mass - Booval

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

## Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

19th/20th November, 2016



## Year of Mercy

*"He saved us, not because of the good things we did,  
but because of his mercy."*

- Titus 3:5

As Pope Francis said at the beginning of our year, "At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives". As the Jubilee Year of Mercy closes this week-end we give thanks for the many blessings we have received from this special year and continue to draw from the learnings and experiences of this year to live with a sense of mercy being that sign of God's love in our actions with all we meet.

**But this is not the end... only a new beginning.**

*Let this be your prayer as you go from this place*

## A New Exodus

God of Mercy and Compassion, go with me in a new exodus towards what counts, but can only be measured in bread shared and basic needs met; in bodies healed and minds liberated; in barriers removed and communities formed; in doors flung open and all made welcome; in songs sung and justice done; in laughter in the night and joy in the morning; in love through all seasons and gladness of heart; in people gathering around the same table and your kingdom coming; in your name being praised and mine becoming your alleluia, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.



## ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

**Next weekend 26th/27th November** - "Cash" Appeal. Envelopes will be placed on church seats for cash contribution and then taken up after communion.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

**3rd/4th December** - Christmas goods and cash.

**"Kind Deeds Change Lives"**

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



## 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):

Friday December 16 - 2-3.30pm, 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.

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 22nd Nov. 9.30am:** Craft Group

**Thursday 24th Nov. 4.30pm:** St Vincent de Paul meeting

**Friday 25th Nov. 9.30am:** Meditation

**10.00am:** Charismatic Renewal Group

**Sat/Sun 26th/27th Nov.: WELCOME SUNDAY**

### Advent Adventures Holiday Activity Day

All primary school aged children from the Sacred Heart Parish are invited to **Advent Adventures** to be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

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 from the Advent season.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided by the parish. The cost for the day is \$5 per child.

**If you are coming, please let us know by the 12th (this will help with catering).**

**Please contact the Parish Office for further details or for a registration form** [pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3282 1888

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](mailto:pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3282 1888



## SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

**Recipe Book** - We are very excited to announce our Sacred Heart School 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recipe Book is now available to be ordered. A sample copy is in the School Office if you would like to check it out before placing your order. The book is \$10 and can be ordered and paid for at the office. Many of our students and staff have contributed their cherished family recipes to this book. It would make a great Christmas present for friends and family. Supplies are limited so get in quick to get your copy!

### Christmas Carols in the Amare Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> November

#### CHRISTMAS ROSTERS FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Many families will be away at different times during the school Christmas Holidays. Therefore, we need to put together Rosters which suit people's holidays and availability to serve. Could you please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church indicating which weekends you will be available and what Mass you are normally rostered on.

Glebe Road UCA would like to invite parishioners to join them for **CAROLS IN THE PARK** to be held in Cameron Park on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Once again, we will be forming a choir to assist with the carol singing on the night and we would welcome singers from your congregation to join us.

The choir will be having a once only practice at **2.30pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and anyone who would like to be part of the choir would need to attend this practice. Further details please phone Donna on 3282 1888.

*You're Invited!*

All those who have been involved in any way in the parish throughout the year are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving this **Tuesday 22nd November at**

**7.00pm**. This is an occasion to gather and give thanks to God for the many ways God has inspired us to put our time and talents at the service of others. The Mass will be followed by a shared supper.

**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. 25** - 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.

**LITTLE BLUE BOOKS & 'EMMANUEL' Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections 2016** are now available in the foyer of the Church at a cost of \$3.50 each. Please place money in the envelopes provided.

**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.

**WALTZING MATILDAS** finish the year with a trip to the Gold Coast area on **Tuesday 29 November** leaving the Parish Centre at 8am. Lunch at the Tweed Heads Golf Club. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. For all bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.

**WALTZING MATILDAS** invite all interested to view a DVD of past trips at the Parish Centre at **2.00pm on Tuesday 6 December**. **SAVE THIS DATE**. Anyone interested in joining the group of travellers is most welcome. Bring a plate to share. See you there.

**CAN YOU HELP?** The St. Vincent de Paul Welfare Centre at West Ipswich is in desperate need of volunteer helpers to answer the phones and do some computer data entry (training will be provided). Office Hours—Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9am-12noon. If you can help at any of these times, please call the St Mary's Parish Office (3281 2133) and we will put you in touch with SVDP. Thank you.

**"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."** *Colossians 1:12*  
God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead.

**A VOCATION VIEW** - Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News?